




to distrust an arm of flesh, and to fear the pride of man in a display of numbers on which a jealous God never fails to frown."

 Rev. Chas. Dunn has received three months leave of absence from his congregation to recruit his health. Mr. Dunn has laboured very arduously since his settlement at the Mines, and well deserves a brief respite.

 To the list of congregations who have this winter provided fire-wood for the Manse falls to be added that of River John. The Cape John and River sections, with a few from the village chiefly distinguish themselves in this practical department of Church work. They have the ministers thanks as well as the Editor's approbation.

 Rev. R. McCunn has been deputed by the Presbytery of Pictou to appear before the Colonial Committee, and before the General Assembly, in the interests of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia. He will likely leave by mail steamer from Halifax Tuesday, 18th inst. Communications for the "Record" to be addressed, until further notice, to Rev. W. McMillan.

For the benefit of members of Presbytery, and others, who may have occasion for correspondence, Mr. McCunn's address in Scotland is here given :

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TWO CLASSES OF SINS.

There are two classes of sins. The one may be called sins of the perceptive faculties ; sins of ignorance ; sins of prejudice ; sins from which man cannot be delivered at once, unless, as in the case of Paul, God breaks over his ordinary methods of procedure, and condenses what is the result of years of ordinary life, into the experience of a few days or hours. In many points our conversion is slow. Our reformation waits on education, and the leisurely youth of our understanding. There are sins so minute, so far off, so mingled and shaded into the very atmosphere of our life, that is in the case of the eye distinguishing distant objects at sea, the conscience only beholds them after long practice ; only, when after long exercise, its powers have been trained up to the maximum of capacity. This is one class of sins ; and from which we are delivered shortly, and only as we "grow in knowledge and grace."

But there is another class of sins,—sins of the passions, of habit, of appetite, of indulgence of the annual instincts,—from which deliverance comes, if at all, through a decisive instantaneous act of the will. The fly is wise in its instinct when it seeks with buzzing and violence to break away suddenly from the spiders web in which it finds itself unexpectedly entangled. It must break out or die. And that person who finds himself or herself caught in the meshes of some temptation that the Devil has spun and skillfully suspended in his path ; who finds himself webbed in with wicked desires, and his mind being rapidly swathed in sinful thoughts,—such a person, I say, must learn a lesson from the entrapped fly, and burst peremptorily away from the encircling danger.