

The Rev. A. N. Somerville in Calcutta.

The evangelistic services, conducted by the Rev. A. N. Somerville, of Glasgow, have been carried on with unremitting earnestness. A service of one kind or another has been held every day during the past three weeks, and sometimes more than one service in the day, and there is reason to believe that the high hopes which brought out the venerable minister have not been disappointed in this city. Partly to make room for his large audiences, and partly, we suppose, to avoid all appearance of denominational prejudice, Mr. Somerville has during the present week, been preaching in one of our two theatres. Those whose good wishes and prayers have followed the brave old man, will hear with thankfulness that there have been upwards of sixty professions of a change in life, and that a band of young men has been formed to perpetuate devotional exercise in Calcutta.—Indian Daily News, Dec. 18, 1874.

The Pastor's Wife.

Let your pastor's wife alone. Do not make her the subject of criticism. Find no fault if she does not work in the Sunday school, or does not spend all her afternoons in visiting the families of the parish. Do not forget that she has household cares that are as important as yours are to you; that the interests of her family demand her presence at home, and that if the home interests prevent her from doing work as a Sunday school teacher, it is very unjust as well as unkind, to sit in judgment against her. As to her visiting, she is not your pastor, but your pastor's help and companion. His interests, and the family interests, are to govern the use of time, and not the exorbitant demands of the parish. Her duties are responsible and arduous. Visit her to cheer and comfort her, not to criticize her. And when she visits you, trust her with such confidence and kindness as will secure for yourselves a place in her heart of hearts, and will bring down blessings upon your own souls.—Methodist Recorder.

What is Honesty.

A few weeks ago a working-man picked up a bundle of bank notes in the street, and at once restored them to the bankers to whom they belonged. The bankers not only rewarded the finder very liberally, but made inquiry as to the church which he attended, and gave it a handsome donation too. We have no information as to the sort of sermons which are preached in that church; but the bankers appear to have been content to judge by results, and to assume that, as a member of the congregation had given such a remarkable proof of his honesty, this must be due to the wholesome influence of the services which he attended. It would certainly be interesting if the test could be applied on a wider scale. We should then be able to form some idea of the practical value of the vast amount of sermonizing which is constantly going on. It is not everybody who has a chance of finding a bundle of notes lying before him in the street; but what may be called the ordinary honesty of mankind is perhaps subjected to a more wearing strain. There is no subject on which there is such an infinite variety of shades and refinements of opinion as on what constitutes actual dishonesty; and there is no subject on which people require more closely to watch themselves, and are watched over by their spiritual mentors.—Saturday Review.

Wise Maxims.

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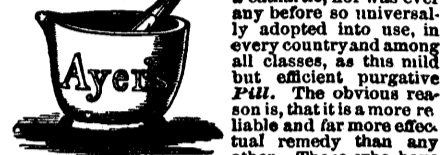
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