

vealed? We cannot gain time by putting back the hands of the clock, and the king is not served either wisely or kindly whose obsequious courtiers reply to his question as to the time, 'It is what o'clock your majesty wishes.'—*Christian World*.

SPECIMEN OF WORK DONE INSIDE.—One of my friends (says Rev. Charles Garrett) is a very earnest, shrewd man, who seems to always know how to do the best thing at the right time. One day he was passing a gin shop in Manchester, when he saw a drunken man lying on the ground. The poor fellow had evidently been turned out of doors when all his money was gone. In a moment my friend hastened across the street, and entering a grocer's shop, addressing the master, said:

"Will you oblige me with the largest sheet of paper you have?"

"What for, my friend? What's the matter?"

"Oh! you shall see in a minute or two. Please let it be the very largest sheet you have."

The sheet of paper was soon procured.

"Now, will you lend me a piece of chalk?" said my friend.

"Why, whatever are you going to do?"

"You shall see presently."

He then quickly printed, in large letters:—

SPECIMEN OF THE WORK DONE INSIDE.

He then fastened the paper right over the drunken man, and retired a short distance. In a few moments several passers-by stopped and read aloud—"Specimen of the work done inside."

In a very short time a crowd assembled and the publican, hearing the noise and laughter outside, came out to see what it was all about. He eagerly bent down and read the inscription on the paper, and then demanded, in an angry voice, "Who did that?"

"Which?" asked my friend, who had now joined the crowd. "If you mean what is on the paper, I did that; but if you mean the MAN, *You did that!* This morning when he arose, he was sober—when he walked down the street on his way to work, he was sober—when he went into your gin shop, he was sober, and *Now* he is what *You* made him. Is he not a true specimen of the work done inside?"

FAITHFUL PASTORS.—The pastor, who rightly divides the word of truth, is the greatest boon a church can receive from the ascended Lord, who is exalted to give pastors and teachers for the building up of the body of Christ. May He send to all our churches pastors according to His own heart, who shall feed the flock with knowledge and understanding.

News of the Churches.

COLD SPRINGS.—The event of the past month with us has been the marriage of two of our most popular young people, Mr. Stephen A. McBride to Miss Mary Emily McCormack, youngest daughter of our excellent pastor. The happy event took place on August 28th. With their wonted interest in those around them, Mr. and Mrs. McCormack sought to make the occasion one of festivity to as many as possible. So two members of each family connected with the church were invited, and the guests numbered nearly two hundred. The church was crowded, and the wedding was an exceedingly pretty one. Miss Lemaistre, of Philadelphia, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Susan McBride and Miss Minnie Dixon. Mr. Wm. McBride was groomsmen, while Mr. Winfred Stewart and Mr. J. D. Burns fulfilled the duty of ushers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. McCormack, M.A., Ph. D., brother of the bride. Supper was served in the vestry, after the happy couple had received the congratulations of a host of friends at the parsonage. A very large number of elegant presents spoke eloquently of the affection in which both bride and groom are held, and were in some measure, no doubt, an expression of the congregation's appreciation of their services in choir, Sunday school, and other church work. They included a magnificent family Bible from the Cold Springs brass band, a fine dinner set for the Sunday school scholars, and members of the Y.P.S.C.E., and a beautiful berry-dish and spoon from four lady members of the choir. At the present writing the bridal pair are away on their wedding trip, and it is a source of much satisfaction to know that we are losing neither, but shall soon have them with us again, to take up their accustomed work in the church, for their places would not be easily filled. May they long be spared to one another and to us. On behalf of the church, R. McMANN, Sec.

MONTREAL, POINT ST. CHARLES.—The Rev. Thos. Hall, pastor of the Point St. Charles Congregational Church placed his resignation in the hands of the deacons of the church last evening. The reasons are of a purely personal nature and the resignation is not caused by friction of any sort. No decided action has been taken by the church as yet.

Mr. Hall has been connected with the Point St. Charles Congregational Church since its organization three years ago. Under his pastorate the church has grown spiritually and numerically, and it is now in a flourishing condition. The O'Brien Hall and Congregational House are connected with it. Mr. Hall has been from the commence-