

**Chaste Conversation.**

Chaste conversation is an invaluable education. Hence the importance of its careful cultivation in the home. And right here we wish to say that parents cannot be too diligent and careful. The language used in the home should always be the purest and best. Children acquire their vocabulary from the lips of their parents. The words used by father and mother become the words used by the children. These being the first forms of speech they become familiar with, they stick to them all through life as a part of their nature. It is far more difficult to unlearn uncouth expressions and slang phrases and substitute in their stead refined words and becoming sentences, than it is to acquire a vocabulary of words in the first place. Only the most rigid discipline can overcome or eradicate the habit of rudeness in speech formed in early childhood and confirmed in youth. Therefore, as chaste language is a priceless jewel to be coveted by all, and yet a jewel which parents can bestow upon their children, how important that due care be exercised to that end.—Religious Review of Reviews.

Rev. John Irwin, M.A., of Holywood, County Down, has received a call to the important pastorate of Windsor, Belfast, vacant by the death of the late Rev. J. C. Ferris.

Services in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Rutherglen Church were held recently. The preachers were Professor George Adam Smith, Dr. Thomas Adamson, and Rev. D. C. Maenicol, B.D.

Lord Blythwood has commissioned Dr. Rowand Anderson, of Edinburgh, to prepare plans for an addition at his expense to Inchinnan Parish Church. The extension will be built against the east end of the present structure.

Before leaving England the Queen revised the proof sheets of the Duchess of Teck's memoirs, which are shortly to be published. The Queen sent a letter expressing sympathy and enclosing aid to the widow of a railroad guard who was killed at St. Cyr while discharging his duty when the Queen was journeying over the same line.

A writer in the Medical Age says that typhoid fever patients should not be filled up with milk, which is administered as liquid food; for, while it seems to have the form of liquid, yet, as a food, it is not liquid, but solid. The article states that bread and butter, mashed potatoes, or even pumpkin pie are not capable of filling the small intestines with such immense indigestible boluses of substance as result from milk. It is also a fine culture medium, and it is marvelous to see how rapidly bacteria are propagated in it.

**The Better Way.**

For the Dominion Presbyterian.  
What's the use of grumbling, growling,  
Looking on the darkest side?  
Smiling's just as cheap as scowling,  
And much pleasanter beside.

When affairs are running crosswise,  
And life seems turned inside out  
Better than self-consolation  
Is to scatter joy about.

For a "thanks" from one who suffers,  
Or a smile from one in pain,  
Works the Master's wondrous magic,  
And the sunshine comes again.

W. F. C.

Professor George Adam Smith, speaking at a meeting of Glasgow Presbytery, said he was sure that the squalor in which so many lived, and especially the state of the climate through so large a part of the year, aggravated by the vast amount of unnecessary smoke that seemed to get loose round about Glasgow, must lead to an extraordinary depression of vitality and cheerlessness of spirits, and in indulgence in the too frequent temptations to drink. They must remember that a great deal of the wickedness of the city was not due to the wilful vice of men, but to their weakness and to their extremely depressed circumstances.

**A Problem in Threes.**

If three little houses stood in a row  
With never a fence to divide;  
And if each little house had three little maids  
At play in the garden wide;  
And if each little maid had three little cats  
(Three times three times three);  
And if each little cat had three little kits,  
How many kits would there be?  
And if each little maid had three little friends  
With whom she loved to play;  
And if each little friend had three little dolls  
In dresses and ribbons gay;  
And if friends and dolls and cats and kite  
Were all invited to tea,  
And none of them should send regrets,  
How many guests would there be?

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