

THE CHILD'S PRAYER.

Into her chamber went
 A little girl one day,
 And by a chair she knelt,
 And thus began to pray:
 "Jesus, my eyes I close;
 Thy form I cannot see;
 If thou art near me, Lord,
 I pray Thee, speak to me.

A still, small voice she heard within her soul—
 "What is it child? I hear thee; tell the whole."

"I pray Thee, Lord," she said,
 "That Thou wilt condescend
 To tarry in my heart,
 And ever be my friend
 The path of life is dark,
 I would not go astray;
 O let me have thy hand
 To lead me in the way."

"Fear not; I will not leave thee, child, alone."
 She thought she felt a soft hand press her own.

"They tell me, Lord, that all
 The living pass away;
 The aged soon must die,
 And even children may.
 O let my parents live
 Till I a woman grow;
 For if they die, what can
 A little orphan do?"

"Fear not, my child; whatever ill may come,
 I'll not forsake thee till I bring thee home."

Her little prayer was said,
 And from her chamber now
 She passed forth with the light
 Of heaven upon her brow.
 "Mother, I've seen the Lord,
 His hand in mine I felt;
 And O, I heard Him say,
 As by my chair I knelt:

"Fear not, my child; whatever ill may come,
 I'll not forsake thee till I bring thee home."

—Evangelist.

PUFF PUDDING—One pint of boiling milk and nine tablespoonfuls of flour, mixed first with a little cold milk. When cold add a little salt and four well-beaten eggs and bake in a buttered dish. Serve as soon as it is done.

SOUR-CREAM CAKE.—One cup of sugar, two eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, one cup of sour cream made sweet with soda, and three small cups of flour, one cup of currants and a teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Bake in cups or little pans.

GERMAN CAKES.—One egg, seven ounces of butter, four ounces of powdered sugar, ten and a half ounces of flour, one tablespoonful of molasses. Mix without adding other wetting and roll out; sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top, roll again thinner, and cut out into little cakes.

Official Notices.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will meet with the church at Stratford on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5th and 6th. Organization meeting on Tuesday at 3 p. m.—Pastors and church secretaries please take notice. Names of intending delegates to be sent to Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith, Stratford, not later than September 25th. Arrangements will be made looking to reduced fares. Programme in next issue.

C. S. PEDLEY,
 Secretary.

Literary Notices.

THE ENGLISH PULPIT OF TO-DAY (Westfield, N. Y.) for August contains some fine sermons, notably one on "Rest" by Dr. R. W. Dale, and another on "The paradox of love's measure," by Dr. A. MacLaren.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for September (E. B. Treat, New York.) is full of suggestive matter. Sermons, sermon outlines, and exegetical helps. We notice especially the first of a series of articles on Protestant missions in Japan by an old and esteemed Torontonian, Rev. Geo. Cochran, D. D., of the Methodist Church, now engaged in the missions of which he writes.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW (Funk & Wagnell's, New York,) for the current month is full as ever. There now lie on our desk from this house two volumes of the series issued at greatly reduced prices to subscribers to the Review. Vol. VII of Spurgeon's "Treasury of David," which completes the work, and Vol. II of "Godet on St. John." We are inclined, from a very hasty glance, to say that Vol. VII of Spurgeon's work on the Psalms is the most mature of the whole, the earnest author looks upon the series as the crowning work of his life, the compilation having engaged the spared hours of twenty years. Meyer is *facile princeps* among exegetes, but there is a rich unction in Godet's John, the only work of his that we have read, which would lead us to say that if time and means only allow of one of these commentaries on the fourth gospel being obtained, by all means take Godet's. Meyer is thorough, impassionately wise; Godet is not wanting in breadth of learning and thoroughness of exegetical skill, there is added a warmth of feeling which makes him specially fitted for unfolding the writings of the loved disciple who leaned on Jesus' breast.

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