"Pray, sir," said he to the candidate, "what is a poisonous dose of prussic acid?" After cogitating for a moment, the student replied with promptitude, "Half an ounce, sir!" Horrified at the extreme ignorance of the candidate, the examiner exclaimed:—"Half an ounce! Why, sir, you must be dreaming! That is an amount which would poison a community, sir, not to speak of an individual!" "Well, sir," replied the Hibernian, "I only thought I'd be on the safe side when you asked a poisonous dose!" "But pray, sir," continued the examiner, intent on ascertaining the candidate's real knowledge, "suppose a man did swallow half an ounce of prussic acid, what treatment would you prescribe?" "I'd ride home for a stomach pump," replied the unabashed student. "Are you aware, sir," retorted the examiner, "that prussic acid is a poison which acts with great rapidity?" "Well, yes," replied the student. "Then, sir, suppose you cid such a foolish thing as you have just stated," said the examiner: "you ride home for your stemach-pump; and on returning you find your patient dead. What would you, or what could you do then?" asked the examiner in triumph, thinking he had driven his victim into a corner where there was no escape. "What would I do?" reiterated the student. "Do?—why, I'd hould a post-mortem?" For once in his life that examiner rust have felt that dense ignorance united to a power of repartee was more than a match for him.

GEORGE III. MAKES HIS OWN BISHOP.

When Archbishop Moore died, Manners Sutton was Bishop of Norwich, and also Dean of Wiedsor. He was at that moment residing at his deanery, and was entertaining Bishop of Norwich, and also Dean of Wiedsor. He was at that moment residing at his deanery, and was entertaining a party of sciends at dinner. In the middle of dinnner the butler came up to him with an excited sace. "Beg pardon, my lord, a gentleman wishes to see your lordship directly, but he won't give his name." "Nonsense," said the Bishop; "I can't come now, of course." "The gentleman says it is very important—very important indeed, my Lord, or he wouldn't disturb you." "Well," said the Bishop, somewhat crossly. "ask him to wait a few minutes till I have souther, persistently, and with some confidence, "but you had better see the gentleman directly." The Bishop, amazed at his man's coolness, made an apology to his guests and went into the next room, where he was still more amazed to find King George III., "ho, as usual, was breathless and rapid. "How d'ye do my lord? how d'ye do? eh—eh? Just come to tell you Archbishop of Canterbury's dead—died this morning—want you to be new Archbishop—you know, new Archbishop. What d'ye say—eh—eh?" The Bishop stood dumfounded, and the King broke in again, "Well, well, d'ye accept—d'ye accept—eh, eh?" The Bishop had by this time recovered himself sufficiently to bow gratefully and murmur his thankful acceptance. "All right," said his Majesty; "go back; got a party, I know; very glad you accept. Good-night, good-night, good-night." And with that he bastled away. The fact was that he anticipated exactly what happened. Mr. Pitt came down to his Majesty next morning to inform him that the Archbishop was dead, and to recommend to his Majesty Bishop Pretyman (Tomline) for the vacant Primacy. The King, who had rather too much of Bishop Pretyman at Mr. Pitt's hands, resolved to be first in the field, and was now able to tell his Prime Minister that he had already appointed the Bishop of Norwich.—Macmillan's Magazine. Norwich.—Macmillan's Magazine.

THE BEST TIME FOR EXERCISE FOR GIRLS.

Medical men will tell you that about two hours' exercise in the open air should be taken every day. But this does not mean you are to take it all at once. Before breakfast is a good time for a gentle walk, yet the delicate should swallow a mouthful or two of milk or eat a tiny biscuit before going out. A glass of cold water does good too before one's walk, and it is a good plan to walk, say a quarter of a mile, to a well, drink a glass of water there and then return. To those who take this advice breakfast will be anything but a make believe. Never take exercise on a full meal. From Medical men will tell you that about two hours' exercise those who take this advice breakfast will be anything but a make believe. Never take exercise on a full meal. From two or three hours after is the best time, and if you take your principal exercise before dinner, be sure to allow time for at least half an hour of rest before you sit down; else you are but opening the door for indigestion to walk in and play havoc with your health. Exercise, to be beneficial, must be regular; but perhaps you are afraid of the weather, I pray you be not so; wrap up lightly but well, and defy it. Defy the wind, the rain, ay, and sleet and snow itself; for one does not catch cold when actually taking exercise, I do assure you. Finally, let your exercise be vatied, one day this kind, and the other that, but always pleasant, always pleasurable, and taken at the same hour day after day. You may find it irksome at first, but it will soon become a habit, and your guerdon will be—health.

GEN. GRANT'S THOROUGHNESS.

Ex-Postmaster-General Creawell said recently, while speaking of Gen. Grant: "He is, in many respects, the most remarkable man that I have ever met. When I was appointed Postmaster-General I took great pains to look up and study the laws laid down by Congress for the government of the department, and had them at my finge, sends. Then I carefully laid out a general policy which I thought would furnish the best and most complete service to the country. It was not until after some weeks of deliberation that I finally ventured to lay the matter before President Gran. for his approval. Well, one day I was up at the White House, and I made up my mind that my plan was laid so securely that there would be no difficulty in procuring its adoption by the President. I brought the matter to Gen. Grant's attention, and he told me to go shead and express my views freely and fully. He was sitting in a chair puffing away at a cigar as I went over my plan patiently, until I thought at last that I was making myself tiresome, as the President did not seem to be paying

me the attention which I thought the subject deserved. I finished my story, however, and he told me to call the next day and he would give me his decision. The next day I was at the White House at the appointed time, and, very much to my surprise, the President took up the points of any policy one by one and discussed them with an amount of information on the duties of the Postmaster-General which I had never dreamed of. He told me that he agreed with the policy as a whole, but that there were some points on which he did not hold the same views as those which I had advanced. Then he took them up and exposed the flaws with so much hard common sense that I afterward wondered why I did not see the defects myself before. At our first interview I thought that he was hardly paying me the ordinary politeness which the occasion seemed to demand, but the second visit assured me that, not only had he listened most intently to what I had to say, but that he had devoured every idea I had advanced.

" THIS IS LIFE."

"I have planned much work for my life," she said;
A girlish creature, with golden hair,
And bright and winsome as she was fair.

"The days are full, till he comes to wed;
The clothes to buy, and the home to make
A very Eden for his dear sake."

But cares soon come to the wedded wife : She shares his duties, and hojes, and fears, Which lessen not with the waning years;

a very struggle, at best, is life, If we knew the burdens along the line, We should shrink to receive this gift divine.

Sometimes, in the hush of the evening hour, She thinks of the leisure she meant to gain, And the work she would do with hand and brain.

"I am tired to night; I am lacking power To think," she says; "I must wait until My brain is rested, and pulse is still."

Oh I woman and man, their is never rest,
Dream not of a lessure that will not come Till age shall make you both blind and dumb.

You must live each day at your very best; The work of the world is done by few God asks that a pare be done by you.

oft. of the years, as they pass from sight, "This, this is life, with its golden store: I shall have it once, but it comes no more."

Have a purpose and do with your utmost might:
You will finish your work on the other side,
When you wake in His likeness, satisfied. Sarah K. Belton, in S. S. Times.

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERIES.

Valuable discoveries have been made and valuable inventions suggested by the vertest accidents. An alchemist, while seeking to discover a mixture of earths that would make the most durable crucibles, one day found that he had

made porcelain.

The power of lenses, as applied to the telescope, was discovered by a watchmaker's apprentice. While holding spectacle glasses between his thumb and finger he was startled at the suddenly enlarged appearance of a neighbour-

The art of etching upon glass was discovered by a Nuremburg glasscutter. By accident a few drops of aqua fortis fell upon his spectacles. He noticed that the glass corroded and softened where the acid had touched it. That was hint enough. He drew figures upon the glass with varnish, applied the corroding fluid, then cut away the glass around the drawing. When the varnish was removed the figure appeared upon a dark ground.

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Mezzotinto owned his invention to the simple accident of a gun-barrel of a sentry becoming rusty with dew. The swaying of a chandelier, in a cathedral, suggested to Galileo the application of a pendulum. The art of lithographing was perfected through a suggestion made by accident.

A poor musician was curious to know whether music could not be etched upon stone as well as upon copper. After he had prepared his slab, his mother asked him to make a memorandum of such clothes as he proposed to be sent away to be washed. Not having pen, ink and paper convenient, he wrote the list on the stone, intending to make a copy at his leisure. A few days later, when about to clean the stone, he wondered what effect aqua fortis would have upon it. He applied the acid, and in a few minutes he saw the writing standing out in a full relief. The next step was simply to ink the stone and take off an impression.

Dr. BEGG's predictions regarding the future of his Church are sometimes very amusing. He is reported to have said at Dundee lately that "instrumental music in churches would take them to prelacy, and when a prelate was wanted he would warrant them they would get a dozen, and that there were plenty of heads itching for mitres in the Free Church."

THE Missionary Herald for April has full accounts of a wonderful revival at Adana, Central Turkey, following the meetings of the Week of Prayer, and the stirring sermons and labours of a graduate of Marash Theological Seminary. The whole community is deeply moved, and crowded meetings of from Soo to 1,200, with neighbourhood meetings, have testified the general interest.

British and Koreion Ateus.

THERE are 32,000 monks and nuns in Italy.

To DAY 3,5000 Christian ministers are at work in India. SEVENTY evangelistic meetings are held weekly in Paris. THE Pope is to be represented at the Czars coronation at Moscow.

ONE-THIRD of the population of Idaho are said to be Mormons.

A widespread religious movement is in progress among the people of Finland.

IN Kentucky no clergyman or preacher of any denomina-tion can become a member of the Legislature.

A PART of the old Roman wall near the Tower of London has been discovered, as sound as when built 1,800 years

THE Russians have completed the evacution of Kuldja, the district over which China and Russia have long dispu:ed.

THE fourth centenary of Riphael's birth was celebrated with great enthusiasm and artistic magnificence at Rome last week.

REV. J. J. BONAR of Greenock is about to receive the long delayed honour of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh.

THE New York Senate Finance Committee has agreed to report adversely the Niagara Falls Park Bill which passed the Assembly last week.

AT Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., on Sunday was rededicated an historic church-bell cast in England in 1745 for the Ephrata Dunkers.

THE colonization of Palestine movement is still agitated among the orthodox Jews, who consider it the only solution of several problems in which the race is interested.

CAPTAIN CARRY, who commanded the reconnoitering party in which the French Prince Imperial was killed, died last week. He was a man of strong religious convictions.

THE projected Scottish Temperance Life Assurance Company of Edinburg, which is to have a capital of £100,000, will insure the lives of total abstances at "greatly reduced premiums."

A vigorous campaign against lottery dealers is to be begun under the advice of the District-Attorney of New York, who says the employment of police officers to collect evidence against them is legal and proper.

THE appointment of Bishop Mermillod to the See of Geneva by the Pope is a sebuff to which Geneva cannot submit, and it is said he will be arrested if he go to assume the functions of his office.

CARDINAL JACOBINI, Papal Secretary of State, refuses to concede the demands of Prussia relative to education and the appointment of priests. The negotiations up to the present time have been a failure.

THE Chinese merchants of Yale, British Columbia, have organized a benevolent society, and intend to build a hospital for the care of their countrymen, esdecially those engaged in building the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

THE New York bakers say that there are 6,000 journeymen bakers who have to go to work at 6 o'clock Sunday mornings, and that the work is unnecessary, and an effort is to be made to get the Legislature to enforce the Sunday law upon the masters.

The glowing account of Manitoba given at Gourock in a lecture by Dr. M'Gregor of Edinburgh has led to at least four families in that place resolving to emigrate. A number of young men, under the same impulse, are also about to leave for Canada.

"DR. GUTHRIE" was the subject of a lecture given at Dundee by Rev. David Macrae. He said Guthrie's heart was broader than the Free Church or any other. Her wanted union; he wanted fraternity; his voice was for Christian liberty and Christian charity.

A correspondent of the Philaidelphia Presbyterian, who seems to have had considerable experience among church debts, writes to that paper that, although he has known of many churches which were heavily indebted, he has never known of one which repudiated its debt.

In respond to the request from Rev. Dr. Henry Allon, Union Chapel, Canonbury, London, the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth have sent a small block of "Forefathers' Rock," eight inches by four, for insertion in front of the pulpit of that splendid edifice. Relics of the "rock" are now

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand. has long been active in trying to secure Government recogni-tion of the movement for denominational education. In order the better to be able to advance his views on this subject, he wants to run for Parliament, and has so announced his intention.

Mrs. STEWART SANDEMAN of Perth died lately. was the daughter of Dr. Stewart of Bonskied. She was a niece of Lady Nairne, the authoress of "The Land o' the Leal." Her husband, Mr. Glass Sandeman, was a great grandson of the founder of the Glassites. One of her sons was a missionary in China.

A photograph of Jessie Ace, the Welsh heroine, was sent to Queen Victoria by royal request. Jessie is a daughter of the keeper of the Mumbles Lighthouse, and she saved the lives of two Prussian seamen during the gale of January the 27th—a storm so terroble that the lifeboat from Mumbles was more worked and four of the core possibled. was wrecked and four of its crew perished.

THE Synod is to be asked to enact that students attend-THE Synois to be asked to enact that students attending the Hall be required to pay fees. Mr. Jeffrey of Erskin.c Church, Glasgow, who made the proposal in hu preabytery, stated that the denomination was peculiar in this respect, the Established, Free, and English Presbyterian Churches all requiring their students to pay for their theological