

THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

His stream is almost when it nears the tide,
And flowers are sweetest at the eventide,
And birds most musical at the close of day,
And saints die gently when they pass away.

The changing seasons, ever coming, going,
Like four evangelists, his praise record,
Nature herself is but a verger, showing
The silent, glorious temple of the Lord

And when the heavenly life on earth is ended,
And Christ shall touch the lingering film away,

When He shall come, by angel guards attended

"They shall see God" through our eternal day.

Rev. Henry Burton.

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A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLKS:

Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

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THE CHILDREN AND MISSIONS

ONE of the most cheering signs in many churches is the comprehensive training of the children of the church in the work of the Church looked at broadly. They are taken up, as upon a mount of observation, and sweep the world in vision, and are taught their relation to the Home and Foreign fields, and led to enter into it. If this sort of training were universal it would soon change the missionary aspect of the churches, and give a fresh impulse to the world's evangelization.

Were the story of giving, in the mission schools and churches of this city, told abroad, it would do one of two things—it would stimulate to an approach, on the part of the stronger and well-to-do, to their magnificent self-denial; or it would, like all grand examples, leave them in more hopeless indifference. The training of some of these mission-schools in the hardest parts of New York is simply superb. Some of them know more about the work of Christ in foreign lands than does the average church in city or country. And this leads up to say that, while many of our churches are doing admirably, it cannot be said of the major part. There is no such comprehensive training of the whole body of children and youth to look all around the world, and to take up mission work as their work. Not even is there so much as a select band



WHITE MOUNTAINS FROM GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—(See next page.)

of youth, in half the churches, who take up the mission work of the church as represented by either the Domestic or Foreign Boards. The result is a great loss of moral power, great loss of possible gains to the Treasury of Missions.

Now for this lack there can be no excuse. If it be conceded that the funds are abundant for current expenses, which we do not for a moment believe, there still remains an opportunity for doing the church and its nursery (!) an invaluable benefit in the way of information as to how the work of the Lord goes on in the world; how prophecy is being fulfilled; how much yet remains to be done before the heathen will be given to Christ for His inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession.

It is yet to be impressed upon many a pastor, and upon a yet greater number of Superintendents of Sunday-schools, that the possibilities for a profitable and stimulating missionary service, are quite within their reach, but as certainly overlooked, and that it is by no means optional with them who hold such trusts in their hands whether they do their work faithfully and fully or not.

Little by little, but far too slowly does the cause of Christ and the purpose of Christ, get their grip upon the multitude of youth who constitute the church of the future. How we might hasten this great desideratum into glorious fruition, if, all along the line, pastors and superintendents, teachers and parents, were fully awake to the privilege and the obligation so to do! Let us awake to righteousness and to love and to good works.—*Gospel in all Lands.*

WE beg to acknowledge with many thanks the generous donation of \$40 for the Crosby Girls Home and Crosby Mission Boat—\$20 for each—from a gentleman living at a distance from Toronto who does not wish his name to be mentioned in connection with his generous gift. The money has been duly forwarded, and He who seeth in secret will reward openly.

A NEW DEPARTURE IN THE APPLICATION OF ELECTRICITY.

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WE have received an amateur newspaper, "The Art," published monthly at Blenheim, Kent Co. It has four pages, 8 in. long, by 5 in. wide. The Editor, A. A. Jenero, presents to his readers, clippings from the sayings of great men, as well as some original remarks on popular evils of the day, and shows how to overcome and avoid them, and how to succeed in life.

Poetry flourishes in this herald of civilization. Each copy of the paper is printed entirely by hand, with a lead-pencil so, if it has a very large circulation, there must be a considerable amount of labour connected with its production.

THE numbers of the *Living Age* for the weeks ending February 17th and 24th contain Sir Archibald Alison's Autobiography, *Quarterly*; Charity in the Early Church, *London Quarterly*; Panislamism and the Caliphate, and England, France, and Madagascar, *Contemporary*; Thomas Carlyle, *Macmillan*; Sketches in the Malay Peninsula, *Leisure Hours*; Anthony Trollope, *Good Words*; Dawn of the Spring, *St. James*; The Sponge Trade of the Bahamas, *Oil, Paint, and Drug Reporter*; Escapes and Imprisonments of Latude; with Instalments of "A Singular Case," and "For Himself Alone," and Selections of Poetry. *Littell's Living Age* (\$8 per annum) and the *Methodist Magazine* will be sent to any address for a year for \$9.

A STORY is told of a woman in a rural district who wanted to keep up appearances and who was often thwarted in this by her innocent and matter-of-fact daughter. One day when a visitor was present at the table the hostess said to her daughter, "Where are all our knives?" "Here they are, both of them," was the astounding reply.

A YOUNG man in a train was making fun of a lady's hat to an elderly gentleman in the seat with him. "Yes," said his seatmate, "that's my wife, and I told her if she wore that bonnet some fool would make fun of it."