

Mr. Gifford Pinchot, after asserting that forestry was more closely involved in the prosperity of the American continent than in any other area on the face of the earth, and referring to the alarming conditions brought into view by the growing scarcity of wood, not only to the manufacturing industries, but to the very basic existence of agriculture, outlined the principles on which the Washington Forestry Bureau was doing its work, one of which was that every man, woman and child in the United States should understand that forestry means something to every home.

This is what it means to Canadians also; the future of our forests is of pressing importance, not only to lumbermen, and manufacturers, and farmers, and railroads, but it means something to every individual in our country.

THE POWER THAT SAVES.

The simplicity of preaching through Christ is the instrumentality of soul saving.

Ideas wield immense power, brilliant thoughts excite a magic influence, and profundity aways. But these do not save. The superiority of the Bible lies not in its ideas. True, it contains the sublimest ideas, the profoundest thoughts, the utmost eloquence of human language. But it is not upon its literary or intellectual character that it rests its claim to the homage of mankind. Indeed, you may study the Scriptures for threescore and ten years, and be the best among biblical scholars, and at last be a castaway. The history of preaching proves that it is not the ideas of the Bible that save. Read the sermon of Peter on the day of Pentecost, and it will not strike you as sparkling with ideas; it will not astonish you with its profundity. The sermon of Paul on Mars' Hill stands higher on the intellectual and philosophic side; yet it made but few converts. Why? Because the power of thought is not the power that saves.

Not the most intellectual books have been mainly blessed in the salvation of souls. Not twenty people probably would point to the Analogy by Bishop Butler as the means of bringing them to Christ; and yet no book perhaps displays more solid intellectual power. I never heard one ascribing his salvation to this great book of profound ideas. But read "The Dairyman's Daughter," by Leigh Richmond; or "Jane the Young Cottager"; or "The Anxious Inquirer," by John Angell James; and you do not find the millionth part of the mental power that you find in the Analogy. Yet there are thousands to-day who trace their salvation to these books, which are great only in their simplicity. This is what is meant by the foolishness of preaching.—F. C. Jones.

THE GOSPEL OF THOUGHTFULNESS.

Seeking others' comfort and weal, making others happy and glad. Not our own, but others. This is a divine art, this is a gift of the Holy Ghost. Not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Not self-consideration, but for the glory of God in the good of others. Thoughtful kindnesses, going about doing good. Looking out for the interests of the people. Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit manifested this spirit, making the parents' happy by receiving and blessing their children, showing his interest in the child he had restored to life by saying, "She is hungry." When the multitudes were famished for food, he not only fed them abundantly, but set them down in grassy places gently. He sent out his disciples by couples. He wrote in the sand to ease the mind of an accused woman, and to relieve her of embarrassment. He mentioned "And Peter" so kindly; he said, "Mary," so sweetly. Little things so full of power, of beauty, of blessing, come through thoughtfulness, the gift of the Holy Ghost.

OBITUARY.

At Dundalk, on 21st December, Mr. M. A. Wilson McGregor, the beloved wife of Mr. P. McGregor, J.P. passed away after a few days' illness, at the age of 70 years, 6 months and 18 days. Deceased had never been of robust health, lately, however, her heart which had troubled her at times became unusually weak, and it soon became evident to her friends that she was reaching the end of her journey.

Mrs. McGregor was born in the township of Nelson, Halton County, of Scotch parents. Her married life covered a period of nearly 45 years, the larger part of which was spent in Cedarville and Dundalk. She was recognized by every one who knew her as possessing a refined Christian character, bright and hopeful; and even when suffering from extreme weakness she was mindful of the wants and feelings of others.

Her home was ever open to students and ministers who either spent the summer or gave supply at Dundalk and other surrounding congregations in that part of Orangeville presbytery. She was ever interested in Home Missions, and this interest was deepened by her having a niece Dr. Jean Down, in Honan; and a nephew Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., in India.

Mrs. McGregor read the letters of these and other missionaries with great delight, and it gave her the keenest pleasure to have them when on furlough, visit at her home. She was largely instrumental in organizing the W.F.M.S., in her own church at Dundalk in 1885, and was one of its first officers.

The funeral was held on Christmas day to allow the absent sons to reach home. Appropriate services were held at the home conducted by Rev. Walter Carr, of Cockstown, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wellwood, of Dundalk, after which the remains were interred in Maple Grove cemetery. The townspeople showed their sympathy with the bereaved husband and their respect for the deceased by attending in large numbers. She leaves a loving husband, two sons Wm. W. of Calgary and John R., of Gore Bay; also three daughters—Jennie and Mary at home, and Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Ross, Essex. Besides her own family of two sisters and a brother, Mr. W. Wilson, an elder in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, mourn their loss.

MINISTRY OF LITTLE THINGS IN THE SICK ROOM.

One of the luxuries of invalid life is a flannel wash-cloth. To a sensitive person who dreads and shirks from the touch of a wet linen or cotton cloth, the substitution of a wash-cloth of soft baby flannel will oftentimes serve to render the bath agreeable, if not positively enjoyable. It should be made of two or three thicknesses of the flannel lightly tacked together, and should not be larger than the nurse's hand can hold.

Another desirable article for one who is long confined to the bed, is a light print wrapper, to be worn through the day instead of a night-dress. One who has tried it says that the first of many reasons for appreciating it is that it enables her to put her arms outside the bed-clothes, or step from the bed to the chair, without having any of that undressed feeling she is always conscious of when clad in a night-dress. To insure its being comfortable and in no way burdensome, it should be cut by the nightdress pattern. In cold weather it may be worn over the night-dress.

A little thing which has long made a bright spot in one sick room is a tiny bunch of flowers, in a small vial, fastened to an invisible tack in the head-board of the bedstead, just over the invalid's pillow. The vial is suspended from the tack by means of a thread tied round its neck. The flowers conceal the thread and the tack, and not seldom hide the vial also. The little bouquet is so very small that even in winter it may be renewed, day by day, from window plants.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

The Earl of Elgin is the first Scotsman to hold the office of Secretary for the Colonies.

Hon. Edward Blake has accepted the nomination of Longford Nationalists.

All the streets of Trim, Co. Meath, have now their names painted up in Erse characters.

A Dublin doctor lately sent in a bill to a lady which ran thus—"To curing your husband till he died."

A Glasgow man has been awarded £15 damages against a dentist for undue laceration of his gum while he was having a tooth extracted.

In Edinburgh Free Church Presbytery there are 20 congregations, and 10 are without ministers.

Hon. Hugh F. Elliott of Corwar (a brother of Lord Minto) is to contest North-East Lanark in the Unionist interest.

The White House up to date has cost about \$3,000,000 of which nearly one-third has been paid for furniture and interior decorations.

Sheffield is the only town where the notification of cases of consumption is compulsory.

From the Transvaal the annual yield of gold is expected in the course of five years to reach anything from £30,000,000 to £40,000,000.

Extrema cold being experienced in the mountains above Rome has driven the wolves in large numbers almost to the very gates of the city.

Mid-Lothian is in the happy position of having no one in the county who is qualified to be treated under the Inebriates' Act.

Five Hundred packages of Canadian turkeys were landed at Liverpool on December 10th for Christmas consumption.

In 1894 England imported from Boston alone 520,015 pairs of boots; Scotland, 50,000; Ireland, 87,540 pairs.

The new institute which has been erected in Queen street, Paisley by the local Dock and Dumb Mission, was opened on the 21st ult. by Lady Glen Coats.

On the western moors of Ardsomurichan a pair of golden eagles have been seen. Such birds appear occasionally in different parts of Ardsomurichan.

Penney postage between the United Kingdom and Egypt, which came into force on December 15 has already led to an increase in the number of letters sent.

According to the annual report of the Irish Registrar-General, no fewer than 182 centenarians died in Ireland last year, and 711 persons over ninety-five years.

The British flag has been hoisted by the cruiser Cambrian on the Ashmore Islands, between Timor and King's Sound, on the north coast of Western Australia.

Rev. John Lewars, Kirkcaldy, has been inducted as colleague and successor to the Rev. Alexander Oliver, D.D., of Regent Place W. F. Church, Dennistoun.

Mr. David MacBrayne, long known in connection with the West Highland steam packet service, is retiring owing to advancing years. His eldest son David succeeds him.

Aberdeen had a record year in fishing. During 1905 there were landed 58,000 tons of fish, of the estimated value of £885,000. The ship-builders also had a good year building new trawlers.

An original Secessionist at Kilwinning has protested against the use of uninspired hymns and musical accompaniments in religious exercises in schools. He wants the children to sing Psalms without accompaniment.

Lord Dalmeny was asked the other night if he "was in favour of altering the King's title to Edward Seventh of England and First of Scotland" and replied that he thought it was a question for the Patent Office.

Sir A. Jones says that no man who eats a lot of fruit can drink a lot of intoxicants, and £100,000 worth of bananas spread over England every week would do more to keep down the drink bill than legislation or temperance lectures.