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SO TIRED.

So tired I faln would rest, But, Lord, Thou knowest best; I wait on Thee. I will toil on from day to day, Beating my cross, and only pray To follow Thee.

So tired; my friends are gone, And I am left alone, And days are sail. Lord Jesus, Thou will bear my load Along this steep and dreary road, And make me glad.

So tired; yet I would work
For Thee. Lord, hast Thou work
Even for me?
Small things, which others, hurrying on
In Thy blest service swift and strong, Might never see.

So tired; yet I might reach A flower to cheer and teach Some sadder heart;
Or for parched lips perhaps might bring
One cup of water from the spring
Ere I depart

So tired; yet it were sweet Some faltering tender feet To help and guide. Thy little ones whose steps are slow, I should not weary them I know, Nor roughly chide.

So tired; Lord Thou wilt come To take me to my home,
So long desired.
Only Thy grace and inercy send,
That I may serve Thee to the end,
Though I am tired.

-Selected.

For the Parsoyranian Russew.

THE PREACHING OF JONAH.

A FRAGMENT.

An exceeding great city. An eastern city, upon which the sun pours in all its strength. The stone pavements are hot and dusty to the fact, and the white houses gleam in the nobnday glare. The miserable hovels in the poor quarters are as ovens, and even the gorgeous temples and the palaces of the king are hot and stifling. To-day no wind sweeps with cooling breath the fair gardens of the king, and the drooping flowers hang their thirsty heads and long for the cool and dew of the evening. All goes on as usual. In the temples the priests are chanting as they offer sacrifices to their gods. The palaces of the nobles are full of the sounds of all kinds of music and feasting, and the weary dancing girls lean for a moment against the walls to rest their aching limbs. Slaves, whose dress and features proclaim them to be of many different races, move with s.id, hopeless faces about their appointed tasks. In the eyes of some lurk memories of the happy homes in some far-off valley or pleasant town whence they were rudely seized to wear out their lives in servitude in Nineveh. But what care their proud masters or the cruel overseers for these sad longings? The fan must not cease its tiring sweep, though the heart be breaking and the eyes blinded with tears. Down in the streets rises the steady tumultuous roar of a great city. Now through the crowd of humbler vehicles, dashes on its reckless way the chariot of a noble drawn by the far-famed swift horses of the city, and the children and slaves scamper to get out of its way. That old humpback narrowly escapes being knocked over, and he turns with a frightful scowl on the chariotecr, who, jeering, flecks at him with his whip,

New temples are slowly rising to the gods, and the train of workmen strain and labour lifting the great stones into place. They are building walls that seem strong enough to outlast the world itself. A shout of triumph rises as themaster builder lowers to its place the colossal figure of their greatest god. "Surely, beautiful for situation, the pride of the whole earth is this city," cry the citizens as they look around on the massive monuments of their pride, the gold, the silver and the treasure without end that they have gathered Suddenly a voice sad and carnest breaks like the sound of a trumpet on their ears. "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." There is an amazed silence for a moment; the lar, an active interest in, and, as far as possible, singing diversified charmingly the graver prostartled priests stop pouring their libations, a consecration to mission work, both ho ne and ceedings of the evening. The Rev. Mr. Day Then the spell is broken. The priests take up foreign. The alliance embraces the theological was the next to address the assemblage, challenges the clause that the spell is the clause that the spell is the clause that the spell is th their incantations, the slaves turn wearily to their tasks and the children leave their gambling in

the gutter to rush after this new excitement. "Yet forty days and Nineven shall be destroyed." Again with new insistence the voice comes. The troop of workmen mending the mighty walls, whose height makes them gidd; whose breadth makes them despair of ever seeing the home from which they came, smile in said derision. "Destroyed in forty days!" "I were good indeed if true, the mad dream, but these walls were built to last to all eternity," and

the passing hope dies in a sad scornful smile.

Again the voice in sad iteration, "Yet forty days and Nineveli shall be overthrown." And now they see him—not in a charlot and surrounded by obsequious servants, but on foot and and dusty, and he is footsore and weary with vention on missionary topics.

his long lourney. His face is grave and stern with the burden of his mission, and the wonderful dark eyes gleam with prophetic fire and resolution. He carries no weapon, only a staff on which he leans as he pauses to point to walls and temples and cries once more in thrilling tones "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be over-thrown." And now the priests turn and shrug their shoulders impatient at the interruption, and a shout of scornful laughter rises from the merchants who follow with derisive gesture the motion of the prophet. "Some madman truly who should be stopped; it were not well that the slaves and captives should hear him," and the crowd gathers threateningly around. Some jeer, and the children pick up stones ready at a word to east them. But the prophet does not flinch, no fear blanches his cheek. He faces them while with the deep calmness of conviction he repeats those ringing words of doom: "Yel forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed.? And the slaves look up with sudden hope. This mighty city of their captivity so fair to look on is "full" of "lies and robbery," of the "groans of the oppressed," and " the voice of the whip." Their hearts leap up to meet the justice of heaven. Though they will perish with her, they rejoice with the joy of hatred, in her doom And they, too, those leprous loathsome forms, whose unclean rags flutter to the breeze, as they drag themselves forward on the pavement and and gaze with chin on hand, at the prophet; that deformed boy whose back bears traces of cruei beatings; that scarred and mutilated slave, raise their elenched hands to Heaven and with curses wish that the strange words might be true. And the mother shudders with vague dread and clasps her babe closer to her breast as she sees the wave of conviction, o' dismay, creep over the crowd. And he, the spoiler, who has obtained but not enjoyed his treasures, shulders at the possibility of losing them, now that they are fairly within his grasp, and stumbles down the nearest side street to escape, if possible, that thrilling voice.

And now every heart anwers the prophet's crystand now every heart anwers down his whip, the meeting adjourned.

The afternoon session was opened by praise the very children leave their crying and the and an prayers by Dr. Burns who was welcomed games to crowd around Jouah. The crystand now which was enthusiastically received, and on creater and fear and the ror have sessed which was enthusiastically received, and on greater, and fear and te for have seized upon men's hearts. The rich, the noble have left their feasts and luxurious amusements to hear of One with whom there is no respect of persons. The priests have left their alters to hear of a God who desires not sacrifice and delights not in burnt offering, but who loves righteousness and hates robbery and oppression. And ever and anon through Jonah's preaching like a terrible refrain comes the repetition of that first cry: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be over-thrown." Even the rough soldiers cease their boasting and derision, and turn pale as if they already heard the tramp of the conqueror's feet. At last the tumult of excitement reaches the king. He too, will go down and hear what this Waddell read the Treasurer's account for Mrs. Tue ctowd divides mechanically as the glittering cavalcade Mrs. Cornelius offered the dedicatory prayer, draws near, but no knee bows for all hearts are consecrating the gifts of God's people to the awed before the King of kings, and the pageantry of earth does not touch them. And calmly, yet the chair, Miss Fairbanks read a paper entitled with the energy born of intense faith, the prophet "Succourers," Mrs J. A. Grant, Pictou, one on faces the king, and tells his warning as he has told it to his meanest subject. The king believes the power of the God of the Hebrews. Surely the sun never shone on such mighty walls and bulwarks, and these marvellous gods, hewn from the solid rock to be the wonder of after ages, can they not protect us call ay their temples, themselves I they are but dust before the might of the Lord. The heart of the mighty monarch bows and trembles before the servant of Jehovah, and he returns to his palace to clothe himself in sackcloth und make ashes his seal, ' For who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger that we perish not."

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TOKONTO, Sept. 24th, 1886.

Tite annual convention of the Canadian Intercollegiate Missionary Alliance which will McLeod, of Thorburn, spoke with force and be held in Montreal, October 28 31. The object | eloquence on the subject of Missions in their of this alliance is to encourage among students, many aspects. Some little children were then in general, and Theological sturt into in particul introduced, who by repeated recitations and colleges in Toronto, Woodstock, Kingston, ing the credentials of women's work in the Cobourg and Montreal. Other colleges are churches and giving an excellent Scripture read expected to join shortly. The subjects on which ing, proving them called to their office by the papers will be read in the day sessions are the Spirit of God in apostolic times. Dr. Burns following .—Summary of Canadian Missions; followed him with his usual acceptance. The French Protestant Work in Canada; Palestine; proceedings being brought to a close, after China; A Biography; Central Africa. The speeches by Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of Stellarton, China; A Biography; Central Africa. The claims of medical missions will be presented as a public evening meeting by Mr. L. D. Wishard was taken up. of New York, college secretary of the International committee of the Y.M.C.A Mr. menced with Wishard will also hold a conference with Mckay, of Stephendred students. medical students concerning this subject. Al Mrs. MacKenzie, Hopewell. The nomination returned missionary, who has laboured for eleven committee reported the elections as follows: years in East Turkey, has been engaged to Mrs. Burns, President; Mrs. H. H. Macpherson, address a public meeting on Saturday evening, October 30th. Besides these, leading ministers alone. His dress is torn and weather-stained of different denominations will address the Con Miss Thompson, Rec Sec., having resigned, Shanghai and has a population of 500,000, and

Woman's Work.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. E. M. S.

(EASTERN DIVISION).

THE tenth annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. (Bastern Division), was held in Prince Street Hall, Pictou, on the 30th of Sept., and 1st of October.

After the usual devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. A. Macdonald, assisted by Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Porter, Miss Fairbanks took the chair, making a few preliminary remarks, especially regretting the absence of the President, Mrs. R. F. Burns, whose illness prevented her taking charge of the meeting in person. Regretà were a'so expressed for the absence of the President of the Pictou Auxiliary, and the disappointment occasioned by the non-arrival of Mrs. Harvie, Toronto, whose presence would have added an especial attraction, and whose experlence in missionary endeavours would have greatly aided and encouraged the sisterhood of the Eastern Section. The minutes of the last meet-ing having been submitted and passed, an address of greeting, written by Mrs. Donald, late president of the Pictou Auxiliary was read by Miss M. Carmichael and responded to by Mrs. Nelson, of Windsor. These most appropriate addresses conveyed great warmth of sentiment in the labour of love, which had brought so many together—the attendance of delegates numbering about sixty, besides a large gathering of interested visitors. The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries then tendered their reports, which Secretaries then tendered their reports, which were adopted—both reporting work done and progress made. A paper by Miss Dickie, Upper Stewiacke, was then read by Mrs. E. Grant, Stewiacke; one on the "Privileges of Self-Denial," by Miss McCurdy, Truro, and another on the "Mission to the Shans," by Mrs. Cornelius, Halifax, and after the appointment of a nomination committee, and prayer by Mrs. MacPherson.

which was enthusiastically received, and on motion of Mrs. John McLean, of Strathlorne, was thanked by a standing vote from all present, the ladies being deeply moved by Mrs. Burns' kind exertions in a time of much physical exhanstion. Miss Fairbanks thanked Dr. Burns for assistance and begged him to convey to the presi-

dent the action of the ladies. The secretary of the Halifax Presbyterial Society, Miss Wetherby, then read a report which was followed by that of Miss Grant, Secretary of the Pictou Presbyterial, their statistics giving a gratifying account of a great advance on past years, of numerous auxiliaries added and of great interest and liberality displayed in all departments of the work of the association. Miss S. Waddell, who was unavoidably absent, and cause. Mrs. H. H. Macpherson having taken "Succourers," Mrs J. A. Grant, Pictou, one on the Advantages of Presbyterial Societies over Independent ones, and after prayer and the singing of a parting hymn, the afternoon session

In the interval between the hour of closing and the general meeting in the evening, the delegates and other friends were elegantly entertained in their newly fitted up hall, which was beautifully adorned with choice bouquets and rare cut flowers, by the hospitable ladies of Pictou, who had so generously opened their homes for the reception of the Society, and of whose kindness none can speak too highly.

Mr. Forbes, of Durham, assumed the duties of chairman at 7.30 p.m., presiding over as large an audience as the hall would hold. After many encouraging remarks most genially delivered, prayer having been previously offered by Mrs. Carson of Knox Church, the Rev. Dr. and Rev. Richmond Logan, a collection of \$35

The morning session of Friday, Oct. 1st, commenced with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Mckay, of Stellatton, aided by Miss Grant, and Halifax; Miss Fairbanks, Mrs. McKay, Stellarton, and Mrs. Porter, Pictou, Vice-Presidents;

Miss Campbell, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. S. Waddell, Treasurer; elected without opposition.

The Executive and General Committee were also appointed with but few changes in the past year. A paper on Trinidad, by Miss P. Burns and read by Miss Flemming, preceded a lively and most agreeable description of work among the Coolies, by Miss Hutton, late missionary teacher in a Trinidad school, and then the association was called upon to decide whether an address should be forwarded to our Queen, on the auspicious attainment of the jubilce year of her reign. A standing vote announced the loving loyalty of all present. It was further proposed that a petition be also respectfully for-warded, requesting Her Majesty to take the Islands of the New Hebrides especially under the protectorate of British power. A committee was appointed to carry this into effect, the independent societies of New Glasgow and Truro being requested to unite in both petition and address. Thanks were moved to Miss Thompson for her faithful services for so long a period of time. The Question Drawer was then opened and answered by Miss Campbell, Secretary.

The afternoon session after worship, com-menced with a paper by Miss Falconer, (New Glasgow) an account of the Baddeck Society, by Miss McCurdy, and of that of Strathlorie, by Mrs. McLean, Harbour Grace by Mrs. Richmond Logan, and St. James Church, New Glasgow, by Mrs. E. McCurdy, who afterwards led in prayer, Miss Matheson upon the work of the Union Church of the same place. Miss Stewart read a paper on "Carey" and then a conference of a few minutes was held on work connected with the society. Regrets were expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Annand's inability to attend the meeting. 'The Santo Fund has amounted to over \$1,800—from all sources.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the ladies of Pictou for their kind hospitality, to the press for report of the meetings, and to the railway commanies for reduced fares. The meeting was closed by Miss Fairbanks with prayer to meet again (D.V.) by invitation of the ladies at Stellarton—Halifax, Witness.

CANADIAN AUXILIARY MCALL MIS-SION.

THE Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission met in the parlour of the Metropolitan church, Toronto, Thursday afternoon, 7th inst.—the President in the chair. The Treasurer reports \$11 on hand, having sent \$144 to the Mission in July. A lady who has been resident in France for some years gave a very interesting address, quoting M. Gustave Monod, "that it is hard to guage with exactness the mind of France regarding religion. Rival forces are strong for the mastery, and for the time at least the greatest progress is on the side of the opponents of the Bible." Mr. McAll endorses this statement, and adds "that the inroads of worldliness and immorality keep pace with those of atheism." He recognises, on the other hand, contrasted eleyet become healthful and saving leaven of the nation. There is a section of the French people both among the higher and lower orders in whom. the religious principle retains deep root, and it is amongst these that the evangelistic work of Mr. McAll finds access. Every new station that is opened gathers around it a band of thoughtful persons who say: "This is what we have been waiting and longing for-never before did we have teachings like these, they meet our deepest needs." Among the instrumentalities used by Mr. McAll is the & Societé Fraternelle, which gathers together all those who profess to have been brought to a knowledge of the truth in Christ, through attendance at the ordinary meetings, as well as those who have ceased to be infidels or 'indifferent to religion, and who, though not actually converted, desire to become Christians. In the Swiete Fraternelle are combined a Sunday school, a Bible class, and a catechism exercise for adults. The communication of knowledge, however, is not the sole object; it is intended to cultivate a devotional spirit, much of the time being spent in prayer and thanksgiving. As an evidence of the good effected by the ordinary meetings, it has been found half or two-thirds of the habitual hearers request to become members of this Societi

Contributions to this excellent object will be received by Miss Caven, 238 Victoria Street, Toronto,

THE annual Thanksgiving Meeting of the Topp Auxiliary Mission of Knox Church, Toronto, was held on the 12th Oct -the President in the chair. The attendance was large. Letters were read from several missionaties labouring in the foreign field. A graphic account of the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society, which met last month in Aurora, was read by one of the delegates. All enjoyed the meeting very much, and the interest in missionary work is still increasing.

QUAKER MISSIONARIES TO CHINA. Chung King, the city to which Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, England, are gone as Friend Missionaries, is n the province of Sichuen. It is 1,600 miles from Miss A. Smith was preferred to her office, and there are at present only two missionaries there