'IAN NEWS CO.

Vol. IV.

TORONTO, JUNE 14, 1888.

WHOLE No. 181.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

The Fresbyterian Bews Co. TORONTO (Limited), Incorporated by Royal Charter.

MORTIMER CLARK, President. HAMILTON CASSELS. Vice Provident GEO. II. ROBINSON, Managing Director #6 & #1 FRONT ST. W.

For the Parsayterian Review. RELIANCE.

BY W. P. M'KENZIE, B.A.

TRUST the Eternal -ever the same Buds ope their petals as He doth arrange, Shall He forget thee, when Love is His name Trust the Eternal, fearing no change,

Trust the All-Powerful, who is the Wise;
How in His universe can there be wrong?
Things have their mission as He doth devise—
Trust the All-Powerful, then thou a.t strong.

Trust in the Good One, be not begulied, Why by foreboding of ill be dismayed? Changeless, All-Powerful, He loveth His child, Trust then the Good One, be not afraid.

For the Presentation Review. SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

BY REV. A. B. MACKAY, MONTREAL. LXXIX.

AHAB, the king of Israel, was very powerful, rich and prosperous, but also very wicked and very weak before the evil influence of his strong-willed queen. Occasionally his conscience touched him and he tried to turn over a new leaf, but in the presence of his wife he forgot all his good resolutions and went from bad to worse. While he generally lived at Samaria, he had also a beautiful, palace: at; Jezreel, a city which rested on a gentle height rising out of the plain of Esdraelon, about thirty-miles north of his capital. Ahab had a passion for splendid buildings, and the palace he built at Jezreel was famous for its beauty. Its rooms were pannelled with ivory and decorated and furnished in the most luxurious style. 💝 🐠 🖰

This palace was Ahab's holiday resort, but it had one drawback, it had no, kitchen garden. Walking on its walls magnificent views lay spread before Abab. Westward he looked over the fertile plain of Esdraelon to the heights of Carmela Eastward, he could look down between the heights of Gilbon and Moreh to the valley of the Jordan and the hills of Moab. But to the luxurious king nothing could make up for the want of a garden of herbs; and as a man called Naboth had a vineyard hard by the palace, Ahab asked him to part with it for a fair price. This Naboth respectfully but firmly refused to do, reminding the king that he was forbidden by the law of God to part with the inheriby the law of God to part with the inheriminutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members have been added to the minutely and more patiently than any new members tance of his fathers. As he had received the from his father, so was he bound to deliver it intact to his children. Ahab knew perfectly well that the man was constituted in the children.

The children and continuum and preacher with no more patiently than any preacher we know, explains the way of roll—eight on profession of faith and preachers who is in San-kiet-a-kol, the largest city in the plain, and returning on Saturday, each to his own station. There have been added to the preachers who is in San-kiet-a-kol, the largest city in the plain, and returning on Saturday, each to his own station. There have been added to the preachers who is in San-kiet-a-kol, the largest city in the plain, and returning on Saturday, each to his own station. This, of course, was only temporary than the man was of the Christian life. The chief dechildren.

The children and continuum and preachers who is in San-kiet-a-kol, the largest city in the plain, and returning on Saturday, each to his own station. There may the continuum and continuum right, but instead of respecting him for sire among Christians is to goin an as-his good principle and sturdy inde-surance of God's love, and to this subpendence and making the best of things as they were, so deep was his disappointment that he went to bed and would take nothing to eat. He acted ately. Many excellent sermons act just like a selfish spoiled child that takes merely as a mental stimulus; they inthe sulks when it does not get its own

His wife, finding him in bed, asked what was the matter, and when he told her, she laughed a scornful laugh and eald if he would leave it to her she catirely to the great concern. It is would soon make all straight. Ahab greatly desired to have the vineyard, so he allowed Jezebel to do as she pleased, and a day or two after she caused Naboth and his sons to be stoned to death on the false testimony of two wicked men. When she received word that her plans had been carried out, she told Ahab to go and take possession of the vineyard he so much désired, for Naboth was now out of the way.

Ahab asked no questions and made haste to go down and make everything complete. He rode away in royal state, accompanied by Jehu and Bid-kar, his chief captains. As he neared the beautiful spot he slackened pace to enjoy the scone all the more. There rise the palace towers, and the next turn of the road will bring him to the great- ceive pay according to the number of me warmly for telling them the Gospel ly longed for vineyard, where now no hours or days they spend at a piece of story. obstinate owner stands to keep it from work, rather than according to the work

start and then sink back in his chariot with cheeks of ashy paleness and with andum which he needs to enable him of twenty-one three quarters. Some of eyes that seem ready to start from their to do a piece of work for which he ex- the children have made rapid progress, sockets? What horrid sight can it be? Can murdered Naboth be risen from the grave to dispute possession? Nay! but far worse; there stands God's prophet, the terrific Elijah, to curse in God's pame the covetous king. In vain did Aháb rouse himself to revile the man of God; sternly and solemnly the words of doom fell from his lips, "Thus saith the Lord, in the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs

joy. The prophet's curse kept ringing see whether he has done much work, bread-making, etc., and in these in his cars; the smell of blood followed or has merely been at work. And branches a fair degree of progress has him everywhere. For a time he re- if he finds that he has little to show for been made. Ine improvement of the pented of his sins and walked softly, his working, it behooves him to learn and found that God was very pitiful how to work, in order that work may and very patient. But gradually the be the result of his own working.—
impressions faded away. The wnole S. S. Times.
occurrence was like a horrid night. mare that had better be forgotten. So he turned again from that which was good and sold himself to do evil, being stirred up by Jezebel his wife, who was always his evil angel. So at last every word of the curse was fulfilled.

The ways of God are deep and sol emn. After Elijah had been translated, after Ahab had been slain, and the dogs had lapped the crimson water of the pool in which his chariot had been washed (the same that had been stained with the blood of Naboth), the two chief spectators of that scene outside Jezreel, found themselves again on the self-same spot, and at their feet lay the dead body of Ahab's son. They looked at the arrow-pierced corpse, they looked ing this period our work has been

The Cultrais inser

SPURGEON'S PREACHING.

FURTHER, in his way of preaching, Mr. Spurgeon is intensely practical. By that we do not mean that he indulto hear and read appeals to people to concern themselves about their salvation: what people need to be told and desire to be told is what they must do ject Mr. Spurgeon constantly recurs, not dismissing it with a wave of the hand, but taking it up fully and elaborately. Many excellent sermons act struct, and even to some extent excite but they do not meet the deep needs of the soul. It is, we are convinced, one of Mr. Spurgeon's chief sources of power, that he devotes himself almost this that has made his writings so dearly prized by the dying. There: is no tholics. With these we come more or more enviable popularity than the pop-less into contact. A few of them atularity which this illustrious minister has amongst those who are in presence of the profoundest realities. When cleverness and eloquence have lost the school is under priestly control. their charms, the dying often listen The teacher is incompetent, and little hungrily to Mr. Spurgeon's writings, when nothing else save the very Word of God had any charm or power.— British Weekly.

TO WORK AND TO DO WORK.

It is one thing to work; it is another thing to do work. Yet men are but want of space will not permit of generally inclined to think that they details. They have always been glad to ought to have credit' and ought to re- listen, and some of them have thanked they do in a given period. A man der Mr. McVicar. The total number But as they turn what makes the king may faithfully work all day, looking among his papers for a missing memorpects payment. It would hardly be and all have done fairly well. The fair, however, for him to include a more advanced understand English

Mission Work.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

By favour of Rev. Dr. Wardrope, altogether absent. But while we have convener of F. M. Committee we are had some things to try our faith, so far permitted to lay the following letters we have met with no really insurmountbefore the readers of the REVIEW :-

CÔTE'S AND KE-SE-KOO'S RESERVES.

LETTER FROM REV. GEO. A. LAIRD. RRY. DR. WARDROPE, Convener F. M.C.

My DEAR SIR,—It is now some ten

convert to Christianity, and was baptized. He has not yet become a member in full communion, but has signified his intention of doing so before long. He, along with his family, has been ges in "moral" preaching. We mean miles away, hunting, aud so he has not; which comesay that his teaching exactly meets the had the benefit of regular Christian LETTER FROM REV. DR. MACKAY. instruction. However, he is much interested in our work, and very anxious that his people should improve.

We have two services on Sabbath things moving and growing, I sugand two on week evenings. We have gested the idea of the younger preachheld two communion services. Nine ets, especially Pi-po-hoan, going every

of the people is very friendly. They along with a i the preachers, old and seem glad to be visited, and many of them attend the services. They are exception of fifteen, who occupy the enabled to exert considerable influence and indeed imposing band. Yes! over them. Our hope is that the day is not far distant when heathenism on Côté's Reserve will have become a thing of the past.

On Ke-se-koo's Reserve a number of the people are nominally Roman Ca-tholics. With these we come more or what we can to give them a clearer light. There is no resident prie., but progress is being made. We"would like to have the school on this reserve under our control, and unite it with our proposed boarding-school. But I dare-say this will not be an easy matter to accomplish.

I have had many personal interviews more especially with heathen Indians,

The school continues to prosper unenrolled for the last ten months is thirty, with a daily average for the whole time licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine."

The message was terrible and sank deep into the heart of Ahab. Slowly he went on to his ivory palace, when the long haired prophet ceased to bar the long haired prophet ceased to bar the way, but nothing could give him through, he would do well to stop and the Ten Commandments, in fact, the unfairest estimate is man the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. A good deal of attention has been paid to singing. The children himself on having worked hard and the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. A good deal of attention has been paid to singing. The children himself on having worked hard and the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. A good deal of attention has been paid to singing. The children himself on having worked hard and the himself or himself on having worked hard and the himself or himself

people in personal neatness, and in the cleanliness of their homes, is also noticeable. We notice too some change in the manner in which the Sabbath is observed, although there is still much room for improvement in this respect.

It is scarcely necessary that I should speak of hindrances or discouragements. It could not be reasonably expected that in a field like this, these would be able obstacles; and we have had so much for which to thank and praise our fleavenly Fathers so many tokens of His kindness, so many blessed experichees in our work, that even to speak of more than I could resist. 'If the habit difficulties would seem like ingratitude. Of returning after three years absence lighten the most serious obstacle. in were more general it would not be an Pathaps the most serious obstacle, in the way of rapid progress, is the unset-tled life of a number of people. They ble for me to visit Canada, Leannot see at constantly moving. It seems neces- any reason why some of the members

more filled with the spirit of the Mas-

('61E'S RESERVE, ARDPATRICK, MAN, April 9, 1888.

My DEAR BROTHER, -To keep al

REV. DR. WAPDROPE, C.F.M.C.,

The attitude of the heathen portion arrangement, and now they are here young, in North Formosa, with the those who travelled barefooted with me person drilling and teaching. I am than my first convert, A. Hoa (Rev. in the Bible.

> " But souls enlightened from above, With Joy received the Word:
> They see what wisdom, power and love,
> Shine in their dying Lord.

Sixteen years have rolled by since I began to teach the Bible to A. Hoa, and last night he sat with ten-fold more eagerness and amazement than ever-Every day makes it more precious. Every hour makes it more pressing. Every death makes it more urgent to teach the Bible above and beyondinfinitely beyond, anything else.

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in North Formosa. Ever yours, 721 G. L. MACKAY.

TAMBUL April 7, 1888

DEMERARA.

LETTER FROM REV. JOHN GIUSON.

The following letter from Mr. Gibson, of Demerara, to the Presbytery of Toronto, in reply to the notification that he had been appointed a delegato to our General Assembly, will be found of interest :-"I would indeed be glad if I could

be present at the meeting of the General As embly to be held in Halifax. There is, however, no probability of getting away from my work at present. I must forego the pleasure of meeting with old friends and seeing familiar faces until some future time. It would not take long to go and return, but the tempration to remain a few months in Canada, if I were once there, would be ded body of Ahabs son. They looked at each other. A solenn are came that the arrow pieced coppe, they looked at each other. A solenn are came that the arrow pieced coppe, they looked at each other. A solenn are came that the things this period our work has been after the core of Elijah's voice, and solenning by Jebu said to Bidkar, "Take up and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth' the Jercelite: for remember thow that, when I and thou rode to gether after Ahab his father, the Lord glaid this Junden upon him. Surely I have st. a yesterday the blood of Na-both, and the blood of Na-both and the blood of Na-both in the blood of Na-both, and the blood of Na-both in the portion of the core of the production of the pro but members are sometimes scattered. on the coast, but the labourers are few."

LORD BRASSEY ON MISSIONS.

evidently losing faith in their old rites field in their absence. The two pas-and superstitions. A spirit of inquiry tors are here too, and with nearly two the London Missionary Society held at prevails, and already we have been dozen students, make a very interesting Exeter Hall was taken by Lord Brassey, who said they were sometimes met with the objections of those who said over mountain and valley and through that there were masses of people in our forest and stream, are sitting along side own country who stood in need of the of the younger men, once more studying Gospel, and even in greater need of it and drilling on various subjects, but than those heathen people for whom particularly the Bible. The four past they pleaded. He did not question tors met, and Mr. Jamieson would not the meloncholy fact that there were undertake to go to the college with masses of people in England who did tend our services, and we are doing such men present. So I am the only not hear the Gospel, but he feared that the English people did not hear the drilling them on (1) geography, (2) Gospel because they did not avail geology, (3) natural history, especitive of the opportunities within ally of the Bible. This time the main their reach. However this might be, book studied is the Bible; and no one it must be certain that there was uradmires more its inexhaustible sources gent need for the work in which they were interested to-day. It was, Eng-Giam Chheng Hoa). I take them over land's highest mission and imperative the natural history of the Bible--its duty to educate and civilize the massgeography, botany, biography, letters, es of people in foreign lands with miracles, cures, salvation through the whom they held intercourse in the orthe blood of Christ alone, as expressed dinary channels of trade; and if it was their duty to educate and civilise, might he ask what could be the value of the education which was without religion? A second objection raised was that which was taken on the ground that here and there in particular instances acts of Indiscretion were committed by those who undertook missionary work. Where human agency, was employed, and on, an extensive scale, it could not be otherwise. However, such cases were few indeed compared with the noble work which had ants for three years in any part of In-been done for generations by those dia, on condition that the Foreign Before heaven and earth-I declare sen: forth from that and kindred societhis moment I have laboured to teach ties. From personal experience he take up a new station where these are its truths, believing them all from could testify to the good work done by to be employed, thus starting a new denoted to be employed, thus starting a new mission centre. This offer has been a revelation to man from the only living son (foreign secretary) presented an thankfully accepted by the Free

and true God. And I boldly and fear epitome of the annual report. It stated Church; so, also, has a similar offer lessly declare my conviction, that the that the work was steadily progressing made to the United Presbyterian native young men here now (and others in China, India and Madagascar. The Church. It will be remembered that like them) are the hope—the roal hope totals of the statistics of the stations. Mr. Morton has made a similar offer to -tho great hope of the Church of our showed '52 English missionaries, 32 the Presbyterian Church in Canada. 347,015 other native adherents. his generous offer.

Woman's Work.

FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM PUNDITA RAMABAI.

A MEMBER of the recently formed "Ran bai Circle," in this city, not being quite clear in his own mind as to the status of the widows of India when educated, and the kind of work open to them, wrote to Pundita Ramabai regarding this matter, and has received a reply from which we are permitted to make some extracts :-

"Your question in regard to the widows who are despised, is a seemingly difficult one to answer. They cannot be expected to become popular even if they are educated; but I think that when they have some skill to do things for themselves, they will find that they are regarded in a different

tablish schools or for it training of these Those, however, who have been accus- widows and give them anthorough tomed to worship with us always seem knowledge of either religion, medicine, pleased to return and remain within literature or industrial artes. The last, reach 'of 'our 'services.' D'You will' be inimy opinion; is the most helpful ito 'soriy' to 'hear 'that our strongest' sup women at present 'It will help them porter; the Hou! Wm! Russell, died on to earn their own living without exposing the 8th of Match the evening of our themselves, and without being com-annual missionary meeting. When in pelled to become Bible women or Scotland last summer for a few months, missionaries, whether they are called vacation he represented the claims of to these duties or no. The only way our mission to his partner, and in of making an honest living that is July they sent us a donation of £100 opened to a woman convert under sterling. He was a large hearted and the missionary agencies is to be a liberal friend, and we will feel the loss Bible woman or a teacher in a mission

> be some who are, but those who cannot take up that work have nothing 'to depend on but the charity of the missionaries and native Christians. Some missionaries have come to realize this difficulty. The Cowley Fathers who work in Poons Lave opened an industrial school for boys, where they teach carpentry, printing and such other things. The Wantage Sisters, who work in the same city, have also opened a home where they take women of the lower classes, and train them to be washerwomen.

> "But we want things provided for high caste women suitable to their social standing and tastes. They cannot work in laundries and such other places. They lose everything Ly becoming the members of a Christian Church; the Church must therefore see to it that they have something at least which will help them to lead a respectable life, owing nothing to any one but Christian love: The Church must not force every one of its women converts into the class of Bible women, preachers and teachers. It must also take care to prepare teachers from among these women who will do credit to their profession."

MR. MORTON, of Caterham, who recently made the English Presbyterian Church the channel through which his missionary benevolence should flow, has made somewhatsimilar offers to two Presbyterian churches in Scotland, He undertakes to pay the salary of a medical missionary and two native assist-Mission Committee of the Free Church female missionaries, 1,031 ordained and that Rev. Professor MacLaren, who native, ministers, 4,637 native preachis now in England, was delegated by ers, 78,618 Church members, and the F.M. Committee to thank him for the professor offer native adherents.