

the best way to convert them is to do what Father Chiniquy is doing here. Offer an asylum to the priests who see the first glimpse of the light, but who cannot follow it. I know there are many priests who, like myself, are disgusted with the fables of Rome, and long for their deliverance from the yoke of Popery. If Father Chiniquy had the means as he has the will to receive all the priests who wish to break their fetters, there would soon be a whole army of them enrolled under the banners of the Gospel to attack the modern Babylon, and bring her to the dust here, as Luther did in Germany and Knox in Scotland. Though, almost left alone, Mr. Chiniquy has already wrenched more than 25,000 Roman Catholics from the Church of Rome, and among them eighteen priests. What great things could be done if the whole Protestant people would come to his help and strengthen his hands? He objects to make any direct appeal, and this seems to me a mistake, for who will refuse to help him in so noble and Christian a work! Being an eye witness of what has been done here, and knowing what might be done if the Protestants were uniting their efforts, I have thought it was my duty to address them a word on the subject.

The Church of Rome does confess that Mr. Chiniquy is the most formidable adversary she has ever had on the continent. No one has ever attacked her with such indomitable courage, zeal and success in America. Hence her hatred against him; she has brought all her mighty power to paralyze him. The bishops are lavishing their money by ten thousand dollars to oppose and crush him. And what are the Protestants of the United States doing to help him? Nothing or almost nothing.

Let me raise my feeble voice, and say to all those who pray for the downfall of Popery, and who wish for the reign of Truth: "Come and help Father Chiniquy." The Lord has chosen him for his most valiant and successful soldier on this great battle field. Do not desert him in his old age, when, though seventy five years, he is so successfully fighting your own battles. Not only as Christians, but as Patriots every Protestant ought to strengthen the arm of this veteran and valiant soldier of the Cross.

The address of Father Chiniquy is—St. Anne's, Kankakee County, Illinois.

Let every Christian not only pray for him, but let them help him, according to their faith and their means to continue this blessed work.—STEPHEN O'DONNELL.
St. Anne's, Kankakee, November, 1883.

For the Canada Presbyterian.

OUR BOY.

He belongs to no particular family. It may be, many reading this little sketch will say: "Why that is our boy."

In years, somewhere between seven and twelve; of disposition bright, active, wayward, affectionate, ready, generally willing; in mischief often, as often forgiven; with curly hair, roguish eyes. Picture him thus and the photograph is in your possession of "Our Boy."

Outside the family nest, his merit is not always appreciated; by neighbours he is thought troublesome—a tease; but, through the spectacles of father's, mother's, brother's or sister's love he is a wonder, a Chalmers, a Gladstone, even greater—in futuro.

His least wish is Grandma's law; while she, dear old lady, lectures others for their petting and caressing. Well does he know his latent power, for is not tribute paid thereto in gratifying this or that whim?

But "our boy" is not altogether spoiled. Gentle influences are leading him aright. Grandma's Bible stories of Samuel or Joseph, David and Jonathan, of the good and true invite, encourage him, even now, to follow in their footsteps; while, at his mother's knee he learns of the gentle, loving Saviour; has implicit faith in Him who said "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not"; repeats, hymns of trust and love; never forgets, kneeling at his wee cot, to ask Jesus to bless Papa, Mamma, Grandma and all who make up his little world of happiness. Such is "our boy" now. What will he be years hence? Whatever happens, always "our boy."

How earnest the prayer ascends from loving hearts that the boy will unfold into the Christian man, full of noble resolve, doing the right, shunning the wrong, until in the fruition of time the pearly gates open wide to admit him into the brightness of eternal day, receiving from the Master Himself the reward of the faithful.

Years may pass ere then or "our boy" may leave us when but a boy. Whether his future on earth is years or measured but by days, we, his natural protectors, should employ the present to lead him into paths of righteousness, pointing him to our Father in Heaven, beseeching the Holy Spirit to shield him in temptation's hour, guard and defend our loved one—"our boy."

J. B. H.

Ottawa, 21st November, 1883.

AN EASY WAY OF DOING GOOD.

MR. EDITOR.—Last year the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College appointed a committee to secure supplies of good religious literature to be sent to lumber camps and destitute fields during the winter months.

The society has been encouraged by the reports of missionaries, who laboured in the vicinity of lumber camps and in fields supplied during last winter with such reading matter, to continue and extend this work during the present session.

The committee acknowledges with thanks the receipt of large supplies from private individuals, as also from some mission bands and Sabbath schools in the city during the past year; and seeks to gain a wider sympathy and even more hearty co-operation this year in what is so well known to be a useful work.

Any one wishing to take part in the work can do so by sending contributions of suitable literature to the address of Mr. A. Beattie, secretary of Distributing Committee, Knox College.

As specimens of the kind of literature desired we mention in the line of periodicals—"The Sunday at Home," "Family Treasury," "Quiver," "Good Words," "Sunday Magazine," "The Gospel in all Lands"; and in the line of Sabbath school papers—"British Workman," "Cottager and Artisan," "Band of Hope Review," "Canada Sabbath School Presbyterian," etc.

ALEX. HAMILTON.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Rev. Alexander Fraser, of Beulah, Manitoba, and late of Guthrie Church, Longwood, Presbytery of London, Ont., died after a brief illness on the 24th October—leaving a large family and a wide circle of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Mr. Fraser graduated in Knox College in 1859, and was ordained October 22nd, 1861: just twenty-two years preaching the glad tidings as an ordained minister and missionary of the Gospel. Mr. Fraser was an able and faithful preacher of God's Word. He was not a man of many words, but in his own quiet and earnest way gained the confidence and good will of those intimately acquainted with him. The more he became known the higher he stood in the esteem and affection of his people. His deepest sympathies and kindest feelings were awakened when he came in contact with real suffering and sorrow in the homes visited by him. Like many other quiet, unostentatious workers in the Master's vineyard—gone before.

The fruit of his life-labours, trials and anxieties will be more fully understood and better appreciated when motives and actions are weighed by Him who cannot lie. Mr. Fraser has had the honour of being one of the pioneer missionaries to Manitoba and the North-West. He came with his family in 1872 and laboured as missionary in the mission fields of Little Britain, High Bluff and Portage LaPrairie. He visited also Palestine mission field from time to time where he had rendered valuable services to the cause of Christ by his faithful preaching and quiet earnest counsel to the people along with the reading of the Word and prayer in their homes. The period of four years which Mr. Fraser spent in Manitoba was a peculiarly trying one to both himself and family. The grasshoppers swept over the land and left it desolate. Men's faith was put severely to the test. The missionaries with their families suffered with the rest of the people. In 1876 Mr. Fraser had to return to Ontario under the most discouraging and disheartening circumstances, having had a young helpless family to provide for, having had to dispose of household furniture and other property at a sacrifice and having had to pay high rates for passage and freight, and what was worse than all, having had to look for and seek out a new field of labour when he reached home. Mr. Fraser was settled in Longwood, Ont., until last spring when he resigned, removed with his family to Manitoba, and there settled in Beulah near Birtle.

The following minute was recorded by the Presbytery of Manitoba at its last meeting held in Winnipeg, November 30th, which was unanimously carried. The Presbytery would hereby place on record its deep sorrow at the loss which it has sustained in the death of one of its members, the Rev Alexander Fraser, of Beulah and late of Longwood, Presbytery of London. Mr. Fraser was one of the pioneer missionaries of the Presbytery, having come to this country as early as 1872. He laboured faithfully and conscientiously in Little Britain, Portage LaPrairie and High Bluff. He returned to make Manitoba his home last year and immediately commenced mission services where he resided and continued these up to his death. The Presbytery would also express their deepest sympathy with the widow and the children in their sad bereavement, and would commend them to the protection and care of Him who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless and a Judge to the widow.

Mr. Peter Johnson, of East Aldboro', died on the 16th October, at the age of seventy eight years. Mr. Johnson was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and came to Canada more than fifty-years ago. He first settled in the county of Stormont and for many years was connected with the congregation of Indian Lands of which the late Rev. Daniel Clark was minister. About the year 1850, he removed with his family to Western Canada whither some relatives from Scotland had preceded him. Amid all the hard work incident to his new sphere, he took an active and leading part in promoting the interests of education and religion. For several years before a school house had been erected his house was used for public worship, while under his hospitable roof the missionary always met with a cordial welcome. His great kindness of heart was especially marked in his treatment of the servants of Christ and his unfeigned love to the brethren. The ministers and missionaries who visited East Aldboro', and laboured there ever found in him a warm and devoted friend. Any personal service he could render them was to him a labour of love, while his support of the means of grace was both hearty and liberal. To his liberality and zeal was due in great measure the early progress of Argyle Church, Aldboro', of which he had been an active promoter, and an honoured elder from its organization.

In private life he was most exemplary, never allowing the most pressing business to interfere with the claims of religious duty, and commending the religion of Jesus Christ by a conversation becoming the Gospel. He was exceedingly fond of reading good books, and was conversant with many of the masterpieces of the Christian pulpit from which he confessed to his having received much spiritual good. But his greatest delight was in reading the pure Word of God, which became increasingly precious to him towards the close of his life; and he valued other works only in proportion as they breathed the spirit of the Gospel. To the study of all questions submitted to him he brought an independent judgment, tempered withal with the most fervent charity.

In the death of this truly good man, there passed away one whose genial nature, unfeigned piety, fervent zeal, and high Christian character adorned his station in life, and whose memory, being that of the just, is blessed. He passed away peacefully in the presence of his beloved wife and family, one of whom, the Rev. D. C. Johnson he had the pleasure of seeing in the ministry of the Gospel. He now rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

THE Presbytery of Barrie was visited on 27th Nov. by Rev. P. McF. MacLeod in the interest of the Scheme for the Augmentation of Stipend. A warm interest was manifested in the matter, and arrangements were made for a general exchange of pulpits so that this scheme may be brought, on an early Sabbath, before all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery. On the same day the Presbytery of Lindsay met at Uxbridge and was addressed by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell on behalf of the Committee on Augmentation, as well as by Rev. John Smith who had been deputed to plead the claims of Knox College. There was a good attendance of members and elders and very full consideration was given to both Augmentation and Endowment. A committee was appointed to arrange for the visiting of congregations at an early date in the interest of Augmentation. It is confidently expected that in the Barrie and Lindsay Presbyteries a large advance will be made upon the contributions of last year for Augmentation and Home Mission purposes.