

Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Adam, the first great benefactor of our race—he brought death into the world.—*Mark Twain, in The Century, New York, December.*

At a recent prayer-meeting in New Jersey, a Democratic brother prayed that God would cause the Democratic Party to hang together, whereupon a Republican present shouted "Amen, Amen." This led the Democratic brother to make the following emendation in his prayer: "Not, O Lord, in the sense our Republican brother means, but in the spirit of accord and concord." "Any cord will do, Lord; any cord will do," interjected the Republican. The pastor immediately made a rule that hereafter politics should be kept out of the prayer-meeting.—*Literary Digest.*

### PERSONAL.

**N.** J. Sproul, '91, is a settled pastor in Manchester, N.J.

Our congratulations are extended to Fred. Young, '86, who joined the benedicts a few months ago. Fred. is one of the rising barristers in the west, and is now located at Nanaimo.

Rev. E. Thomas, '97, is one of the leading speakers in the plebiscite campaign of the city.

An account of Thanksgiving services at Winchester, Ont., in the *Presbyterian Review*, closes as follows:—"Since Mr. Connery's settlement at Winchester a few months ago, the church has become overcrowded at all the services. Encouraged by this success the congregation have secured a lot in a central portion of the town, and in the spring intend to expend \$10,000 in a new church."

Rev. D. J. Macdonald, B.A., officiated at the opening services of the new Presbyterian Church at Stewarton. Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., who graduated at Winnipeg in '91, is pastor of the congregation, and to his "earnestness in the presentation of the story of redeeming love and his ability as a preacher" is ascribed in large measure the marked increase in the congregation.

Many of the students who were at Queen's in '88 will remember the reverend gentleman as "Bob" Knowles, who was ever in demand when speeches were required and whose eloquence could enrapture even street laborers and cause them to listen with mouth, eyes and ears open.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, M.A., ex-Librarian and Postmaster, gave us a call last week. His hard work at Spencerville seems to agree with him, as he looks hale and hearty as usual. That he is agreeing with the work the following from the *Canada Presbyterian* tells:—

"Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Spencerville, preached his inaugural sermon on Sunday, Oct. 31st, and won more friends than ever and increased the love of his former friends by it. He stated as clearly as possible the lines he would follow, and thus people cannot accuse him of deception afterwards if he does not agree with them fully. He proved himself to be a citizen as well as a minister, and that is the sort of man we need in these times."

Principal Grant recently lectured in Toronto on "The Parliament of Religions." The papers unite in describing the lecture as an intensely interesting one, which afforded the Principal a good opportunity of speaking on, what is to him a most congenial theme, Liberality.

Our distinguished Chancellor, Mr. Sanford Fleming, C.E., C.M.G., LL.D., intends submitting to the Canadian and Australian governments a new proposal for a trans-Pacific cable. It suggests four different routes, all of which start from Vancouver. If the proposal is carried out, it will make a reduction in the rate between Australia and England of 1s. 6d. per word.

### DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

A freshman of Brockville, was escorted to the train by a number of his comrades. As they were rather demonstrative in their affection, he went to the conductor saying "Please Mr. Conductor will you look after me till I get home?"

"Experientia docet" Prof. C-p-n (referring to Richard's appeal to the Queen for her daughter in marriage) It takes courage more than ordinary to make such a proposal.

Mr. M-th-ws;—(11.30 p. m. to hostess.) Is there any lady whom I may see home?

Mr. M-th-ws (2.30 a. m. at his boarding house after walking to Catarqui and back) I've been so near Peterboro' that I might better have gone on and stayed there all night.

The critic of '97 is reported to have said that though the year at first fought nightly at their meetings they now are content to have fo(r)tnightly meetings.

Two men were blown up by dynamite, and a cruel joker who saw them remarked "There they go, two for a(s)cent."

My speech at Victoria was really a noble effort—J. S. Sh—t.

How can they court me when my brother is Chief Justice?—Freshie L-v-l.

You bet they don't swipe any buffalo-robos on me—Sprightly.

Miss M.—Why didn't the program committee put down Jerseys on the list of dances, Mr. B-t-n.

A. H. B-t-n:—Well, you see, the fact is I-v-g and myself don't care for Jersey's.