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MR. WM. EWING, B.A., student, intends going to Manitoba this summer, to cut himself out a field of labour there.

ENGLISH Congregationalism has recently lost two good men in Messrs. John Crossley and George Hadfield. Both were at one time in Parliament.

SINCE the stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank, in October last, 516 bankrupts in Scotland have been awarded sequestration. That is how the innocent suffer with the guilty in this world.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND is likely to make the Canada Temperance Act a provincial matter. King's County is to vote on its adoption on the 29th of May, and then, if adopted, the entire island will be under its provisions. We hope that the friends of temperance will be successful at the polls.

A LETTER from Zanzibar announces the arrival of Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, with M. Dutalis, the officer in command of the Belgian expedition in Africa. It is stated that Mr. Stanley will act as guide and interpreter to the Belgian exploring expedition under M. Dutalis.

MR. JOSEPH WISEMAN, of this city, while walking home on the G. T. R., near the Don Station, on the evening of the 12th inst, was struck by a passing train and instantly killed. He was at the time carrying some flowers for a funeral that was to take place on following day. He was a member of the Western Congregational Church. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved family.

WHO is responsible for that brutal prize-fight which took place at Long Point on the 8th of this month? Is it true that a Canadian public official permitted one of the pugilists to use his residence as "headquarters"—that residence being government property? Will any investigation be made into this matter, and will the official referred to be summarily dealt with should he be found guilty? It is an outrage on decency that the fight was permitted. There is no doubt that it could have been hindered with a little care.

WE see that the friends of the late Samuel Martin, of Westminster Chapel, London, propose to do something in the way of a memorial to him. The present purpose is to thoroughly repair the interior of the church in which he ministered so long, and to place in it an organ worthy of itself. Besides this, a bust of Mr. Martin is to be placed in a niche in one of the adjacent vestries. At a preliminary meeting, confined to the members of the congregation, about £1,200 was secured to carry out these designs; but about £3,000 will be needed altogether.

WE have received the first number of the "Illustrated Journal of Agriculture," published by the department of agriculture for the Province of Quebec. It is a neatly-printed monthly journal of sixteen pages, printed in English and French, and is ably edited by Ed. A. Barnard, a practical farmer. It declares its mission to be to make farming more profitable, the home more attractive, and the profession of agriculture more honourable. We cordially commend it not only to the farmers of Quebec but to the whole Dominion. One dollar per annum in advance. Address Ed. A. Barnard, 10 St. Vincent street, Montreal.

STANDARD New England has been shocked by that Freeman tragedy in Pocasset, Massachusetts. Charles F. Freeman is a Second Adventist, and has been greatly excited of late through attending revival meetings. On the 2nd of May, he took the life of his little daughter, five years old, in obedience, as he said, to a revelation from God. It seems that he expected that the child would be raised from the dead. And what is marvellous, he found those who commended the murder and shared in his anticipation. What will not religious fanaticism do? There is great danger when uninstructed, superstitious minds are subjected to strong emotional excitement. Excesses of some sort will inevitably appear then. "Teach as well as arouse," should be the motto of every Christian labourer.

THE American Home Missionary Society held its anniversary at the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, on the 4th of May. The society has 946 ministers in its service scattered over thirty-four states and territories; 2,216 congregations and missionary stations have been served; 87,573 pupils are in the Sunday schools; 78 churches have been organized during the year, and 47 have become self-supporting; 385 ministers report 3,245 conversions; 5,232 have been added to the churches. The receipts amounted to \$273,691, and the expenditure to \$260,330. The society has debts to the amount of \$50,399. The work of this society during fifty-three years has been vast and eminently successful, and we rejoice to see that it is not losing ground, although often in straits on account of its financial needs. American Congregationalists have on the whole supported their home mission work liberally. Still they can do more and better than they have done as yet.

THE Congregationalists of the North-Western States held their eighth annual convention, in Chicago, the week before last. This convention, to which every church in the North-Western States is entitled to send one delegate, manages the affairs of the Chicago Theological Seminary. The report of the seminary's work presented was very interesting. In twenty-one years there have been 404 students in the institution. The graduating class this year numbered ten. It came out during the proceedings that twenty-five years ago there were in the States to which the seminary more immediately belongs less than 400 Congregational churches; now there are some 1,400. A proposal was adopted to raise a quarter-centennial fund of \$150,000 to complete unfinished endowments of several professorships, to endow a professorship of New Testament literature, for permanent general funds, for the library, and for additional scholarships. There is no doubt that the proposal will be carried out. We see also that there was a great deal of talk about the special or short cause; but the opinion of the majority was that it should be retained. At the same time the fact was emphasized that the cause is a "special" one—only a special adjunct to the main work of the seminary.

## THE IDEAL TEACHER.

BY F. N. CLARK.

The following is the substance of a paper read before the Congregational Sunday school teachers of Toronto at their annual social in the Western Church.

The ideal teacher is a Christian. He is a disciple of Christ. He has chosen Christ as his Saviour, Teacher, Master, Example. Our avowed aim as teachers is to persuade our scholars to become Christians. If we ourselves have no experience in the new life we are not competent to teach others concerning it. The apostle, John, says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." When the Samaritans wanted to help in building the sacred temple none but those who were willing to purify themselves were allowed to take part. So all who undertake the work of Sunday school teaching ought to be decided Christians.

The ideal teacher, in the midst of doubters, sceptics, free-thinkers, is unmoved, as he is "established in the faith of Christ."

The ideal teacher prepares himself for his work early in the week and is not content to leave the study of the lesson until a few minutes before school time. He studies at first without the aid of commentaries or lesson schemes; for a thought of his own will be expressed much more forcibly than the thoughts of others. After preparing his own scheme, he is then better fitted to profit by outside helps.

The ideal teacher teaches by example. He is solicited by a companion to go to a theatre or to a ball, but will not consent, for he remembers that example is better than precept. Perhaps he may not see any harm to himself in these amusements, but it occurs to him that the most pious men of all ages have looked upon them as worldly; and he would rather have the world point at him as too particular, than have the Church mourn over him as being too worldly.

Walking along the street, he sees one of his scholars, dressed, perhaps, in his every-day clothes, which may be none of the best. He will not pass without recognition, and will, if possible, stop and shake hands.

A finely-dressed lady, walking with a friend, saw a little ragged girl—one of her scholars—on the opposite side of the street. Excusing herself for a moment, she crossed over and spoke a few kind words to the little one. Certainly the teacher was none the worse for this act, and the scholar was much the better for it.

The ideal teacher will not forget to pray for each of his class, *by name*, at his own home. Not only must he be prepared to teach, but his class must be prepared to receive his teaching, and prayer is a mighty power in this direction.

The ideal teacher is punctual. If he comes late, some of his scholars will form the same bad habit. He prefers, therefore, to come about five minutes before the school is opened to welcome the class and make them feel at home as well as to keep them in order. They will be almost certainly out of order if no one is there to take charge of them, and they will be apt to annoy other teachers by attracting the attention of the surrounding classes.

When the superintendent rings the bell for order the ideal teacher will have order in his class at once. Many superintendents would be grateful for this kind of assistance.

In the class, the ideal teacher will be patient and gentle. If he loses control of his temper, he loses control of his class. He will also be hopeful. He has good ground for hope. God has promised that "His word shall not return unto Him void," and "they who sow in tears shall reap in joy."

While aware of the benefits of a good stock of anecdote