

it was that he took from his breast-pocket a little book and read from it all the remainder of the Gospel story, beginning with the ever comforting words, "Woman, why weepest thou?" and ending "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." So then, Christ the Redeemer lived again, he told me, and was gone up to heaven to pray for us, and if we trusted in Him, and strove to please Him, we should certainly go to Him when we died, and never see that place I had seen a picture of.

Upon this, being very glad, I lifted up my face to kiss Mr. Mompesson. I had been a good deal awed and frightened while the issue of the event was doubtful, and now in my relief and exultation I danced about the place for joy. Most people, I should think, would have checked these manifestations of delight with severity, as irreverent. Mr. Mompesson did not. He sat looking on with his arms folded, repeating, when I asked him, that what he had told me was quite true, "perfectly true;" and when, tired at last, I came to him to be taken on his knee, he held me in his arms, and said that now I must try and be a good child.—*Off the Skelligs, by Jean Ingelow.*

CONFIRMATION OF SCRIPTURE.

It has often been doubted if the blessings and cursings spoken on Mounts Ebal and Gerizim, as recorded in Deut. xxvii. could really be heard by the people in the valley below, who were to "answer and say Amen." On this point a writer in the London *Sunday School Times* says:—"On the 22nd of March last I stood myself on Gerizim—not on the top, but on a spur, like a platform, on the side, above the valley: and there is a similar platform opposite, on Ebal. A friend stood on Ebal, opposite. There was a congregation of from twelve to fifteen below us. My friend on Ebal first read the curses (see Deut. xxvii.) one by one; and the people below shouted, Amen, after each of them. I followed, reading the blessings in the next chapter, and our friends below responding the same with their 'Amen.' Then we read several verses in the first chapter of John, and the one and other reading every alternate sentence. Not only the people in the village below, but I myself, standing on the side of Gerizim, could hear most distinctly every word that my friend read on the side of Ebal and vice versa. We did not measure the distance, but it was estimated by the party to be nearly a mile."

"INDEPENDENT" AFFAIRS.

The proprietors of this magazine held a special meeting in Toronto on the 29th April, at which several important items of business were transacted. Some of these will be made known to our friends in a circular, which will be issued after the present number, and which pastors and others into whose hands copies may come are earnestly requested, first, to read and consider for themselves, and secondly, to put into the hands of the head of every family, whether member or attendant, connected with the Congregational churches of the Dominion.

The object in view, in thus addressing our friends at this time, is, that such counsel and action may be taken in every locality, as may enable ministers and

delegates to come to the Union Meeting with definite knowledge and plans.

One new measure now proposed may be entitled the "wholesale" plan. It is embodied in the following resolution, emanating from the Bond Street Church, Toronto, and adopted, after amendments, here incorporated, by the proprietors.

"That this church, desiring to have all its members and adherents kept constantly informed in respect to the principles and proceedings of the Congregational Body, and at the same time to increase the circulation and resources of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, submit the following proposal to the proprietors of that magazine:—