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THE thought of Easter is joy. Deeper even than the joy of Christmas is our joy, now that Christ is risen. When He came a child into the world, His life work, His sorrow for men lay before Him. Now the cross has been endured. His sorrow, His humiliation, His agony—all are finished. He is risen, and a deep and holy joy should reign in the hearts of those who trust Him

WE applaud ourselves for our progress—justly in some respects. But there are many things greater than flies in our pot of ointment. In Europe in this year of grace 1893, twelve and a half million men stand armed with the most destructive weapons, and ready to fall upon each other. In the present year 1,000,000,000 dollars will be spent on military equipment! Truly this is a spectacle for the lover of peace which should add a little fervour to our prayer, "Give peace in our time, O Lord."

"GIVE heed," says St. Paul, in writing to Timothy, "to reading." Books were few in St. Paul's time and good books were scarce indeed. But Timothy was expected to find both time and opportunity to read a little. The taste for good reading grows by use as every other good habit does. We remember once hearing a great statesman say, "I cannot afford to read many novels, because they dissipate my mental energies and I find it difficult to turn to something more solid." If a man with an acute and cultivated mind found this true how much greater is the danger for

lesser minds? There are few men and women so situated that they could not find a few minutes for good reading every day.

WALTER SAVAGE LAUDER once gave a noble answer that is worthy of imitation. He was asked to give evidence against Queen Caroline in those bad old days when the name of a Queen of England was unjustly associated with scandal. "Her Royal Highness is my enemy," said Lauder, "she has deeply injured me, therefore I can say nothing against her and I never will." That was the fine spirit of the true gentleman who would say nothing against one who had injured him, lest he should be suspected of personal motives.

FROM the North-West come these words of appreciation for PARISH AND HOME: "PARISH AND HOME is the best read paper that comes into my home. I read it through and never miss a word of it; my wife and children do the same." Another says: "I believe that PARISH AND HOME has done more good in my family than any other paper I have seen." Another says: "I don't know whether I will ever be able to pay you for it, but if you continue sending it to me, I will make a great effort." Words such as these show that this little magazine is a minister for good wherever it goes, and we are anxious to place it in the hands both of those who cannot and of those who can pay for it. Through the help of the Distribution Fund which some of our friends have made up, the paper is now supplied at a greatly reduced rate to three missions in the Diocese of Algoma and to one in Rupert's Land. Perhaps the generosity of some of our subscribers will enable us to scatter it more freely still. Contributions may be sent to Mr. DuVernet, 619 Church St., Toronto.

SIMPLICITY IN WORSHIP.

"THE very simplicity of Christian worship is a mark of its superiority. You may be inclined to recall, with regret for its loss, the magnificence of Judaism—the splendid vestments; the golden lamps; the ever-burning altar; the pealing music; the awe-struck prostrations; the mysterious shrine; the whole of that elaborate symbolism which has passed away; and indeed to a Jewish mind a religion without priest,

without altar, without sacrifice, without temple—whose places of assembly were the rude upper chamber, the bleak mountainside, the barren seashore, whose solemn rites involved no acts more imposing than the sprinkling of water or the breaking of bread—must have appeared poor and uninviting, bald and tame. But the material splendor of the old religion was but an indication of imperfection, and the ceremonial plainness of the new is its true dignity and glory—and for this reason; the Jew needed all the elaborate formality of type and ceremony, of symbolic persons and objects, to help out his idea of the Messiah, of His mighty work and mission—for to him Christ was a being of whose person and character and office he had but the most shadowy and undefined conceptions. But the Christian Christ is no vague and visionary personage of the future—no shadowy dream. He has been 'made flesh.' He stands before us with all the distinctness of One with whom we are acquainted; and His words and deeds and actions are as familiar to us as those of any dear, well-known earthly friend. Therefore, to bring Him to our remembrance, nothing is needed but what is very simple, the rudest outline—a few drops of water, a bit of broken bread, a cup of wine."—C. D. Bell, in *Parish Visitor*.

"I SHALL BE SATISFIED."

I SHALL be satisfied when Thou shalt bid
Me wake from death's long sleep, for I shall see
Thee as Thou art, and be myself like Thee.
E'en as the fretful child, sinking unchild
To rest, feeds on the blessing that lies hid
For him in night's dark hours, then wakes
that he
May greet the morn from yesterday set free,
And wander on, with happy steps, amid
The scenes of a new day, so shall I wake,
Refreshed, to be a-weary never more;
Set free from earth's hard yesterday that wore
My soul, restored Thy likeness to partake;
Through the dear merits of Thy Son who died
And lives for me, I shall be satisfied.
William Zachary Gladwin, in *Parish Visitor*.

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"ONE WITH GOD IS A MAJORITY."

I WONDER how many of us realize that this is true? Of all I heard, and it was much and good, at the Conference for Believers at Niagara two years ago, this one little sentence has stood most