

b'leeve but what Farmer Trot's boy'll have to lose his leg with that fever sore."

"Why, I never heard what you was saying. I'm sure, auntie!" said Nannie with reddening face. "I was thinking of something so different—something I've been praying about, 'n I believe God's going to help me to get it; but not the way I thought. I'll tell you by and by."

"All right, dear child," said Aunt Judith, as she folded her stockings. The old lady was called away the next afternoon to tend Mr. Trot's sick boy, and Nannie had an opportunity to carry out the plan which the plummy "fox-tails" had hinted to her.

She brought out her shabby old straw hat with its bands of rusty velvet, and ragged red flowers, lying beside it on the table a faded gray plume, the best end of which was soon snipped off by Nannie's scissors, also a strip of crumpled black lace, which she smoothen and pressed till it looked like new. Then she carefully cleaned the old hat with shoe dressing, after raising the crown and widening the brim, and when the edge was bound, and the velvet brushed and mixed with the lace and the bit of feather sewn on, Nannie surveyed her work with delight.

"It'll do me as much good as a new one!" cried she. "I never thought my answer would come to me in this way!"

"God helped me answer my prayer myself, didn't He, auntie?" Nannie said, when she had displayed the pretty hat to Aunt Judith's wondering eyes.

"He does that way sometimes, dear," said Aunt Judith. "It's of more service to you to have your answer come so, than to 've had a bran new hat come right down from heaven. He always answers us in the way that's best for us."

THE END.

WHAT CHRISTIANITY DOES.

Christianity does not set men at any work of mere resolution, saying, "Come now, let us be humble;" that would but multiply the endless specimens of useless self-mortification. But true Christianity puts men face to face with the humbling facts, the great realities of God and His truth, and then humility comes upon the soul as darkness comes on the face of the earth, not because the earth has made up its mind to be dark, but because it has rolled into the great shadow. It is the narrowness of our life that makes us proud. You merchants would be proud of your successful business if you saw nothing beyond it; and you men and women proud of your splendid houses if you look no further. But if you could only see God forever present in your soul, and your soul worth Jesus dying for, and the souls of your brethren precious in His sight, and the whole universe teeming with work for Him, then must come the humility of the Christian. To that humility let us devote ourselves, for in a humility like that alone is peace.

DR. DANIEL K. PEARSONS, of Chicago, has given to the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational), in aid of poor and worthy students, property valued at \$50,000. The property is in houses, and will yield an income of about \$3,500.

THE vicar of Dudley, England, has inaugurated a new departure, which is noted with praise by the local press, in attending a service of song at the Presbyterian Church in that town. It is rather sad that a slight manifestation of fraternal feeling like this should actually be so startling a phenomenon in a great English community in this year of grace that it is made the subject of leading article in the chief local newspaper.

THE New York *Independent* asks: How is this? Congress appropriated \$10,000 to entertain the International Medical Congress lately in session in Washington. This sum seems to have been chiefly spent on liquor. About 4,000 quart bottles of claret were consumed, at an expense of \$1.50 per bottle, total \$6,000, and a hundred cases of Jules Mumm & Co's "Grand Sec." Was this what Congress meant, or is it what the people approve?

THE *Christian Leader* states that a bill is to be brought before the legislature in Victoria, to reduce the school age from fifteen to thirteen and to increase the minimum attendance from thirty to fifty per quarter. Permission is to be given to teachers to give religious instruction out of school hours in any school house but their own. The denominationalists were so arrogant as to cause the pendulum of public opinion to swing right away to the severest secularism: it now appears to be slowly, very slowly, dropping back again. The Bible in day schools, out of school hours, has not been a very promising enterprise in the hands of the clergy; we doubt whether this feeble compromise will do much, either to suppress larrikinism or to promote religion.

COMMENTING on a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, which the New York *Independent* publishes, it says: It is of note for this, among other things, that it refers frankly to the fact that the Roman Catholics keep an agent in Washington, whose business it is to attend to the interests of the Catholic Church among the Indians, and to secure what agents, teachers, and other employés it can. We believe that his labours have been far from unsuccessful. We could mention cases in which he has even thwarted the plans of Protestant missionary bodies to secure permission to establish schools, hospitals, etc. We shall be glad when benevolence is no longer thwarted, and when those who wish to preach the Gospel and teach the heathen shall not be required to wait like beggars for the permission of a Tennessee upstart.

IN various parts of the Dominion active efforts are being made to promote Sabbath observance. The ministerial associations are bestowing attention on the practical aspects of the question. At a recent meeting of the West Durham Ministerial Association in Bowmanville, the following resolution was adopted: That this association strongly deprecate the hiring of livery teams on the Sabbath Day for purposes of pleasure, and consider it altogether inconsistent with religion, and dangerous to morality; that we place on record our disapproval of Sabbath funerals, and shall object to attend them unless in cases of extreme necessity; that we express our disapproval of the unreasonable publicity, display and expenditure in connection with funerals. Very sensible resolutions, and we hope to see practical results from their action.