### SABBATH READING.

To my first Grey Hairs. Blossoms of Death! why here so soon, Startling and sad as snow in June? My summers are but thirty-three; Why come ye then so soon to me? Blossoms of Death! whence do ye grow?

Why do ye come and never go?
Winter's white flowers gives place in Spring;
You to the last in your place cling!

Why to me come before life's noon?
Few years—how few!—have passed me by; Why come to one so young as I? Blossoms of Death ! although to me

Solemn you early mission be,
I'll take it friendly, since your bloc
Bespeaks a life beyond the tomb! Some tidings of a coming Spring,
Blossoms of Death! ye say—"Prepare
To leave this dull, cold scene of care!"

And as, when Spring breaks on our gaze, The snow-drop withers and decays, Blossoms of Death! so your decay Shall come, but with a brighter day!

Thus whether, blossoms pale! with me Still let me trust, as ye grow rife, The truit will be immortal life

Religion and Prosperity.

Many say, We cannot be religious now, we want to make money. Grant, for argument's sake, that money is better than wisdom, and that a considerable amount of it is necessary to happiness, is the excuse valid?
What are the hinderances to wealth? Idle ness, intemperance, extravagance, dishonesty What are the virtues which promote accum ulation? Industry, temperance, prudence, the battle to the strong." An unseen hand touches here and there the springs of pros-perity. Which man may expect the favor or he who disregards both the Maker and

precepts, or the institutions of Christianity is inconsistent with worldly prosperity? True, the Gospel enjoins spiritual mindedness, teaches us to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth, demands a Sabfor worldly enjoyments and ordinary obliga-tions. The law which ordained amid the thunders of Sinai the rest of the Sabbath, ordains also work on the six days that precede it. He who has established the relations of life, enforces the duties that grow out of them. The man who provides not for his own household, even though under the pretentions of piety, hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. He who ereated the hands intended that they should minister to our necessities, and declares by

other expenses of life? how little compared with the other expenses of life? how little compared with the amusements of the wicked, or the extravagances of the fashionable, or the vices of the licentious. The demands of charity, too, are small comparatively, at least with

her left. What is the teaching of experience? Where is the man, the family, the nation that has grown poor by following the precepts of Christ? Thousands have grown otherwise by becoming Christians. Where is the wealth of the world? In Christian nations. Where is the wellth of Christendom? In Christian families. Though you may find a few manners and few millionaires. may find a few paupers and few millionaires in the Church, the substantial prosperity of Christian nations is within her pale. Christians may be in adversity, but they realize that it is a blessed discipline for a higher life, and that it is better for them than pros-

perity.

Christianity, we grant, forbids some profitable occupations and artifices; but none that are really and permanently such. It forbids nothing that is consistent with vir

the history of the liquor traffic illustrate.

While we point to fruit which is better than gold and revenues better than choice silver, and urge men to become Christians by high and holy considerations, we insist that their refusal to become such because that their rerusal to become such because they desire wordly prosperity is madness. Were there no hell nor heaven, we would commend the principles and precepts and examples of the Christian religion with a view to secure the advantages of the present life.—Christian Advocate and Journal.

The Christian Gentleman.

stoop to a fraud. He invades no secrets in the keeping of another. He betrays no secrets confided to his own keeping. He never struts in borrowed plumage. He takes selfish advantages of no man's mistakes. He uses no ignoble weapons of controversy. He never stabs in the dark. He is ashamed of never stabs in the dark. He is ashamed of inuendoes. He is not one thing to a man's face and another behind his back. If by accident he comes into possession of his neighbor's counsels, he passes upon them an act of instant oblivion. He bears sealed packages without tampering with the wax. Papers not meant for his eye, whether they flutter at his window or lie open before him in unguarded exposure, are sacred to him. Which man may expect the favor ence—he who loves and obeys God, to disregards both the Maker and re anything in the doctrines, the for the institutions of Christianity inconsistent with worldly prospertue, the Gospel enjoins spiritual of sight—near the thinnest partition—any the Gospel enjoins spiritual of sight—near the thinnest partition—any the caches us to lay up treasures the content of the fact. The press will not the fact. The press will not the content of the profession of the server the serve tramples on no sensative feeling. He insults no man. If he have rebuke for any other, he is straightforward, open, and marly. He full and reliable information. It promised cannot descend to scurrility. Billingsgate to communicate the truth, good or evil, to don't lie in his track. From all profane and the public whenever it was sure of the facts.

minister to our necessities, and declares by an apostle that if we fail to work we are not worthy to eat.

The same apostle, though charged with the care of all the Churches, working with his own hands to supply his wants and the necessities of his companions, could hold himself up as an example of industry and carefulness. The great constellation of Christian virtues embraces "whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, and whatsoever things are of good report." The is not the spring builds his little house in the meadow, and chirps for joy, because all is going so well with him. But when he hears the sound of the plow a few furrows off and the thunder of the oxen's tread, then the sky begins to look dark, and his heart things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, and whatsoever things are of good report." The institutions of religion do indeed involve expense, but how little compared with the other expenses of life? how little compared with the other expenses of life? how little compared with the other expenses of life? how little compared with the care of all the Churches, working with him was the earth. The time the same apostle, though charged with the eare of all the Churches, working with him bearts the sound of the plow a few furrows off and the plow and he is in heaven, and not on earth. The time the same apostle, though their particulon of private property. How many houses deceit and sham. This is no time for needless criminations. We incultant the port of meades criminations. We incultant the pole upon and the plow as the deport of the seat of war, now at last arrived by messenger and mail, promoted deceit and sham. This is no time for needless criminations. We incultant the pole upon and the thunder of the oxen's tread, then any single head. But none are without that he turns his dwelling better the oxen's tread, then any single head. But none are without that he turns his dwelling better to obe dark, and his heart the oxen's tread, then the profit o

# MISCELLANEOUS.

Crisis in the States.

The N. Y. World of Friday last contain the following startling article:
The nation is in the most eventful of its history. On the prompt patriotism of the loyal North, on the moral courage and the loyal North, on the moral courage and foresight of its rulers, hang all our destinies—hangs the very existence of the republic. The Union is to day not worth a farthing's insurance, unless within the next fifty days, the three hundred thousand men called for by the President rush to arms, unless the President himself appreciates in all its instant peril and all its momentuous consequences the exigency of the hour.

The best army which the world has

seen, splendidly equipped, thoroughly trained, well officered, and ably led, has been, at Richmond, outnumbered, checked and driven back. Another year of desperate fighting united South has been put forth. The army which surrounded and defended their capi-tal has been doubled by reinforcements from

Georgia to Texas, while we have dribbled out to our general but a few beggarly thousands, hardly enough to make up his loss of killed, wounded, and sick, since he landed at Yorktown. At least one hundred and seventy-five thousand men have been led against us in the six days' terrific onslaught of the last and present week.

Read the letters of our correspon eye-witnesses of those awful encounters— who saw day after day, from Wednesday He is above a mean thing. He cannot morning till Tuesday night, whole brigades atoop to a fraud. He invades no secrets in and divisions of the rebel army hurled with

over the territory which remains unconquered-everywhere energy and everywhere the victories which we know ourselves able and

The shifting of a general here and there will not satisfy the people. Nor the dis-placement of a mere war minister. The misnanagement of our finances has cost the nation more than our war expenses; the in-competency and slowness of the head of the Naval Department lost us Norfolk, and has inconceivably delayed the energetic prosecution of the war. The alternate fatuity and frenzy of the war minister have cost us many a thousand lives and months more hard fighting. What strength from the na-tion, what wisdom in council, does the

## The Cost of the War.

don't lie in his track. From all profane and wanton dialect his lips are chastened. Of wanton dialect his lips are chastened. Of woman, and to her, he speaks with decency and respect. In short, whatever he judges honorable he practices towards every man.

Foolish Thoughts.

We are apt to believe in Providence so leng as we have our own way; but if things go awry, then we think, if there is a God he is in heaven, and not on earth. The The cost of the war to the Government, up

profits and depreciation of property have been fabulous. The wheels of manufactories have

show for our superior num or ?—what for our superior Power? We what we northern since was not northern ends are seed by our leaders to skine pre-uninear, to win the victories which we ask to win I Living the victories which we ask to win I Living the victories of the churches want to bring about the circles which we are the our course. The Separate School state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the state of the churches want to bring about the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the churches want to bring about the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the desired between the proposed for the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the desired between the proposed for the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the desired between the proposed for the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when a state of the warment enthusiasm, and when the proposed for the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when the proposed for the state of the warment enthusiasm, and when the proposed for the state of the warment enthusiasm

given, it appears that the Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada is lending his influence to break down the Common School sys em of education, by preparing a bill which provides that any benevolent society or congregation of any religious persuasion may establish Separate Schools, and be entitled to assistance from the Common School monies of the place. Dr. Ryerson's reasons for yielding to the demand for State-supported denominational schools, are, that the Common school system is too expensive, and that

feelings are best expressed in the shortest terms. I shall, therefore, only say, that from my heart I thank you for your personal kindness towards me. (Applause.) But, gentlemen, I am not vain enough to think that this grand demonstration of feeling is merely a personal compliment intended for myself. I accept it, and looking at it in this point of view, I can assure you that it gives me more satisfaction than would be afforded me from the mere gratification of my personal mon school system is too expensive, and that it does not reach the children now wandering about the streets, and being educated in the school of theft and vice.

It is not clear to us how the cost of the Common School system can be lessened by the introduction of a number of Separate Schools receiving their support from the Common School fund. Nor is it plain to us that Separate Schools will gather up the Arabs of the streets. In fact that class is

hard fighting. What strength from the council, does the President get from the two or three who should be his tower of strength? "Tried and found wanting" is the damning verdict which the nation pronounces against most of the men to whom the president has contracted for them the administration of the it war—through whose arms they expected their own vigor and unfaltering will to flow and strike to the destruction of traitors and the crushing out of their monstrous rebellion.

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The common School fund. Nor is it plain to us have shown me emboldens me to that the same to take they on, and to say a few words to you, not in an official capacity, nor with the authority of the office I hold, but in the authority of the office I hold, b mindedness, teaches us to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth, demands a Sabbath, a sanctuary, a ministry, and sends us on a mission of mercy to the world; but at the same time it requires a proper regard to lay up treasures to lay up treasures, the most vigorous measures, discouragement upon voluntary efforts of churches or societies to bring a christian influence to bear not only upon neglected children, but upon the whole non church-going population of the land. These efforts may and ought to be put forth. And if churches possess the right spirit, they will not wait for State support to aid in saving vagrant children. But we fear there is less sympathy for this class of the community in the Separate School movement, than of desire to extend denominational influence of the Province at large.

The friends of national Education and the opponents of State aid to denominational sohemes, should lose no time in resisting the the opponents of State aid to denominational sohemes, should lose no time in resisting the efforts of many ministers in Western Canada. It is probable that a majority of the laity is opposed to the schemes now on foot; but it is evident that the influence of some churches, backed by the Superintendent of Education, is likely to bring about a state of things in the Western soction of the Province, similar to that which existed during the Clergy Reserve excitement. Such offorts must be counteracted, and perhaps one of the first steps should be the holding of county conventions or conferences on the question of the first steps should be the holding of county conventions or conferences on the question of the conduct of the Superintendent of Education, in his efforts to break down that

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emergency to put forth their strength to meet any attack. [Applause.] I speak in the presence of a great mercantile community, and I only ask you to take the common precaution of every merchant in the case of venture to insure against risk or loss (Applause.) But, gentremen, the insurance which I ask you to effect has this advantage over ordinary commercial business transaction, that not only will you repair less should

it take place, but in all probability the moral effect proluced by the insurance will prevent the risk ever taking place. (Applause.) Gentlemen, I have thought it my duty as before stated, as your friend, to lay these views before you; and now I turn with