

evidence that the prayer was heard and answered. In spirit, in prayerfulness, in ceaseless labor, in love to Christ, and in earnest and tireless efforts to win men from their sins to Him, he was, as he prayed to be, "an extraordinary Christian."

**HOLINESS AND PRE-OCCUPATION.**—"Expulsive Power of a New Affection." Chalmers' sermon on this theme was suggested by a stage-driver's remark. He whipped his leader just as he passed a big white stone, at which he always shied, to give him something to think of till he passed the stone. The secret of holiness is pre-occupation with the things of God. A mind and heart filled with God make sin comparatively powerless.

I THINK the trend of evangelical thought is in the direction of primitive simplicity and primitive doctrine. Real union will never be brought about by any number of compromises, but by throwing aside all the accretions of dogma and ritual of the past ages and returning to the New Testament, build once more on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being himself being the chief corner stone.—*Canadian Baptist*.

THE problem of infant marriages in India seems likely to be solved in an unexpected manner. The whole of the Rajput States save one have agreed to a proposal that the age of marriage for boys shall be not under eighteen, and of girls not under fourteen. Colonel Walker, the Governor-General's agent in Rajputana, is credited with having brought about this most desirable reform.

ALL the holiday makers have got back to work again. Every year there is more and more holiday-seeking. And it is all right, if only these days of "rest" are rightly spent. The practical question is coming up, How to recuperate, and, at the same time, increase in holiness, and spread Christ's kingdom around? It is not impossible, and to every vital interest of the Christian life it is necessary. Will our readers think about it? and have some good plan discussed and matured before next summer?

IN Salonica, the city which in Paul's day was called Thessalonica, a church of ten members was formed last June by the missionaries

of the Presbyterian church (south). From this as a centre they go through Macedonia and Epirus on evangelistic tours. It must be with peculiar feelings that these men traverse the same roads over which the Apostle Paul walked eighteen hundred years ago, and speak to the descendants of the people whom he was wont to address.—*Congregationalist*.

MR. SPURGEON was present at the Metropolitan Tabernacle on Sunday, but explained that his weakness was still so great that he should require assistance in conducting the service. On Monday he presided at the annual meeting of the Sermon and Tract Society, and stated that the tract distributors had found that though people might refuse tracts they invariably accepted the sermons. Mr. Cornell, the secretary and founder of the society, stated that there were fifty districts in various parts of the country where Mr. Spurgeon's sermons were distributed, and they had reason to believe that, as the result of the operations of the society, thousands had been converted.—*Christian World*.

A YOUNG PHILOSOPHER.—He lives in Deloraine, Manitoba; by name Peter Shepherd. Not long out from Scotland, and eight or nine years old. A friend sends us the following about him. He and John Williams were chatting together, and at every statement Peter made, John's ready response was, "Is that so?" At last Peter asked, "What makes you always say, 'Is that so?'"

"Oh, I don't know," said Williams; "what would you say in such cases?"

Peter's philosophic answer was, "I'd save my breath, and say 'Is it?'" (Is it.)

ONE sometimes catches an expression on a human face as if from another sphere, or as if one saw the face of an angel. No wonder Moses covered his face till the glory he had brought from the mountain-top faded away! It was at Guelph station, and but the other day, we thought we saw the face of an angel! A mother was holding her six months' old babe in her arms. The train came rushing in, and slowed up, passing within six feet of the child. It was not frightened—was it not in its mother's arms? but the look of wonder—of exalted amazement—on that child's face, has haunted us ever since! The great round eyes, the parted lips, the rapt expression of a