

the man who will stand the best chance of becoming prosperous and influential, and is the man who will, under any circumstances, have the supreme satisfaction of having done his work like a man.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE SEEN IN FACTS.

A remarkable instance of God's watchful care over His own work and workers is given in Dr. Cyrus Hamlin's story of "Life among the Turks."

"At a critical point in the history of Turkish missions, the Sultan Mahmud suddenly startled the whole empire by an order for the expulsion of the missionaries. The news fell like a thunderbolt unhurled by the lightning flash. The order was so imperious and arbitrary, and Mahmud was so unreasonable and implacable, that even Mr. Brown, the Secretary of the American Legation, and Commodore Porter gave over the case as hopeless. Commodore Porter prepared a dispatch to the Sublime Porte, acquiescing on behalf of the missionaries, for whom he would not venture to interpose. Just then, on the first of July, 1839, the Sultan himself died, at the very hour when the missionaries were waiting in suspense for the execution of the order! And at the same time his entire fleet was betrayed into the hands of the Pasha of Egypt, and the Ottoman army of 80,000 men was almost annihilated. Well may Dr. Hamlin exclaim: 'A startling series of events that struck every heart with dismay!' Man proposes, but God disposes. A higher plan swallows up the lower, as Aaron's rod swallowed all the rest. Dr. Goodell had, in the very midnight of that trial hour, and before there was the first hint of a dawn, said in his own peculiar way: '*The great Sultan of the universe can change all this,*' and lo! it was done. 'God blew and they were scattered.' The work of the missions was resumed with new courage; the exiles came back, and the execution of Mahmud's order of expulsion was never again referred to. The silence of the grave fell on the Sultan and his tyrannical decree alike. A higher hand was holding the invisible sceptre."

The Home Mission work of the Church is yearly increasing. The number labouring in the home field under the direction of the Western Committee alone during the present summer is about 229. viz., 76 ministers and licentates 114 students and 39 catechists. The whole expenditure of the Church during the past year for both Home Missions and Augmentation, both of which are included in home work was about \$158,000.

WAIT.

I saw the proprietor of a large garden, stand at his fence and call over to a poor neighbor. "Would you like some grapes?"

"Yes, and very thankful to you," was the ready answer.

"Well, then bring your basket." The basket was quickly brought and handed over the fence. The owner took it and disappeared among the vines; but marked that he was depositing in all the while rich and various clusters from the fruitful labyrinth in which he had hid himself. The woman stood at the fence the meanwhile, and hopeful. At length he reappeared with a well-replenished basket, saying: "I have made you wait a good while, but, you know, the longer you have to wait, the more grapes."

It is so, thought I, with the Proprietor of all things. He says to me, and to all, "What shall I give thee! What shall I do for thee? Ask, and thou shalt receive." So I bring my empty vessel—my needy, but capacious soul. He disappears. I am not always so patient and trustful as the poor woman. Sometimes I cry out, How long! how long! At last he comes to me—how richly laden! and kindly chides my impatience, saying: "Have I made thee wait long? See what I have been treasuring up for thee all the while!" Then I look, and behold! fruits more, richer, than I had asked for! and I pour out my heart's thanks to my generous Benefactor, and grieve that I distrusted him; and I carry away my burden with joy, and find that the longer he makes me wait, the more he gives.—*Home Circle.*

THE "PRUDENT USE" OF ARDENT SPIRITS.

I know that much is said about the prudent use of ardent spirits; but we might as well speak of the prudent use of the plague—of fire handled prudently among powder—of poison taken prudently every day—of vipers and serpents introduced prudently into our dwellings, to glide about as a matter of courtesy to visitors, and of amusement to our children.

First or last, in spite of your prudence, the contagion will take, the deleterious poison will tell upon the system, and the fangs or the serpent will inflict death.

THERE IS NO PRUDENT USE OF ARDENT SPIRITS.

All who receive it into the system are not destroyed by it; but if any vegetable were as poisonous to as many as the use of ardent spirits proves destructive, it would be banished from the table; it would not be prudent to use it at all. The effect of attempt-