

Commandment "in the interest of his workmen" we may be pardoned if we regard his sincerity with considerable suspicion. Is it not more likely that the object of the capitalist and his satellites is to introduce Sunday labour all along the line, by a tricky device, than to confer a boon on his employees.

The Sabbath is the best bulwark the workingman has against the inroads of commercial greed and cruelty and to maintain it inviolable as a divine institution is the wisest as well as the best course for him to pursue. He needs fresh air. There are six days in the week at his disposal. Let the capitalist shorten the hours of work per day and concede a general half holiday on Saturday, or Wednesday, or other suitable day and the problem is solved. But the Sabbath. Let it be preserved. Why? As a day of rest? Yes; and as a day of worship. We owe a duty to our bodies; likewise to our immortal souls. The soul alas is too often forgotten in the hard struggle for existence. But what should a man give in exchange for his soul? Dear reader, you may succeed to worldly goods, to position and to the respect of your fellow, but unless your soul is right with God, unless you are growing in grace, in Christlike character, your earthly gain will avail you nothing. And without a holy Sabbath, for peaceful meditation and worship, for communion with God and freedom from worldly pursuits, how is the spiritual life to be nourished?

Now when the attacks is to be renewed, let the people arise; let the preachers arouse them to a sense of duty and let the Alliance and Associations quicken in their watchfulness, and let it be seen from the very beginning that all efforts to desecrate the Lord's Day will prove, now as in the past of no avail.

Brantford Ladies' Collogo. A report of the closing exercises of the Brantford Ladies' College reached us too late for insertion this week, but will appear in next week's issue.

The True Missionary Spirit. In the following words is the essence of Christian charity and the Christ Spirit. Deal gently with the erring. It is easy to throw stones, but this does not bring him back to rectitude and virtue. Go after him, take him by the hand, and do not give him up until you have exhausted the treasures of love upon him.

Words of Wisdom These words of an eminent divine ought not to fail of a wide application now-a-days: Where can I get the most good, the finest preaching, the most artistic music, the most prestige, the best social advantages? That is not the Christly way of deciding where one will go to Church. The right question is, Where can I do the most good? The first serves self; the other serves the cause of Christ.

Rev. Prof. Ballantyne. At a meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa on Friday last it was agreed to sever the tie between Rev. Professor Ballantyne and Knox Church, his present charge, to allow him to take up the work of his chair in Knox College, Toronto. He will be loosened from his charge on the 15th of this month. The name of Rev. D. C. Hossack, Parkdale, has been already mentioned in connection with the coming vacancy at Ottawa.

Niagara Conference. The following interesting programme has been issued in connection with the annual Conference at Niagara:—Dr. Brookes, "Impregnable Foundations," "Israel in Jer. 31," "Review of Millennial Dawn," and kindred books; Dr. Stifler, "Studies in Matthew"; Dr. Moorehead, "Studies in Isaiah and the Apocalyp"; L. W. Munhall, "Doctrines Christ taught, and Aspects of the Atonement"; Dr. Scofield, "Signs

of the End"; Dr. Stewart, "Four Great Mysteries"; Rev. T. C. DesBarres, "The Son of God, and the Second Coming of Christ"; Geo. C. Midham, "The Pastoral Epistles"; Dr. Parsons, "The Millennium"; Rev. D. M. Stearns, "The Spirit Revealing God." Other subjects will be treated by Dr. W. J. Erdman, Dr. Albert Erdman, Dr. T. Wardrope, Rev. E. P. Marvin, Rev. A. C. Dixon, Rev. A. K. Bates and others.

First Knox Collogo Toronto. Rev. T. Fenwick, Woodbridge, writes to say that Elmsley Villa, a picture of which appeared in our General Assembly number of the "Presbyterian Review" was not the First Knox College in Toronto as stated in the text accompanying the picture. The first Knox College, he says, in the sense of a building, was a part of the buildings which, with additions since made to them, are now the Queen's Hotel. When it was there, the only railway station in Toronto, was a small frame building at the foot of Bay St. Neither the G.T.R., nor the C.P.R., was then in being.

The Reign of Patronage. A curious sidelight is thrown on how different is the position of parishioners in England from that occupied by the parishioners in Scotland, by the experience of the Church Benefices Bill recently before the British Parliament. It was noticeable that in all the discussions on the Bill in the House, the idea had not once been entertained, either by a friend or an opponent of the Bill that the parishioner has anything to say about the choice of his minister. All the discussions turned on the rights of the patron, and the terms under which he should be permitted, with the least possible scandal, to buy and sell the right of presentation to the care of souls.

Summer School at Pine Hill. We are requested by Rev. Mr. Falconer to publish an outline of the course of study at the Summer School of Theology at Pine Hill, for the benefit of correspondents in Ontario and elsewhere who have been making enquiries on the subject. It is as follows:—Prof. Watson, LL.D., "Balfour's Foundations of Belief," 3 lectures; Rev. Prof. H. M. Scott, D.D., "The Origin and Development of the Nicene Theology with special reference to Ritschlianism," 6 lectures, Rev. Prin. Pollok, D.D., "The Covenanting Age," 3 lectures, Rev. Prof. Currie, D.D., "The Book of Daniel," 2 lectures; Rev. Prof. Gordon, D.D., "Some Aspects of Miracles," 2 lectures; Rev. Prof. Falconer, B.D., "The Alexandrian Element in the New Testament," Rev. President Forrest, D.D., "The Church's Duty to Young Men," Rev. Thomas Stewart, B.D., "The Female Diaconate," Rev. Henry Dickie, M.A., "The Character of the Exile," Rev. W. P. Archibald, B.D., "The Rights of Presbyteries in the settlement of vacant congregations"; Rev. E. Smith, B.A., "Methods of Working up the Schemes of the Church"; Rev. I. M. Robinson, B.A., "The Prayer-Meeting." It is also hoped that the Rev. Dr. MacRae will lecture on "The Eldership." The fee for lectures and board in the College from July 14th to 24th is \$10. There is still room in the College and should it be filled a list of places where suitable accommodation may be secured will be provided.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States (north) has definitely declined to re-open correspondence with the Protestant Episcopal Church on the subject of Union until the latter will consent to accept and act upon the doctrine of mutual recognition and reciprocity. No self-respecting church could afford to take lower ground. In the meantime the Episcopal Church has refused to accept the doctrine as inconsistent with the Historic Episcopate and the negotiations have come to a dead stand.