

A NEW "MISSIONARY EXPEDIENT."

The Rev. John Durrant, of Stratford, has invented and patented an ingenious contrivance for cleaning lamp glasses of all shapes and sizes. Being a contrivance required in every household, it is to be hoped a sufficient demand for them may spring up to yield substantial "aid" and comfort to our venerable brother, in that green old age to which a gracious Providence has spared him. What the "special contributor" has said in another capacity respecting this "expedient" may without impropriety be quoted here. The following is from the *Canada Farmer* of Nov. 5, 1866:—

"NEW INVENTION FOR CLEANING LAMP GLASSES.—We have received a communication from the Rev. John Durrant of Stratford, in which he informs us that he has taken out a patent for a new device intended to clean the interior of lamp-glasses. A sample of the invention accompanies the letter. We have tried this lamp cleaner on glasses of differently shaped concavities, and find that it instantaneously and perfectly accommodates itself to them all. It needs no adjusting with slides or springs, like some of the contrivances for the same purpose, being strictly self-adjusting. It is a very simple affair, so much so indeed that it at first excites your curiosity as to whether it will really do the work assigned it. A trial, however, at once convinces you of its efficiency. Mr. Durrant informs us that it will be extensively manufactured forthwith, and will probably sell at \$1.50 per dozen to wholesale dealers, and 20 cents each retail. As a Canadian expedient for what has come to be a universal want and a necessity in every household, we are glad to speak well of this invention."

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

By the recommendation of the *Evangelical Alliance* the services of this week are to be observed as follows:—

Sunday, Jan. 6.—Sermons on the presence of Christ with his Universal Church.

Monday, Jan. 7.—Thanksgiving and confession of sins.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.—Prayer: For nations; for "kings, and all in authority;" for the increase of righteousness, the prevalence of peace, and the holy observance of the Sabbath.

Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Prayer: For the success of missions among Jews and Gentiles, and for a divine blessing to accompany the efforts to evangelize the unconverted of all lands and classes.

Thursday, Jan. 10.—Prayer: For all who have suffered in the recent wars: for our brethren emancipated from slavery: and for our fellow Christians persecuted for the Gospel's sake.

Friday, Jan. 11.—Prayer: For Christian families, for schools, colleges, and universities.

Saturday, Jan. 12.—Prayer: For the Catholic Church, for all ministers of the gospel, and for the increase of holiness, fidelity and Christian charity among its members.

Sunday, Jan. 13.—Sermons: On the Unity of the Church, and the duty of believers to manifest it by mutual recognition and active co-operation.

HOW GAIN ATTENTION?—In order to gain and keep the attention of a class, one thing above all is needed. We have insisted on it so often that we are almost in shame to mention it again. We mean the ability to teach without books. We never see a teacher with question book in one hand and bible in the other, peering first with one eye at the question, and then with the other at the verse or verses referred to, and watching to see what words the scholar leaves out and what he puts in, but we think of a drill serjeant attempting, by a like method, to drill a squad of raw recruits in the manual of arms.