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"THE CORE HAS A" POPULATION OF FROM TWELVE TO FIFTEEN MILLIONS, WHO HAVE NEVER YET HAD ANY PORTION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES IN THEIR OWN TONGUE.

"PROFESSOR SWING" THINKS THAT ONE SERMON ON THE SABBATH IS ENOUGH FOR ANY MAN TO PREACH. HE DOES NOT THINK IT BEST FOR A MAN TO "TO MAKE A MERE GUINEA-FOWL OF HIMSELF AND GUBBLE INCESSANTLY."

HAS YOUR CHURCH A DEBT? THEN GO AT IT. PAY IT OFF! TRY! WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY. IF YOU CANNOT PAY THE WHOLE, THEN CUT A SLICE FROM IT. START THE BALL YOURSELF AND OTHERS WILL FALL IN AND HELP.

PARIS IS WAITING TO GIVE A GRAND WELCOME TO THOSE WHO GO TO THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING, COMMENCING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, AT THREE P.M. SHARP. BROTHERS SHOULD GO, AND FORETELL THEIR ARRIVAL BY A CARD TO REV. W. H. ALLWORTH.

THE BEST KNOWN OF THE RECENT HYMNS OF SANKEY, BLISS AND OTHERS ARE BEING TRANSLATED INTO THE VERNACULAR BY THE REV. ISAAC FIELDBRAY, NATIVE PASTOR OF THE HINDOSTANI CHURCH AT LUCKNOW, INDIA. THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE MISSION SCHOOLS ARE ALREADY SINGING ABOUT FIFTY OF THEM.

WE ARE VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT THE REV. MR. AND MRS. BROOKS, OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HAVE LOST THEIR SECOND CHILD, A BRIGHT LITTLE FELLOW OF TWENTY MONTHS, AFTER AN ILLNESS OF A VERY FEW DAYS. IT IS LONELY ENOUGH IN THE HOUR OF BEGRIEVEMENT FOR US WHEN RELATIVES SURROUND US, BUT IT MUST BE DOUBBLY LONELY WHEN SO FAR AWAY AS OUR FRIENDS MR. AND MRS. BROOKS ARE. WE TENDER THEM OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

CAPTAIN CAREY, THE BRITISH OFFICER WHO WAS SEVERELY CEASURED OR ACCOUNT OF HIS CONDUCT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SLAYING OF THE PRINCE IMPERIAL BY THE ZULUS, IS A PRAYING SOLDIER. HE BESOUGHT THE LORD TO INTERPOSE IN HIS BEHALF AND REGARDS THE REMOVAL OF THE CENSURE AS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO HIS THEORY ALTHOUGH SOME JOURNALS HAVE SPOKEN OF IT AS EFFEMINATE. DOES NOT GOD HEAR THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER IN HIS HOUR OF NEED?

THE POPE'S LATEST ENCYCLICAL IS SUBSTANTIALLY A DENUNCIATION OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY IN ALL ITS FORMS, AND A PLEA FOR RETURNING TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOLASTICS OF THE MIDDLE AGES, AMONG WHOM HE SPECIALLY ADMIRES THOMAS AQUINAS. GREGORY THE THIRTEENTH IS

wise in his generation. The Church of Rome properly belongs to those dark days. The light of modern times is rather strong for her eyesight. It will be much safer for her to amuse her students with the desultory speculations of mediæval metaphysics than allow them to pursue knowledge by the inductive method.

Will all our readers inform their friends that the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT will be sent fifteen months, from the first of October for one dollar. If a member in your church is not a subscriber let him know of this, and urge him to remit at once. Better still, get up a club. Any one sending us a club of five new subscribers will receive the paper fifteen months as our acknowledgement of his or her helpful efforts. We expect a greatly enlarged subscription list. Read our "Important Notice" in another column.

IT WAS A COMPLIMENT TO A CERTAIN WESTERN PREACHER WORTH GETTING, WHEN A LITTLE CHILD, WHOSE FRIENDSHIP AND JOYE HE HAD SECURED AT THE HOUSE WHICH HE WAS MAKING HIS TEMPORARY ABIDING PLACE, WOKE FROM HER MORNING NAP ONE SABBATH, FOUND THE PEOPLE ALL AT CHURCH, TODDLED TO THE PLACE OF WORSHIP, AND CAME DEMURELY DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE PULPIT TO LOOK UP INTO THE MINISTER'S FACE AND SAY: "I GUESS YOU FORGOT ME." EVERY STEP OF TRUE GOSPEL PROGRESS, OF WHICH SUNDAY SCHOOL LIFE IS AN INDEX, MAKES THE MINISTERS OF THAT GOSPEL LESS APT TO FORGET THE CHILDREN, AND CERTAINLY MAKES CHILDREN LESS WILLING TO BE FORGOTTEN BY THEM.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO THE PORTE ALLOWED ONLY THREE HUNDRED JEWS TO RESIDE IN JERUSALEM. THERE WERE 13,000 THERE IN 1375. THE JEWS HAVE BOUGHT UP ALL THE LAND THAT COULD BE BOUGHT IN THE HOLY CITY, AND HAVE ALSO BUILT ENTIRE STREETS OF HOUSES OUTSIDE THE WALLS. THE GERMAN JEWS HAVE NO LESS THAN SIXTEEN CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CITY. THE RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS ALREADY NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT. TWO JOURNALS HAVE BEEN STARTED. IN THE JEWISH HOSPITALS 6,000 PATIENTS ARE TREATED ANNUALLY. A VENETIAN JEW HAS GIVEN 60,000 FRANCS TO FOUND A SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE IN PALESTINE. THE VALUE OF LAND AT THE GATES OF THE CITY HAS INCREASED MORE THAN TENFOLD IN TEN YEARS, AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF ALL KINDS IS CARRIED ON NIGHT AND DAY.

MR. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, in the course of a lecture which he recently delivered before a Young Men's Club in New York, made the following remarks: "Every man competes with some other man, every labourer with another labourer. In this competition time is an element as well as strength and skill, and when the latter are equal, time wins. He who rises earlier than his competitor, and works more hours, within the limits of healthful endurance, will carry off the prize." It is well for young men to bear this in mind. As Mr. Field also says, "It would indeed be well if men could support themselves on eight hours' work." But young men, until they get a start in life, will do wisely not to be too particular about limiting the number of hours they labour in laying the foundation of independence and prosperity for the whole future of their lives. In all our experience we never knew a poor young man starting out to make his fortune who succeeded without working "night and day," as the saying is. Certainly no one ever made a great success by stubbornly refusing to work more than eight hours a day. Nehemiah and his band, in the face of great difficulties succeeded, and the secret of their success is given "so we laboured in the work." These are the men that are wanted to-day. There are vacancies in the churches for them, vacancies in the pulpit, vacancies in the pew.

"THANK YOU"

BY REV. HUGH EDGAR, COBURG, ONT.

A little while ago I engaged a man to keep the grass cut about the house. The price was named. "Do I need to pay it before the fall?" I asked.

"No! (rather slowly); still if it would be convenient, I wouldn't mind taking a little as I go along."

"A little as I go along?" Well, it seems to me that there are others besides the old gardener who wouldn't be at all vexed if they were dealt with in that way. For instance, there is the preacher. If the New Testament be true, if the expectations of Paul are not a mere phantasm, there is reserved for the faithful minister of Jesus Christ a reward of surpassing glory. But this is in the distance, and therefore lacks the inspiring power that comes from what is near at hand. Could those who listen to him not say their "well done" now in anticipation of the final verdict of approval? Many of our best men are constantly weighted with a sense of failure. Dr. S. H. Tyng, in his earlier days the prince of extempore speakers, seldom left his pulpit without feeling that he had made a mess of it. In such cases as that a word or two, shewing that you have been helped by the sermon, will help the preacher of the sermon. Distinguish, though, between flattery, and thankful appreciation. You can say a kind word without being fulsome.

By the bye, it wouldn't be amiss for me in this connection to tell how a compliment was once received and killed almost in a breath. One Sunday evening, as a number of us were slowly walking homeward, a lady, who had that night been in our church for the first time, said to me rather abruptly, "Do you know, I think that sermon of yours was the best I have heard since I came to the country?" A little confused, by such an overwhelming dose I stammered out, "then you have been hearing pretty poor sermons since your arrival." "Yes indeed I have," was the answer *sotto voce*. I subsided into an embarrassed silence.

But I mustn't spend all my time talking about preachers. There are many other workers that would be wonderfully helped by a hearty "Thank you" neatly or even blunderingly expressed. Need I mention our public school teachers? I wonder how often fathers and mothers take the trouble to express their gratitude to these honourable public servants for the inestimable work they are doing.

Then, too, there are the teachers in the Sunday school. Here are men and women, some of them with little enough of time to spare, and all of them without salary of any kind, coming Sunday after Sunday to teach your children. True, the teacher has a reward in store. He will be welcomed into heaven with the most joyous of heaven's music, he will be crowned with one of its most resplendent diadems. No crown is so radiant as that which is gained with the spirits of those whom we have been helpful to here. Still the teacher would be none the worse for a little help by the way. Therefore, you that have children to be taught, see that you manifest a deep interest in the Sunday school. To it should be given your most earnest prayers, your most loving thoughts, your most genial and generous words. See that the sunny side of your heart is towards the teacher of your dear one. Let him know in your own way that his task is not an utterly thankless one.

Let me sum up this rambling talk. The true worker in the invisible realm of mind and spirit will some day see his harvest, and receive his recompense. And yet, because the flesh is weak, because the heart is liable to grow weary, because the fire of enthusiasm is apt to burn low, because faith sometimes loses its brightness, and hope its steadfastness, he is glad to