

Christianity was then the great topic. The church was always ridiculed, and the Bible treated with unsparing severity.

Growing warmer and warmer in their sarcastic remarks, one nobleman commanded for a moment universal attention by asserting in a loud voice that the Bible was not only a piece of deception, but totally devoid of literary merit.

Although the entire company of Frenchmen nodded assent to the sentence, Franklin gave no signs of approval. As he was at the time a great favorite, his companions could not bear even a slight reproof from him, and they all asked his opinion. Franklin replied that he was hardly prepared to give them a suitable answer, as his mind has been running on the merits of a book of rare excellence, which he had just fallen in with at one of the book stores; and as they alluded to the literary character of the Bible, perhaps it might interest them to compare with that old volume the merits of the prize. All were eager to have the doctor read a portion of the new book. In a very grave manner he took the book from his pocket, and with a propriety of utterance, read to them a poem. The poem made a deep impression. The admiring listeners declared it the best they had ever heard.

"It is beautiful," said one. "It is sublime," was the unanimous opinion. They all wished to know the name of the new book, and whether what had been read was a fair specimen of its contents.

"Certainly, gentlemen," said the doctor, smiling at his triumph, "my book is full of such passages. It is no other than your good-for-nothing Bible, and I have merely read to you the prayer of the Prophet Habakkuk"—London Christian Life.

#### Little Essays About Girls.

There is one good result which I firmly believe girls are going to get out of their collective life, and that is a fuller development of the sense of honor. This is a delicate subject. Every one knows that women are generally better than men. Their standards of purity and temperance and reverence and kindness and self-sacrifice are higher, and they are more in earnest about living up to them. But one thing is lacking—a clearer conception and a stronger sense of that fine flower of fair dealing which is called honor.

Women are inclined (remember, I am speaking collectively, and with full allowance for a multitude of beautiful exceptions) to think somewhat lightly of obligations which rest merely upon a tacit understanding and mutual confidence. They are not trained to a state of things in which a nod of the head amounts to a binding contract, and a gesture of the hand, is a promise to pay good money. They have so long enjoyed the privilege of changing their minds that they regard it as a reserved right, only surrendered when they have actually signed a document. Within the limitations of the law they will do their best to get out of things that they do not like. It is not easy for them to see why they should not take an advantage when it is for their interest to do so. They have a tendency to regard the states of love and war as perpetual and universal, and to deal with their rivals and their enemies according to the old max in which says that everything is fair under those conditions.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, in Harper's Bazar.

#### Same Old Excuse.

An old minister returned to his alma mater after forty years of ministerial service, and was being conducted over the old place.

#### The First Baby.

What joy there is in the home when the first baby comes, and yet to the young and inexperienced mother who has to care for it there is no other period of her life so trying. In the little ills that are certain to come the inexperienced mother scarcely knows what to do. To the young mother—to all mothers—Baby's Own Tablets are a real blessing. They promptly cure such troubles as constipation, colic, sour stomach, diarrhoea and simple fevers. They break up colds, destroy worms, allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth and prevent more serious ills. These Tablets are sold under a guarantee to contain no opiate, nor any other of the harmful drugs always found in the so-called "soothing" medicines. They are good for all children from the new born babe to the well grown child. If you do not find the Tablets at your medicine dealers send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and a box will be mailed you post paid.

"Same old corridors, he ejaculated, as he entered—"same old corridors!" They took him to the dining-hall. "Ah, me! Same old dining hall!" Then he opened a study door. "Same old study—same old study!"

Half round the fire a screen was drawn, and behind it he saw a student talking with a young lady.

"Dear me!" exclaimed the old minister, pensively. "Same old practice—same old practice!"

The student sprang up indignantly.

"Excuse me, sir, this is my sister!"

A smile broke over the ancient one's face.

"Ah, and the same old explanation—same old excuse!"—Ex.

#### How to Hold Your Friends,

Those who would make friends must cultivate the qualities which are admired and which attract. If you are mean, stingy, and selfish, nobody will admire you. You must cultivate generosity and large-heartedness; you must be magnanimous and tolerant; you must have positive qualities; for a negative, shrinking, apologizing, roundabout man is despised. You must cultivate courage and boldness; for a coward has few friends. You must believe in yourself. If you do not, others will not believe in you. You must look upward, and be hopeful, cheery, and optimistic. No one will be attracted to a gloomy pessimist.

The moment a man feels that you have a real life interest in his welfare, and that you do not ask about his business, profession, book, or article merely out of courtesy, you will get his attention and will interest him. You will tie him to you just in proportion to the intensity and unselfishness of your interest in him. But if you are selfish and think of nothing but your own advancement; if you are wondering how you can use everybody to help you along; if you look upon every man or woman you are introduced to as so much more possible success-capital; if you measure people by the amount of business they can send you, or the number of new clients, patients, or readers of your book they can secure for you, they will look upon you in the same way.

If you have friends, don't be afraid to express your friendship; don't be afraid to tell them that you admire or love them. If you love anybody, why not say so. It costs you nothing; it may mean everything to your friend and to your friendship.

A lady was asked how she managed to get along so well with disagreeable people.



THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

## HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

#### ENTRY.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken in situ, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the District in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

#### HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) or any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry upon the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent contemplated in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his household, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2) (3) or (4) must cultivate 20 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homesteader law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

#### APPLICATION FOR PATENT.

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

#### INFORMATION.

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

JAMES A. SMART,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—In addition to Free Grant, Lands to which the regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from Railroad and other corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

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