

Family Reading.

From the Protestant Churchman. LITTLE LUCY. AND THE SONG SHE SANG. A little child, six summers old, So thoughtful and so fair...

That little child one dreary night Of water wind and storm, Was tossing on her couch...

Underneath a spreading tree Of narrow mould is seen, Here first was covered by the snow...

I AM THE WAY.

Who? Jesus Christ. Whence? From sin, woe, hell. Whither? To holiness, joy, heaven.

INTEMPERANCE.

There is no better or more forcible description of intemperance, than that given by St. Augustine, who calls it, "A distemper of the head; a subversion of the senses; a tempest in the tongue; a storm in the body; a shipwreck of virtue; a loss of time; a willful madness; a pleasant devil; a sugared poison; a sweet sin; which he that has it, hath not himself, and he that commits it, doth not only commit sin, but he himself is altogether sin."

THE POOR WIDOW.

I was just rising from dinner, when a widow desired to speak with me. I ordered her to be shown into my study. "My dear sir, I entreat you to excuse me," she said, "I must pay my house rent, and I am six dollars to short. I have been ill a month, and could hardly keep my children from starving. I must have six dollars to-day or to-morrow. Pray hear me, dear sir."

I answered, "Good woman, I cannot assist you; so saying I put my hand accidentally, or from habit, into my pocket; I had about two dollars and a half. 'That will not be sufficient,' said I to myself; she must have the whole sum; and if it would do, I want it myself." I asked her if she had no friend who would assist her. She answered, "No, not a living soul, and I will rather work whole nights than beg. I have been told you were a kind gentleman. If you cannot help me, I hope you will excuse me for giving you so much trouble. I will try how I can extricate myself. God has never yet forsaken me, and I hope he will not begin to turn away from me in my sixty-seventh year."

My wife, pressing my hand with an affectionate smile, repeated aloud what my conscience had been whispering, "Give to him that asketh of thee," &c.

I asked her archly, "if she would give her ring to enable me to do it?" "With great pleasure," she replied, pulling off the ring.

The good old woman was too simple to observe, or too modest to take advantage of the action. When she was going, my wife asked her to wait a little in the passage.

"Were you in earnest, my dear, when you offered your ring?" said I. "Indeed I was," she replied. "Do you think I would sport with charity? Remember what you said to me a quarter of an hour ago. I entreat you not to make an ostentation of the gospel. You are always so benevolent. Why are you now so backward to aid this poor woman? Did you not know there were six dollars in your bureau, and it will be quarter day soon?"

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TORONTO LYING-IN HOSPITAL. Annual Report of the Ladies' Visitor. The Ladies' Committee for the Toronto Lying-in Hospital feel it a pleasing duty at the commencement of a new year, to lay before the public their sixth annual report of this most valuable charity; assured that each statement will justify to the numerous supporters and friends of the institution the increasing claim the hospital has upon their charitable consideration.

During the past year, since the last appeal was made to the public in aid of its funds, no less than 86 poor women have been protected from miserable neglect, by being received within the walls of this institution, so conveniently situated, and much needed in its usefulness, and which is now the only hospital of this kind in this large and populous city, where the wife of the poor labourer and the destitute matron can find shelter and relief, during the hour of their greatest peril.

The ladies acknowledge with deep thankfulness to Almighty God the success with which their efforts have been crowned. It is extreme satisfaction to find the value of this benevolent institution is becoming each successive year more fully appreciated, and exciting the good and charitable to give their aid in behalf of its funds, and here they acknowledge especially the satisfaction with which they heard of the handsome bequest of the Hon. Wm. Allan, of £100, in trust to the Rector of St. James's parish, the interest of which sum, when invested, is to be applied to the relief in the Lying-in-Hospital of six poor females residing in that parish; also, of a donation of £50, which had been paid into the Treasurer's hands by Lewis Moffat, Esq., as part of a liberal remittance from Alex. Gillespie, Esq., of London, with a view to its being distributed among the charitable institutions of this city; and further of an order of wood from the committee of the House of Industry.

The friends presiding over the interests of this asylum confidently hope at no distant period to find means to build a house of their own, more commodious in its arrangement and ample in its size, where they may be able to make a proper distinction in separating and classing the inmates.

The Government, which has hitherto withheld its assistance in the establishing this charity, will we trust, deem it worthy of a grant of either land or money to enable these plans to be carried into effect. The Matron, Mrs. Buchanan, has been empowered to call on the subscribers and solicit a continuance of their support at this time; and as the Institution is open to all and every denomination, it is confidently hoped that the members of the different Churches in Toronto will give liberally, as the high price of every article of food and fuel renders the claims upon the public more urgent.

the committee tender their most sincere thanks they acknowledge, with equal gratitude, the gratuitous professional services of the Medical Officers. The committee have much pleasure in expressing their high appreciation of the conduct of Mrs. Buchanan, in her capacity of Matron of the Institution.

The Treasurer's statement of the financial position of the Charity evidences to his friends and subscribers the difficulties which this, in common with all similar institutions supported by voluntary contributions only, must experience, and suggests in powerful appealing terms, to all those who wish well to it, and desire through its fellow-creatures, to abate some of their efforts in its cause; to proclaim its usefulness; to enlist new contributors to its funds; and to seek for it from Him, who is ever ready to give of His abundant blessing, such a further measure of it as shall contribute to His own glory, and the future benefit of mankind.

Table with financial data for the Lying-in Hospital, Toronto, in Account with Peter Peterson. Columns include date, description, and amounts.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE. The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Friday night in the St. Lawrence Hall. A great many remarks with regard to the tariff were made in the report; that this impost is unequal and unfair, and that a large number of the most useful commodities is burdened by a heavy duty, other costly articles, such as silks, are taxed at a lower rate.

Count Bruno Bronski, a Pole, has discovered the art of crossing silk-worms, a process through which he has obtained silk of a splendid whiteness. Baron Meyendorf has made him brilliant offers, for the purpose of securing to Russia the benefit of his invention; but the Polish emigrant has refused, through patriotism, and has offered his secret to the India Company.

The Government has at length fixed upon the place for the temporary accommodation of the Legislature. We are informed by private telegraph despatches from Quebec yesterday, that it has been decided to occupy the Old Court House, and to send the lawyers into a small building at present used by the City Council, who are in their turn, to be packed into the engine house. A great many propositions have been made to the Government as to the Parliamentary accommodation. The Music Hall could have been had, but not for less than £10,000 a year. Russell's Hotel and Concert Room were also in the market, and it was proposed to erect a temporary frame building on the plains of Abraham at an expense of a few thousand pounds. All these plans the Executive have rejected in favour of the Court House, which is their own property.

They are now making alterations so extensive a character, as to indicate, according to our correspondent, an intention of retaining two years in Quebec. NEWFOUNDLAND.—There is a good deal of distress in this province. The causes that have produced this are principally the unsuccessfulness of the seal and cod fisheries, and the potato blight. Another cause is that the telegraph company attracts many mechanics by offering wages higher than were given elsewhere, but sent them back after much labor without a shilling payment, and they were thus pauperized at the commencement of the winter.

LORD ELGIN.—A private letter by the Canada states that the Court Journal had announced the return of Lord Elgin to Canada. LIQUOR LAW.—The Legislature of Maryland has passed the Maine Liquor Law, subject to a vote of the people. Sir Cussu Roney, Secretary to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, is expected to return to Canada the second week in April. QUAKER MISSION.—Advices from Konihsberg state that Mr. Sturpe and his two friends, who have gone on a mission to the Car, passed through that town on the 28th ult. They may be expected to return to the Car, in the way to St. Petersburg. The Quaker meeting carried out their principle in spite of all discouragement. CASE OF STABBING.—About nine o'clock last Sunday evening, a young man named Welch was carried to the residence of Dr. McMillan, on Richmond Street, by two men, who stated that he had been stabbed at the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets. Dr. McMillan found on examination that a severe wound had been inflicted by a dirk-knife on the abdomen, the weapon entering at the left side. The cut, which bled freely, was dressed, and Welch sent to the hospital, where he now lies in a fair way of recovery. We trust the police will make an effort to discover the author of this savage assault.

HIRAM HARRISON.—Mr. A. T. Eckols, of Gonzales County, State of Texas has written to Mr. Leslie, Postmaster of Toronto, desiring him to publish in the newspapers the death of Hiram Harrison, who emigrated to Texas from this neighbourhood about twelve or thirteen years ago.

The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, but removed with his family to Canada. He then went to Texas with his son Joseph, and settled in Gonzales County, intending to send for his family, but misfortune hindered him from doing so, and he died in Mr. Eckols's house of old age.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—The special notice of the Canada Life Assurance Company, inserted in our columns some days past, suggests many important points for the consideration of intending assurers, and is not unlikely also to attract attention in quarters that have been hitherto indifferent to the merits of the Assurance system. The fact that this is the only Canadian Company transacting life business, having its office in the Colonies, is of interest, and specially adapting it to Colonial peculiarities and necessities, is prima facie a strong recommendation of the institution to our notice.

The Hon. Jonathan Phillips has given \$10,000 to Harvard University for the increase of the endowment of the Greek Professorship in Harvard College. We are requested by the Ladies' Committee of the Lying-in-Hospital to correct an error in their report, which acknowledges the receipt of 10 cords of wood from the House of Industry; whereas it was a donation from the Fuel Association, to whom they were indebted for so seasonable a supply.

The Telegraph of last evening brings us a report that the steamer building at Williamsburg, on the plan of William North of Philadelphia, and intended to run to Europe in six days, has been sold to the Sultan of Turkey for \$230,000. TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. The supper given by the professional and amateur gardeners of Toronto came off on Thursday evening the 22nd, at Horwood's Hotel. The company consisted of about 100 persons, both of our own city, and from other parts, and among them, Mr. W. Allan, Esq., and Mr. Dempsey, sen., and many more of the most respectable inhabitants of Toronto. In being called upon to respond to the toast of the evening, "Our guests," Mr. Allan said, that when he first visited the city, he was struck with the number of plants that he saw, and he thought that the city was a garden, and he thought that the city was a garden, and he thought that the city was a garden.

It is reported that some parties in the United States are doing all in their power to injure this railway. One, we are told, finds fault with a Scotch Engineer, a second announces an English eating-house keeper, a third complains because the currency of the countries does not agree. As to the management of the Great Western Railway we cannot speak from knowledge; but we can say that we have one Canadian Railroad, the Northern, as well managed as any from New York to New Orleans. ACCIDENT AT THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.—On the 24th ult., one of the carriages employed in winding the wire across the cable of the new suspension bridge gave way, and precipitated two men down the bank of the river, 70 feet, causing instant death.

MELANCHOLY DEATH.—Arthur Murphy, a farmer of Pilkington, on his return from a mill went into a tavern. On getting into the sleigh again he was a little intoxicated, and the slight distance from the tavern his clothes becoming entangled with a pole he fell out, and was dragged along for a considerable distance. When found he was quite dead. NEW ZEALAND. Our latest accounts from New Zealand are to the effect, that the Governor, Sir George Grey, had returned to the southern settlements. On the 17th he was entertained at a public dinner, on which occasion an address from the natives was presented to him, together with a song.

OTAKI, NEW ZEALAND, July 12, 1853. A. O. Governor, our kind and faithful friend, I only now that the sudden tidings of your departure for England have reached us. This, together with the probability that we may never see you, has caused us much sorrow and regret, especially that you, yourself, held as you are in high estimation by the native inhabitants throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand, shall leave us so far for ever. We thought that you would have been here, and have through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Having presided over us now for seven years, and having experienced the good effects of your kind offices towards us, and the Europeans also, our thoughts had been that you should remain, and with parental care watch over us here, and over the whole population of these Islands. As it is, your God and ours has in His wisdom seen fit to cause your return to your native soil. Even so let it be thus; yet let it be permitted to us to bid farewell to our kind Governor and friend. Oh! then, father, come now, speed thy way. Thou, the successful ruler of these New Zealand Islands, with thy wife and our friends, and thy near relatives and friends. Go hence, Go to thy Sovereign and to ours, the Queen. Forget us not; bear us in mind—frequently look upon us, and in kindness remember us; and if O God, Governor, and friend, it should be thy will, determine to remain in thy Native land, use thy influence so that in the ap-

pointment of a Governor as thy successor, one may be sent, who, like thee in acts of love, may preside over us the Natives, as well as the Europeans living in New Zealand. This, then, is our address of kindness and esteem, our last farewell address, made and given by us, the tribes and people occupying this, the southern part of New Zealand. Receive it as a tribute of kind remembrance and respect. Receive it thus. [Here follow 212 signatures.]

SONG—FAREWELL. Lo, yonder mountain stands, Peepohika, whose towering peak, Pukes out enraptured in sombre cloud, The darling object of my heart Went upon its way.

A brakeman named McNamara, on the freight train of the northern road, fell from the tender of the engine, near the switch, on the common. The wheels of the tender passed over his legs, fracturing them and otherwise severely injuring him. We regret to say that that loathsome epidemic, small pox, has been somewhat prevalent in some parts of the Township of Scarborough, and has carried off a few victims. A fine young woman died after a few hours illness, and others will have their faces deeply and thickly thickened.

From the President of Amherst College, the celebrated Professor Huxtable. "James C. Ayer—Sir: I have used your CHERRY PECTORAL in my own case of deep-seated Bronchitis, and am satisfied from its chemical constitution, that it is an admirable compound for the relief of laryngeal and bronchial difficulties. My opinion as to its superior character can be of any service, you are already to use it as you think proper."

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