

Many people who have been brought up with the Bible have not discovered that it is quite an interesting book to read. Indeed some people find it exceedingly interesting. It will pay you to get well acquainted with the Bible. There are some very good things in it—almost as good as you find in your daily paper.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Branch of the Bible Society was held last week, and as usual was slimly attended. One would think that those, at least, who are demanding that the Bible should be read in the Public Schools would take an interest in the Bible Society. We are pleased to note, however, that the Hamilton Society raises considerable money every year.

We intend, if possible, to make some improvements in the paper. We have been noting the criticisms of our friends, especially of those who take the paper and pay for it, and we shall try to meet their views. A common complaint is, "Too many advertisements." The way to remedy that defect, if it be a defect, is to help us to increase the number of paid-up subscribers.

Knoxonian, in the Canada Presbyterian, warns young men that the Presbyterian ministry in Canada is overcrowded. He is probably right; but is it within the province of man to regulate the number that are "called?"—*Hamilton Spectator*.

What makes the editor of the *Spectator* ask such questions? Surely he was not brought up on the Shorter Catechism.

On the evening of Easter Sunday Col. Robert G. Ingersoll delivered in a Buffalo theater one of his lectures in which the Christian religion is ridiculed and denounced. His audience was small. On the same evening many churches in the same city were crowded with devout people who gathered to celebrate the anniversary of one of the great facts upon which the Christian religion is founded. As between Jesus Christ and Robert G. Ingersoll, the odds are still in favor of the Carpenter of Galilee.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

MONTREAL, April 13.

"In the name of the Catholic minority of Manitoba, that I represent officially, I ask the House of Commons to pass the whole Remedial Bill as it is now amended. It will be satisfactory to the said Catholic minority, that will accept it as a substantial, workable and final settlement of the school question, according to the Constitution. A. D. Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface."

There is "richness" for you. "Final settlement." Ah! Mr. Langevin, "Tell it to the marines." The Re-

medial Bill is sick nigh unto death. It will scarcely get a decent burial, and will have no hope of a resurrection. And that will be all the better for the Catholic minority of Manitoba.

Co-operation Notes.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

R. N. Price, St. Thomas.....\$5 00
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The Board met in Guelph on Good Friday. All the members, save one, were present. The coming annual meeting will be held in Toronto, Cecil Street Church, beginning Tuesday, June 2nd. The meeting will remain in session until Friday morning of the same week.

It was found that about \$1,100 should be raised before the end of the Co-operation year to enable the Board to give all the assistance recommended by the last annual meeting.

Envelopes for the May collection will be sent to all the churches. Let some one see that they are distributed among the members. A circular is being prepared and will be sent to be read from the pulpit.

We again request those churches expecting or desiring help from the Co-operation Board another year to send to the Corresponding Secretary for blank forms of application. Let this be done before the first of May that the Mission Committee may have sufficient time to study the situation before the annual meeting.

Now for a liberal May collection for Home Missions. Let every church and every Disciple give something and the aggregate amount will be large.

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College Notes.

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ST. THOMAS, April 13.—The Volunteer Band of the College wish to tell, through this your mission number, of the work they are doing. We held our last devotional meeting on the fifth, and a very enjoyable time was spent,

At the previous meeting of this Band it was decided that we should hold an educational meeting every fortnight. On Wednesday, the 8th, we met at 7.30 in the College room to study the geography of China. Miss A. Hicks (president) gave a very full description of the government; Miss Miller, though absent through illness, sent an excellent paper on the people; Miss Nolan told very clearly of the curious modes of worship; Miss Stansbury dealt quite cleverly on education; H. Erwin Stafford (secretary) explained the physical features from the map, after which the President closed the meeting. Our Band now numbers seven. At our last meeting Miss J. Service, of Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, was accepted as a member. We would like to receive any word of instruction on mission study from any older Band.

COM.

The final meeting of the Philomathian Society was held last night in the Church of Christ. Addresses were delivered by N. D. Wells, W. M. Logan, H. E. Stafford and J. H. Coultard. The society then adjourned to meet first week in October.—*St. Thomas Times*.

The Commencement Exercises of the Philomathian Society of the College of the Disciples, St. Thomas, were held in the church, St. Thomas, Thursday evening, April 2nd. We expect to have a full report for next paper, and so merely say now that the exercises were interesting, and very creditable to the participants, and indicative of the good work the College is doing.

G. M.

Obituary.

FLEMING.—Died at Kilsyth, April 3, Donald Fleming. A large family are left to mourn the loss. No earthly parents! May God direct them. Bro. Donald was well acquainted with the Christian scriptures. Spoke to the church frequently on the first day. He passed through some severe trials, but has found sweet rest in Jesus. Many friends and neighbors followed the remains to the cemetery. COM.

What some men call conscience is, in many cases, nothing but obstinacy and perverse doggedness. A good conscience, purified by truth, is a safe and convenient thing to handle, but a perverted conscience, which is the infallible guide of many persons, is a perennial mischief-maker in Church, and a breeder of untold evils in society. Beware of the man of an overdose of conscience.—*Ex.*

Church News.

Items of Church News should be pointed and brief. What can be clearly written on a post card will be usually ample. To ensure prompt insertion all items for this department should be in the editor's hands at least five (5) days before the date of publication.

HAMILTON, April 13.—Prof. C. T. Paul, of the Toronto School of Languages, occupied the pulpit in our church here on March 29th. In the morning he delivered an interesting sermon, and in the evening he gave to a large audience his lecture on Tibet. It was very much enjoyed. Our people were delighted with Bro. Paul. We had one addition by letter, April 5th. The Sunday evening services are largely attended this spring. A series of special sermons closed last night, and another begins next Lord's day evening.

LONDON, March 31.—Two confessions last week, six confessions and one by statement Sunday night, and two more at our Endeavor prayer meeting last night. Remember London before the throne of grace.

GEORGE FOWLER.

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 31.—I am very much pleased with the progress the churches in Ontario are making. The success in London is remarkable, and the recent meeting in St. Thomas is enough to provoke us all to good works. We have had no such meeting down this way since I came into the provinces. But I think we are making steady progress in St. John and in the Maritime Provinces generally.

HENRY W. STEWART.

GLENCOE.—Just got back from Glencoe. Good meetings, large attendance, work prospering.

H. E. STAFFORD.

St. Thomas, April 13.

An Open Letter to President Loos.

PRESIDENT C. L. LOOS, DEAR BROTHER:—Your article in the *Standard* of March 21st, on the name "Disciple Church" is the occasion of this letter. You do well to excoriate the preachers that designate us by this unhappy term. When I was in the *Standard* office, as office editor, it was the practice of the editor-in-chief, as well as the office editor, to change the Disciple Church into the Disciples of Christ whenever this improper designation was noticed in the copy of correspondence. Yet now and again "The

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