

terraneous recesses where man's ingenuity has been at work, and where his perseverance has been crowned with success. Oh, how little do those in comfortable houses think of the labour and patience bestowed in procuring for them their comforts. For us do the miners shut themselves out from the light of day; for us endure fatigue, suffer asthma, and work in all postures risking their lives before that terrible foe, fire damp, which in some of these mines has snatched away multitudes, and yet others must be baptized for the dead. We learned that the desire was so great on the part of the young to go underground, that at the age of ten they could hardly be restrained but this is at the expense of their schooling. French miners work here, many of whom we were informed, have embraced Protestantism through the labour of Mr. Pelletier. Finally, while thankful for attention and kindness, we were glad to ascend, and once more see the light of day, and breathe the pure air, and thus far record our experience underground on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday whom may God long preserve.

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DOUBTFUL REFORM.—At a meeting of the Morayshire Teacher's Association held lately in Elgin, after a smart discussion as to the propriety of giving religious instruction in Schools, the majority of those present strongly disapproved of teaching the "dogma," theology of the Shorter Catechism in Schools.

Mr. Stewart's congregation are to hold a tea meeting at McLennan's Brook, on the 11th, to raise funds for the Glebe.

The Stellarton congregation are also to have a tea meeting on the 19th, for general congregational expenses.

OXYGEN AND DEVOTION.—Oxygen is connected with devotion in a manner which few Christians seem to understand. Is the sermon dull? Has the preacher no magnetism? Can he gain no inspiration as he pursues his theme? Do his hearers manifest a disposition to sleep. And do they seem unaffected by its truth, its pathos, its eloquence? Look at the ventilation of the church. Probably the windows are closed, while the furnaces pour their hot breath into the room, drawn perhaps from the basement, where it has been confined for days. Instruct the sexton to open the windows next Sabbath, that the atmosphere may possess vitality and sweetness. Tell him to make the fires warm enough to keep the congregation comfortable without sealing the house hermetically. See that your furnaces have cold air boxes, so that they shall not bring into the church the dampness and the fumes of the cellar. The sermons of the pastor will then surprise you, and your attention will surprise him. Does the prayer meeting drag and scrape like a cutter when the snow is thin? Is the leader unable to impart interest to it? Do the brethren sit still as if under some heavy burden which pressed them to the seats, and which they had resolved to bear in silence? Are the pauses long, the prayers lugubrious, and the exhortations rambling and pointless? Throw open the windows. Make the air wholesome, and yet keep it warm. Many prayer-meetings which are noted for dullness might be made energetic and attractive by this simple expedient; and many a minister who wonders that he has no tact in conducting such social services might become conspicuous for his success by the application of this remedy.—*Selected.*