

embryo scientists among the young men in our colleges and universities, coming as it does from such an authoritative source. One of the world's needs is statesmen and scientists of just such convictions.

A Magnificent Edifice. Rev. R. Lawson, of Maybole, a well-known descriptive writer, states that the Thomas Coats' Memorial Church, Paisley, is the most magnificent Non-conformist Church in Europe. It was built for the body of which he was long a leading member by the estate of Mr. Thomas Coats, the great thread manufacturer, and Rev. Dr. Flett is the pastor.

Established by Law. The days of tyranny still flourish in England as witness the following incident: At a parish in Wiltshire, the Duke of Beaufort gave all his tenants notice to quit because they had chosen Admiral Close as church-warden, unless the Admiral withdrew. To prevent the threatened eviction the Admiral did withdraw, but the laws which confer upon the Duke this right are anti-Christian as well as uncivilized.

The Jerusalem Railway. In order to secure the advances made on the Jaffa-Jerusalem railway the Rothschild's have had to take the road over—and will continue it under their direction. Speaking of the failure the *Journal and Messenger* says: "It was an expensive undertaking, and there was no good reason for supposing that the business possible to it would pay for the work; but those who furnished the capital easily parted with their money. We should not be surprised to learn, in the course of a few years, that the road has been abandoned because of lack of patronage sufficient to pay running expenses. With all the talk about the rehabilitation of Jerusalem something more than sentiment must enter in before what is said of the spiritual Jerusalem can be realized in the physical and earthly city of that name." It is to be said, however, that this precious and impecunious bit of railway has only followed the example of one hundred and fifty-two railroad companies here in the United States. And its receivers are men likely to take an interest in it beyond its mere pecuniary value, and that is more than can be said for our 43,226 miles of road that are now in the hands of, for the most part, mere Gentile receivers!"

Self-Denial. Now that the attention of church members has been directed to the falling off in contributions to some of the deserving objects of church work and the appeals that have of late been made for both men and money, particularly for the North-West Territory, and in which the response has been rather half hearted, the following from *Night and Day* is appropriate. It is impossible to read the story of our Lord's life, or to study His words and teaching, without realizing how important it is to exercise self-denial; neither can we fail to notice from our Lord's teaching and that of His followers that the salient feature in the action is, *the mortification of self for the benefit of others*. To practice self-restraint solely with a view of self-improvement partakes of the nature of selfishness. The example of Christ shows us that we must deny ourselves *for the sake and benefit of others*. It undoubtedly follows that as we catch the Master's spirit we will grow more like Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. Thus, I am deeply impressed with the belief that the opportunity of

exercising even occasional self-denial for a definite and practical object, to all those who enter it in the right spirit, is a great help and privilege to the spiritual life. Some of the great Missionary Societies, Home as well as Foreign, and others, have their allotted season for a special effort of this kind; but hitherto those who pray and work for the Orphan and Destitute Waif Children of the Slums have never been given the opportunity of showing what they can do by this means, and the lack of such an occasion has been complained of. I am certain that thousands will regard this new departure, not as the mere imitation of a successful scheme to gain money, but as a modern organized method of applying the historic principle of alms-giving and self-denial to God's people, on behalf of *the Children*, a thing which has been really too long deferred."

Colonies for Jews. There is something very encouraging in Baron de Hirsch's sanguine views as to the future of the Argentine colonies. He believes sturdily that Russian Jews can be farmers, and the success already achieved by his colonies make him hopeful. He deplors that rich Jews as a class are so apathetic, but he will continue undismayed and will soon purchase three or four million acres more in the Argentine. Meanwhile he will send out four to five thousand people yearly. "The time will come," said the Baron in a recent interview, "when I shall have three or four hundred thousand Jews flourishing on their homesteads in the Argentine, peaceful and respected citizens, a valuable source of national wealth and stability. Then we shall be able to point to them and contrast them with their brethren who have been demoralized by persecution. What will the Jew-haters have to say then? I have made up my mind not to stop in this work." The Baron's utterances are remarkable, and prove that he has as large a heart as purse.

Church Going in New York. The *Outlook* has these particulars of church growth in New York City:— It is common enough to hear New York spoken of as a non-church-going city, yet she has 522 churches, valued at about fifty-five millions of dollars, and having a seating capacity of four hundred thousand. There has been a gain in the last twenty-three years of 188 in the number of churches, and about one hundred thousand in the seating capacity. The gains, however, have not, it is true kept pace with the enormous increase in population. The following table will show the relative gain in the number of churches in the various denominations:

	1871.	1894.
Protestant Episcopal.....	74	103
Presbyterian.....	51	70
Methodist.....	50	65
Roman Catholic.....	40	84
Baptist.....	30	50
Jewish.....	25	46
Reformed Dutch.....	20	27
Lutheran.....	15	21
Congregational.....	5	7
Universalist.....	5	3
Unitarian.....	4	3
Friends.....	3	2
Miscellaneous.....	18	41
Totals.....	340	522

The percentage of increase is seen to be the largest among the Roman Catholics, who have more than doubled the number of their churches. The Hebrews come next, the Baptists next, while of the larger denominations the Lutherans and Reformed Dutch show the least ratio of increase.