

voice, having our eyes fixed on the bright bow of hope and promise.

FAMILY CIRCLE.

THE ALARM WATCH.

A lady who found it difficult to awake so early as she wished in the morning, purchased an alarm watch. The watches are so contrived as to strike with a very loud whirling noise, at any hour the owner pleases to set them.

The lady placed her watch at the head of the bed, and, at the appointed time, she found herself effectually roused by the long, rattling sound. She immediately obeyed the summons, and felt better all the day for her early rising.—This continued for several weeks. The alarm watch faithfully performed its office, and was distinctly heard, so long as it was promptly obeyed. But after a time the lady grew tired of early rising, and when she was awakened by the noisy monitor, she mearily turned herself and slept again.—In a few days the watch ceased to arouse her from her slumber. It spoke just as loudly as ever, but she did not hear it, because she had acquired the habit of disobeying it.—Finding that she might just as well be without an alarm watch, she formed the wise resolution, that if she ever heard the sound again, she never more would allow herself to disobey the friendly warning.

Just so it is with conscience. If we disobey its dictates, even in the most trifling particulars, or allow ourselves to do what we have some fears may not be quite right, we shall grow more and more sleepy until the voice of conscience has no longer any power to awaken us.—*The Child's Gen.*

THE BIBLE SAYS SO."

We cannot begin too soon to communicate principles to the young, which shall govern their minds for life. Lasting impressions are made on them at a much earlier age than many persons suppose. It is remarkable, that the most important and sublime truths are, at the same time, the simplest. For instance, a very young child may be taught that there is a God; that we are made to do his will; that we are all sinners; that there is to be a judgment; that Christ died for sinners; and that those who love God shall be for ever happy in heaven.

Children should early be taught that the Bible is the great authority; and that when it speaks on any point, the question is settled for ever. They should be taught to get directly to the Scriptures, to find what is good and what is bad, what is true and what is false. Thus with the blessing of God, they will acquire the habits of constantly given up their own notions and inclinations, when they find a plain declaration of Scripture. I therefore think it a good sign, to hear a child often use the expression, *the Bible says so.*

TEMPERANCE.

AN ODD REMEDY.

The following is from the *New York Organ*. It illustrates the terrible power of appetite, and the salutary influence of fear. It may serve as an additional warning to him who is in danger from the intoxicating cup, and lead him to adopt that safe rule, Touch not, taste not, handle not.

We remember an individual that resided in this city not many years ago, who owned a considerable amount of property, but who was so much addicted to the use of strong drink, that his friends ranged matters in such a way as to prevent its being squandered, by removing it from his reach; and after taking care that he was well provided with the necessities of life, allowed him a certain sum each day for spending money. As he grew older his appetite grew stronger, and his daily allowance was not sufficient to gratify his increasing thirst. He would go to his friends and plead for an hour at a time for a little more of the ready; but they were inexorable. At length they told him to go to a certain physician, (who was intimately acquainted with the family,) and probably he would lone him what he so much desired. The poor fellow went to the doctor and asked him for the favour.

"I'll tell you what I will do," said the medical man, "I will buy your carcass at a fair price—come, what will you take for it?"

"Let me feel your pulse," said the physician, grasping the poor fellow by the wrist and looking him steadfastly in the eyes. "Ah! that will do—here's the money," continued he, handing the sot a five dollar bank note. "And now, go to the rum-shop immediately—drink as much as you want, and at the expiration of a week your body will be at my disposal."

"You don't mean to say that I am going to die so soon?" exclaimed the frightened victim of alcohol.

"I do mean to say, that if you continue to drink as you have for the last six months, in one week you will be a dead man, and of course as I have purchased your body in a fair business-like way, I shall be at liberty to operate upon it."

The cool serious manner of the doctor puzzled our hero, and he already began to feel the death rattles in his throat!

"Here!" roared he, "take back your money—I have no notion of being made mince-meat of in so short a time!"

"But," said the knight of the lance, "it is a regular business transaction."

"I don't care, here's your money!"—and away he dashed out of the office, to the no little amusement of his tormentor, who stood for several minutes convulsed with laughter.

The toper that was, never drank liquor from that day, and in a very little while became a sober upright citizen.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.

In our last number, we presented our readers with an interesting account of the state of religion in the West Indies, by the Rev. R. Youss. We have now much pleasure in copying from, the *Christian Guardian* the following extracts from speeches delivered at the late Anniversary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, in London.

The Rev. Thomas Waugh in his speech used a figure which our readers will understand better than the actual hearers of the excellent speeches. He spoke of the Methodistic work,—

It has been said, and truly, that our work is a Missionary work, it has been such from the beginning. It has been peculiarly so in Ireland. I believe there is one character that belongs chiefly to America, that some of us in Ireland can lay claim to; and that is the character of "squatters." Some gentleman here know what that means. We have looked round to the places that have been unoccupied, that have been unpossessed, that have been overlooked by others; and there the Wesleyan Missionary has placed himself, he has built his hut, he has made his judgment good, and commenced his description of farming in a way that best suits his circumstances. He soon attracts notice; and others think there is something fertile in the soil he has chosen, and thus he obtains neighbours. There are many religious colonies, who have grown up to maturity, by our "squattling;" and the fact is, that our efforts produce emulation. I will mention one spot particularly, (and there are very many such,) which, for generations, was neglected. A Wesleyan chapel sprung up there, and now five places of worship have been erected, a church, a Presbyterian meeting-house, a Roman Catholic chapel, and a Dissenting meeting-house belonging to some others class. I do not regret this, Sir George, as to the multiplication of Protestant places of worship. I rejoice in it. I was once rather puzzled to know what the Apostle meant by rejoicing that the Gospel was preached even through contention. But now I begin to see, that wherever the Gospel is preached, some persons are reached who might not otherwise have heard the truth; and all we require is, that those who come after us will treat the "squatters" kind.

The Rev. James Macdonald thus concluded his speech,—

We ought to have Missionary libraries in all our Circuits. Mr. Waugh has referred to the want of more Christian clarity. I believe the limited reading of many of us, on Missionary questions, is one great cause of the want of that clarity. We profess, on occasions like the present, to be connected with others for the accomplishment of the subjecting the world to its rightful owner,—the Lord Jesus Christ; and yet how

little do some of us know of the movements of other sections of the Church of Christ! To do justice to the question, we ought to read up to the times on each subject. Gentlemen in the army are familiar with the movements of other regiments than those with which they are immediately connected. They are able to say which regiments are on foreign service, how long they have been there, and when they are to return. Give them a few moments for recollection, and they will tell you the most heroic achievements of such and such regiments, and when such and such records were placed on their flags. They identify themselves with the movements of other regiments. What would have been thought of any officer in Her Majesty's service throwing down the despatches from China, in disgust, and saying, "These victories were obtained by the 5th or the 95th regiments; but as none of my regiment were there, the brave 72nd, I will have nothing to do with it?" Why, such a man would deserve to have his coat turned, and be drummed out of the service. He has everything to do with it, if the British arms have triumphed. If the regiment with which I am connected may not have proved victorious, what has that to do with the matter? The British power has triumphed, and as a soldier, I ought to rejoice in it. Now, Sir, the application is this. If we have only a slight acquaintance with the movements of other Christian Churches, we shall be exposed to two dangers. One will be an undue complacency with regard to our own movement, and a wrong view as to some ultimate triumph, because we have been moving on uninterruptedly for a series of years; or, on the other hand, we shall feel some surprise, or hang our harps upon the willows, and become faint in our spirits, as though nothing more was to be accomplished. What took place on the plains of Waterloo? One regiment was almost cut to pieces by the French; but just then our noble cavalry were driving the main force in another direction, and we obtained the victory. It is in this way that we ought to look at the subject; and when we understand what each other are doing, we shall be saved from some things which objectionable, and at all events we shall have more charity towards one another's movements.

The Rev. Fred. Johnson, of Leeds, in the course of his speech, spoke of the high Missionary feeling in the Leeds district:

It is to be observed that my Resolution abounds with the pleasing sentiments of thankfulness to the subscribers and contributors to our cause; and such sentiments are becoming on this occasion. The Financial Report most appropriately acknowledged this. A people who, without a single titled man associated with them in church membership, have raised £108,000 in one year, for men they never saw, are not to be despised nor condemned. Having now my abode in another part of the kingdom, I rejoice to be able to say that I dwell among a people high in Missionary feeling. The Leeds Districts, including thirteen or fourteen Circuits, and which measures not more than twenty miles in diameter, has I believe, within the last twelve months, taking into account all its contributions, sent to your Missionary Treasurer not less than one-tenth of the whole income of the Missionary Society for the year. God is with us, and is blessing us; and he will bless all who faithfully support his cause. I am glad also to have to state that, in Leeds, men are trying themselves by the principles of Christian liberality set forth in the word of God, and inquiring of their Ministers what is the extent of their duty in this respect. That is what must be, and what I trust soon will be, not only in connexion with every society in Wesleyan-Methodism, but also with every section of the Church of Christ.

George R. Chappell, Esq., of Manchester, among other things, said:—

Here then is the work before us; and what are your means? that is the question. I am going on the financial part of the business, and I leave the rest to those gentlemen who are better qualified than I can be, and whose business it is to preach the Gospel and to practise it, so that, by their precept and by their example, we may follow them. In the first place, to begin with the smallest, we have our Missionary Baskets. They are very well in their way. Ladies are always well employed so long as they are doing anything in the cause of God. The next is the