

vice it required to establish such monuments in the midst of weak and struggling communities. We cannot, however, live upon the glories of the past. Each generation has its own call, and must face its own duty. The Girls' Friendly Society of the city of Hamilton has put its hand to a work which, if followed up, must prove of incalculable benefit to society and bring a benediction on the Church. No one can look beneath the social conditions of the present day, and observe the beating heart of the toiling multitude, but must acknowledge that there is great necessity and abundant opportunity for "bearing one another's burdens." The picture of Holiday House, Hamilton Beach, in your issue of June 11th, and the account of the work done under its auspices, gives the lie most emphatically to the base fallacy that the Church cares little for the social and moral advancement of the toiling masses. It is constantly insinuated that the Church cannot adapt herself to all sorts and conditions of men; while she may pray for all, she has no desire and no power to attract other than the cultured and exclusive. This distorted view of the Church has done its share in encouraging and developing that spirit of separation which has manifested itself in the multitude of modern religious societies each claiming to be a Church. If we could only bring our people to see it, there is nothing required from us as members one of another which the Church cannot do better than any modern sect. We should have our own hospitals and houses of rest and homes for the aged. All honour to the Girls' Friendly Society of Hamilton for the object lesson which it has given.

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## BRIEF MENTION.

The British cruiser "Bonaventure" lost 70 men by sunstroke while on a voyage from Colombo to Pondicherry.

The most sublime of poets was Isaiah. His word pictures have been models for all succeeding writers.

The gross receipts of the flower show at St. James' Church, Carleton Place, amounted to over \$300.

Sir Henry Irving, although not the millionaire which some Americans credit him with being, is still a wealthy man, with large property interests in London.

Lord Salisbury is 66 years of age. He spent 15 years in the House of Commons, and had been 24 years in the House of Lords.

New industrial companies, capitalized at \$50,000,000, were advertised in one day's issue of the London dailies recently.

It is said that Prince Arthur, of Connaught, who has just been entered as a scholar of Eton, will never reflect glory upon the school by his brilliant scholarship.

Twenty million dollars was left behind him by the Shah, who had grown avaricious of late years.

An Antarctic iceberg has been seen that was 20 miles wide, 40 miles in length, and 800 feet in height.

It is said that Alfred Percival Graves, the author of "Father O'Flynn," is the most popular poet of Ireland. He is a son of the Anglican Bishop of Limerick.

There are 725 castles, formerly belonging to warlike chiefs, overlooking the waters of the Rhine.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, describes the bicycle as "that shoulder-contracting, mischievous, horrible machine, that will take the manliness out of any nation."

Princess Helene, the Duchess of Sparta's baby, is Queen Victoria's twenty-second great grandchild.

A steel wire fly wheel, twenty-five feet in diameter, and requiring 250 miles of wire in its construction, has been made in Germany.

Ruins of the Roman Empire have been discovered in Mashonaland, South Central Africa, which would indicate that the old Romans had communication with parts of Africa which are only now being brought to the knowledge of the modern world.

The ex-Minister of Justice in Belgium declares that "the nation is returning to a new form of barbarism," and as proof points to the fact that

the number of public houses in Belgium has in the last forty years increased from 53,000 to 175,000, and the excise revenue from \$800,000 to \$6,600,000.

Rev. E. L. King, of St. John's College, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land incumbent of Virden, rendered vacant by the removal of Rev. H. L. Watts to England.

English seems not highly esteemed at Oxford, only two students being candidates for honours in their native language, the same number applying for Oriental languages, while there were 143 candidates in classics, 119 in modern history, 90 in law, 50 in natural science, 39 in theology, and 22 in mathematics.

Quite a large number of cycles have gone north with Queen Victoria, who is now in Scotland, and her Majesty views the development of the new locomotion with the utmost interest. Princess Christian has adopted a tricycle. Sir Arthur Bigge, the Queen's private secretary, has his bicycle, which is now an indispensable element in the daily routine of his labours.

## Family Reading.

## Strength.

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

"As thy days thy strength shall be!"  
What a promise this for thee!  
Fear not, then, what time may bring,  
Thou art safe beneath His wing.

Do the clouds of boding ill  
Overshade the future still?  
When the morrow comes apace,  
Thou shalt have the morrow's grace.

Dost thou dread the pain unborn?  
Fear the cold world's bitter scorn?  
Is it not enough to know  
He will needed strength bestow?

Does the conflict from afar  
Make thee faint before the war?  
When the battle dawn appears  
Thou wilt laugh at all thy fears.

See! The warder angels teem  
Where the beaconed watchtowers gleam!  
Hear the cry they ring to thee:  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

## Earth Like Heaven.

We may, if we choose, make the most of one another. Every one has his weak points; every one has his faults. We may make the worst of these; we may fix our attention constantly on these. But we may also make the best of one another. We may put ourselves in the place of others, and ask what we should wish to be done to us, were we in their place. By loving whatever is lovable in those around us, love will flow back from them to us, and life will become a pleasure instead of a pain; and earth will become like heaven.—Dean Stanley.

## Purposeful Lives.

There are many lives which amount to little, and end in emptiness, because they utterly lack purpose. The question is not asked at the start, "What shall I do to make my life a success?" There is no definite aim set before the young heart. People allow themselves to drift into the first place that offers and content themselves with simply getting on from day to day. The eye is not fixed on some future goal which must at all hazards be won; the will is not bent toward the accomplishment of some specific end.

Now anybody who reads the lives of great men and women will see that from the start these lives were purposeful. Here is one who sets out to achieve wealth. With this purpose he goes resolutely forward; to its accomplishment he bends every energy. It inspires him to self-denial and hardens him to toil. It quickens him to constant activity and keeps his wits on the alert. The result generally is that he secures his fortune. Or here is one who determines to make himself a success in legal or political life. Ten chances to

one this man will, if he keeps his purpose continually in view, end his days in Congress or upon the judge's bench. Indeed there is no walk in life where this principle does not hold. Everywhere it is the purposeful people who make the most of life and win its best prizes.

We say these things because we are writing for those who are just starting in life, and we want to help them make life a real success. What you most need, young people, is some grand purpose to the accomplishment of which you mean to bend all your powers. Be careful, however, what you make this purpose to be. We have but one life to live, and it is our duty to make the most of it. Can there be any better or more worthy purpose than to devote the life to God?

## Church Terms Explained.

*Fish*.—The figure of a fish is a very ancient emblem; it represents a monogram in use with Christians in the Catacombs of Rome.

The monogram consists of the initials of five Greek words, signifying Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour. These initials spell the Greek word for fish.

*Flagon*.—The vessel in which the wine for Holy Communion is brought to the Credence Table.

*Foot Pace*.—The platform in front of an altar, called also *predella*.

*Fraction*.—The breaking of the wafer or bread by the priest during the consecration.

*Frontal*.—The covering or vestment hung in front of the altar, also called *Antependium*.

*Genuflection*.—A momentary bending of the knee as distinguished from kneeling.

*Girdle*.—The cord that girds the Alb, usually made of white cotton about three yards long.

*Gospel Corner*.—The N. W. corner of the altar.

*Gospeller*.—The assisting cleric who reads the Gospel at high celebration.

*Gospel lights*.—The lighted candles held by acolytes during the reading of the Gospel.

*Gradine*.—A ledge at the back of the altar on which to put flowers, lights, etc. There are often several of these steps. This is improperly called sometimes a super-altar, which is quite another thing.

## Safeguarding the Children.

The truest method of safeguarding our children (so that they may love the highest literature) is to bring them up in close and daily intimacy with a book which lies at the foundation of every phase of human life, and has leavened with dignity and splendour our best literature—a book which has left its impress upon the most civilized portion of mankind—upon their laws, their probity, their creed—which has woven itself into our language and our thoughts, and contains on its pages a revelation of divine truth which is mighty to prevail.

It is a fashion nowadays among certain literary people to criticize and cavil at the Bible in a bold and irreverent manner, and to contrast it with the Vedas of India, the Zend Avesta of the Parsees, the Koran, and the mystic legends of Buddhism, the proverbial maxims of Confucius.

We need the spirit of St. Augustine, which would constrain us to bow down before the Majesty of Scripture in lowly adoration, and to acknowledge that it is the greatest and most divine book in the world.

But the knowledge of the Bible is in danger of dying out. God's revelation to man is treated as we treat no other great literary work, no other important branch of knowledge.

In our schools it is in sadly too many instances ordered to be read "without note or comment," or not read at all.

Do we consent to read history to our children without note or comment, or grammar, or science, or anything we require them to know?

But it is not only in elementary schools that the Bible is neglected.

How about schools for our boys and girls? What place has the Bible in them? It is also read without note or comment? Or as a means of learning Greek?

How about the homes of this country? Is a child in any home of this Christian land equipped

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