

Children's Corner.

Putting in the Kisses.

"Four pairs of little baby stockings, and not a hole in one of them!" said mother, sorting out the clothes from the wash and laying the four dainty pairs across her lap.

"This bouncing little girl has grown right out of them," said mother, throwing a loving smile over to the corner where the baby sat among her dolls and blocks.

"I can tell you what to do," said Aunt Susy in a minute. "Don't you know that pretty little woman round on Damon street? Her husband hasn't had any work for four months, and I can't help thinking such things would come in handy."

"Do you suppose she would take them?" asked mother, doubtfully. "She has a little pride, I think, and I wouldn't like to hurt her feelings."

"O'es she would," spoke up the baby, eagerly. "She'd say 'Fank you,' if I gived 'at baby all my pink stockings! 'Cause she'd like the kisses in 'em."

As she spoke the baby jumped up and ran over to her mother's lap and picked up all the stockings, one by one. Into the top of each she dropped a mouthful of kisses. Aunt Susy looked up with her eyes full of questions.

"It's a little way we began long ago," said mother, answering. "She grows so fast that she really has had a great many things to give away in her four little years of life. I have always tried to make her feel that 'the gift without the giver is bare.' I don't know but the darling is right. I am sure she would be if the baby's mother could see her putting in the kisses."

"I'll tell her," said Aunt Sue, getting up to put on her hat and cloak, and taking the tiny bundle.—*Weekly Magnet.*

True Riches.

A nobleman in the North of England once said to a friend who accompanied him on a walk, "These beautiful grounds, as far as your eye can reach, the se forests of valuable timber on the mountain side, and those vast mines full of precious metals, all belong to me. Yonder powerful steam engines obtain the produce of my mines, and those ships convey my wealth to other parts of the kingdom." "Well, my lord," his friend replied, "do you see yonder small cottage that seems but a speck on your estate? There dwells a poor woman who can say more than all this, for she can say, 'Christ is mine.' She was once ignorant of all religious truth, but she sought the guiding light, which brought her to the Saviour. In a few years you must give up your possessions, for you can carry nothing away with you when you die; but when she leaves this world she will enter upon a far nobler inheritance than your lordship now possesses—an inheritance incorruptible, and that fadeeth not away—reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Courtsey.

"I know nothing about Amherst College, or its library, but I do know that its president is a real gentleman; and here are one hundred dollars." An incident that took place a few years before occasioned this remark. When the speaker, a lady, hailed a stage coach, intending to ride, it was found to be filled to its capacity inside, and of all the men one only, an old man with gray hair, volunteered to give the lady his seat, and go on the box with the driver. This was the president of Amherst College, and the one hundred dollars which the lady gave to the institution was not to pay for this politeness; it was worth much more than that, but she only wished to show her appreciation.

Often the most useful Christians are those who serve their Master in little things. He never despises the day of small things, or else he would not hide his oaks in tiny acorns, or the wealth of a wheat field in bags of little seeds.—*T. L. Cuyler.*

The Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

This body met at Hopewell Cape on Saturday, the 21st inst. A large number of delegates and visitors were present. The services began at 10.30 a. m., at which meeting the officers for the year were elected. They are as follows: Rev. H. H. Saunders, pastor of Elgin Baptist Church, was chosen moderator; Judge Fred Emmerson, secretary; and Rev. C. C. Burgess, treasurer.

A very pleasant conference was held for an hour, in which a large number took part and gave sweet rich testimonies for Christ as their precious Saviour. The business parts of the session were conducted with harmony and good fellowship. The proposition for blending the three associations in one did not meet with as favorable a response as it did at the Southern Association, but Judge Emmerson gave notice that he would move a resolution to that effect at this association next year.

The association appointed six of its members to act on the Board of Home Missions in conjunction with those appointed by the other associations, or who may yet be appointed.

The Sunday services were refreshing and inspiring. Rev. A. F. Brow gave an eloquent sermon in the morning from the words, "Never man spake like this man." At the afternoon meeting Rev. Dr. Manning excelled himself with a soul-stirring address on missions. At the same time Rev. J. H. Hughes gave a very instructive sermon in the Public Hall, it being an over-flow meeting, there being more present than the church would seat.

Monday evening the meeting came to a close with a packed house held spellbound for nearly two hours listening to three stirring addresses given by Revs. Robinson, Colwell and Parshley. They were all good, but the last was a masterly handling of the subject, and must be productive of much good. Altogether the people in attendance had a good enjoyable time. The weather was fine, the scenery beautiful, the villagers hospitable and attentively kind; and it is to be hoped that great good will result from the gathering there of our brethren and sisters. THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL is largely patronized in this village as well as in most parts of Albert County.

The Family Church.

Those of us who are living in communities in which vigorous Christian churches are carrying on their work do not always realize how greatly we are indebted to them for the influences that sweeten life and strengthen character. The Sunday services of worship, preaching, and Biblical instruction, the midweek prayer-meeting, the benevolent activities, and the social opportunities of the congregation, give the individual and the family an environment that powerfully contributes to strengthening the better elements of character. At the very least this environment makes us mindful of spiritual things. It brings us into some kind of contact with noble standards, and it presents the claims of a law of righteousness to which conscience responds, though our conduct may not fully conform to its requirements.

This precious influence of a church cannot be tabulated in any columns of statistics. Perhaps we are too prone to estimate the success of the spiritual work of a church by the number of baptisms. Some of the churches which receive the largest numbers by profession of faith do not exert any vigorous and wholesome influence upon the general tone of personal and family life in the community, while others that report fewer additions are nevertheless towers of strength for the cause of general Christian living. The tone of the community is nobler from the simple fact of their existence and work.

This is something that the so-called "Evangelistic" churches are tempted to forget. They are successful in leading people to take upon themselves the obligations of a Christian life, but they fail in leading them to fulfil those obligations. We frankly say that we should not care to bring up a family in the atmosphere generated by some of the churches that are esteemed to be most successful in evangelization. They do not present to young people a high type of Christian character. The appeals that are

appropriate for hardened sinners are not always appropriate for innocent boys and girls. Overstrained abnormal exhortations do not generate wholesome Christian ideals. The family church in which the worship and preaching are adjusted to the needs of the average cultivated household cannot, except in the great cities where multitudes are massed, be replaced by so-called "people's churches."

The realization of these facts will exert a strong influence upon ministerial education. You cannot make a successful pastor of a church composed of cultivated Christian families out of a crude, raw, uneducated man. His piety and devotion alone will not qualify him for the work that needs to be done. The methods that are successful in the city slums will not do in the community of suburban homes. The preaching saturated with slang, and marked by superficial views of Biblical truth, will not commend itself. We have more men who can preach strong evangelistic sermons than we have men who can build up a church, and make its entire atmosphere and genius a perpetual witness to the religion of Christ.

We might as well face the fact as not that the increasing differentiation of American conditions is bringing about differentiations in churches and ministers. There are some churches and ministers that never ought to be united. They do not belong together; they are not suited for each other. Just now, our great lack is that of ministers who can meet the needs of churches composed of cultivated Christian families. There are a plenty of men for missionary work at home and abroad. It is not altogether difficult to find evangelists; but we have not too many men who can take a church in which families predominate and lead it to the utilization of its superb opportunities.—*Watchman.*

Religious News.

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On the 8th inst we had a roll-call. The day was somewhat unfavorable but the congregations were good, especially in the afternoon and evening. Rev. J. W. Erown, pastor of Eavelock, was with us throughout the day, preaching morning and evening with great acceptance. These sermons coming as they did with so much sweetness and heavenly power cannot but bear fruit to God's glory. Our thank offering amounted to \$50 which was devoted to missions. On the 15th it was our privilege to baptize two young women into the fold of the North River church. L. B. COLWELL.
July 27th.

Lord's day, July 15th was spent at Lower Blackville.

BLISSVILLE. Service in the morning at the Rapids. In the afternoon, at Underhill, I baptized two rejoicing candidates for Bro. Richardson, and preached and administered the Lord's Supper. I had not the privilege of meeting Bro. Richardson as he was away filling my appointment at Ludlow and Doaktown. The people of his charge are high in his praise. We trust that under the guiding hand our dear brother may do a good work there during the coming weeks. I have been engaged during the past two weeks in special meetings at Upper Blackville. Had a good day there yesterday; baptism in the morning, one of the candidates being a lady in her 71st year, coming a distance of nearly ten miles to follow in her Master's footsteps; another one of the candidates, a young mother living back from the river a distance of three miles, came carrying her child in her arms through the cold rains of last week. We are thankful to know that there is yet a little of the old time determination to follow Jesus left in the earth. "Through floods and flames if Jesus leads." A number of others have manifested an interest in these matters by coming from evening to evening across the much swollen river and in the heavy down-pour. A number manifested a still deeper interest by rising for prayer. We are praying that these dear souls may before long make full, glad surrender to Jesus. We came on to Blissfield last night, and preached there, in all making three sermons, baptism and the Lord's Supper for one day, with a hot Sunday thrown in. We are not feeling very starchy this Monday morning. We have taken up special work at Blissfield this evening right by the home of