

The Sowing.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening
withhold not thy hand.—Eccles. xi 6

BY REV. G. W. TUTTLE.

Sow, in the morning sow,
Nor cease at eventide. [grow,
Thou know'st not which to fruit may
Or which in earth abide

But watch with jealous care,
That all thy seeds be good;
For evil seeds alike will share,
Earth's fertilizing food.

Sow wide in every field,
The precious vital grain;
So shall the earth a harvest yield,
To compensate thy pain.

But water well thy seed,
With many a prayer and tear;
Nor suffer any noxious weed,
In all thy fields to appear.

Lord of the harvest, bless
The seeds Thyself hast given;
And may our fruits of righteousness,
Be garnered up in heaven.

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The Methodist Church and Education.

At the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on March 18th, the Rev. Dr. Burwash, of Victoria University, preached the educational anniversary sermon. He took his text from Matthew xviii., 5th verse—"And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth Me." There was, he said, a wondrous breadth of significance in the words of Christ. The more the words were fathomed the greater the truth that seemed to be in them. There was Christ taking a little child and setting him up to the greatest of God's disciples, and from that little child teaching them lessons regarding their duty. Christ shows that duty to God and duty to man are one, and that man can properly discharge the duty of God which is at the same time discharging the duty to his fellow-man. Parents should educate the young and look after their spiritual and intellectual spirits for the sake of their own after life. They could not enjoy life if they had the young growing up in utter neglect and barbarity. Christ told them that it was not for their own sakes alone, but for His sake—for the sake of the obligations and duties which they owed to Him. When they came into the world they

came into Christian homes; homes blessed with all the affections of fathers and mothers, and with their love and devotion. The homes were blessed still more with the precepts of God's Holy Book. They found provided for them a system of Christian education, and they began to see something of the debt of gratitude which they owed God. Take the Bible out of a life; take the influence of Christianity out of it, and what would they be? What would wealth be to them? What would intellectual development be for them? The home is the holiest of places on earth. A man's true character was seen at home, and the consequence is that the child's character was moulded by the parent. Take a child after fourteen years of home life, and in nine cases out of ten his character was moulded for time and for eternity. The impressions made upon that child at home, would never leave him. They must brighten the atmosphere of home; they must lead a Christian life at home. They wanted the highest principles of truth taught at home. If they made their homes what they should be, they were doing everything to make the coming generations grander, nobler, and better than those which had lived in the past.

The Catechism in our Schools.

On a recent Sabbath I attended the Seaford School. The spirit, order, and general efficiency of the school were manifest; and a most hopeful indication is the general attention paid to catechism lessons. I taught, in the absence of the teacher, a class of six girls, who I judge were about 13 to 15 years of age. Five of them had the answer to the question, "How many persons are there in the Godhead?" without missing scarcely a word, and the proof text; the other probably would have recited as well, but she had been absent for a long time from the school. After lesson hour the Superintendent, Mr. Gray, asked the question from the desk, and nearly the whole school gave the answer. The lesson for the day is the question published in the *Banner* and *Berean Leaf*, and taken from Catechism No. 2, with the Scripture proof; and the first work of the teacher is to ask for the Catechism lesson, then the subject of the day, with the Golden Text, all of which are supposed to be well committed to memory. By using the lesson in the *Banner* there is no need of buying catechisms nor any danger of mistaking what the lesson is for the day.

ALFRED ANDREWS.

In our issue of March 17th, we printed a page of the New Dominion Hymnal, and described the music in the book as clear and sharp as copper-plate. We were sorry to find, however, that the selected page when printed looked dull and blurred. We wish our readers to understand that it was the original book to which we referred, which is most carefully and clearly printed. The page which appeared in this paper was only a copy taken by a mechanical process, and was far inferior to the original.—[Ed. H. & S.]

THE Island of Mackinaw, at the entrance to Lake Michigan, was the scene of some of the most stirring incidents in the early history of Canada, and possesses some very attractive



THE BERMUDAS.

scenery. It is, therefore, well worth a visit by summer tourists. But, before they visit it, they should procure a copy of the handsome illustrated guide-book to the Mackinaw region, by the Rev. J. A. Van Fleet, M.A., Detroit, Mich., 8vo, pp. 50. By its aid stay-at-home travellers may gain a very good idea of the island and its historic associations.

American Humorists. By the Rev. H. R. HAWES, M.A. New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, 15 cents.

H. R. Hawes, the author of *American Humorists*, the third book of the 1883 Series Standard Library, is a distinguished clergyman of the Church of England, pastor of a church in London, a graduate of Oxford University, and the author of several literary works. Mr. Hawes has not been so popular a preacher as he is as a writer, owing, probably, to a defective delivery and a poor voice, for which, however, he has greatly atoned by the matter of his discourses, which he utters extemporaneously. No writer in England was, in all respects, better qualified to write a book on American humorists than he. He presents in a fine setting the wit and wisdom of Washington Irving, Oliver W. Holmes, James R. Lowell, Artemus Ward, Mark Twain, and Bret Harte, and he does it *con amore*.

The Hebrew Christian is the name of a well printed and interesting four page paper, published by the Rev. Jacob Freshman, No. 25 East 7th St., New York. It will be sent free to any one asking for it. It contains an admirable portrait of the late Hon. William E. Dodge, the Christian philanthropist. Of Brother Freshman and his work the *Christian Intelligencer* makes the following remarks:

"There are 80,000 Hebrews in this city. The Rev. Jacob Freshman is engaged in an endeavor to bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Messiah and the Redeemer of Israel. His father was a Jewish Rabbi in Quebec, was converted, and became a Methodist clergyman. He was received into the Christian Church at a union meeting of all the Protestant churches in Quebec. Mr. Jacob Freshman came to this city with the cordial endorsement of Canadian Christians.

He is doing an undenominational work. The services are well attended, and many inquirers call on the missionary at his house. A church of twenty members has been organized. Tracts are distributed in English, German and Hebrew. Mrs. Freshman has a class of twenty Hebrew children under instruction. The enterprise needs the gifts, sympathies, and prayers of the Christians of this city and vicinity. It is earnestly commended to them. Contributions can be sent to A. D. F. Randolph, Esq., 900 Broadway. Mr. Freshman's address is 25 Seventh street.

The Winter Home of the Princess Louise.

THE above cut gives a bird's-eye view of the winter home of the Princess Louise. And, truly, to no more delightful spot could she go to escape the rigors of a Canadian winter, than to those

Summer isles of Eden, lying
In dark purple spheres of sea—

the lovely Bermudas. It is a perfect land of the Lotus Eaters—a land where it seems always afternoon—where the flowers ever bloom, and no storms ever blow. Lying about 700 miles southeast of New York, the waters of the Gulf Stream make the climate like a continual spring. In many of the lovely bays, as one looks over the boat side down through the transparent water, to his surprise and delight he finds that

Floating, he glides o'er the coral grove,
Where the purple mullet and gold fish rove.

And some of the grottoes near the shore are perfect, natural fish-ponds, where the most brilliant kinds of the finny tribe may continually be found.

Her Royal Highness seems to take to her winter home very kindly, and has won the love of the islanders, white and black, by her unaffected simplicity and affability. The red coats of the British soldiers, the blue jackets of the British sailors, and the red, white, and blue of the Union Jack, will make the Princess feel that Britain's prowess and protection are about her no less than in her Canadian or her English home.

We trust that her health may soon be so restored that she may return to the loyal hearts that love her in our fair Dominion.