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The illness of the editor will account
for the small-sized issue of the Do-
minion Presbyterian this week. Before
the end of the year we shall be able
to more than make up for what our
readers miss on this occasion.

There is never a shadow unless there
be somewhere a shining sun. Nor ever
a sin unless there be a God to sin
against.

You may overwhelm an enemy with
enmity; you may change him into a
friend with love.

Being good will not make a man a
Christian, but being a Christian will
make a man good.

West Land says: Rev. W. D. Reid,
Alberta's new Superintendent of
Home Missions, has begun work and
is now making the acquaintance of
the presbyteries. His first introduc-
tion was at Calgary in the last week
of February, where he was welcomed
warmly and fittingly; then at the
Red Deer and Lacombe presbyteries,
and at Edmonton on March 2. Mr.
Reid has a big work ahead of him,
but he is equal to it. Alberta has
waited long and, it is needless to say,
is now rejoiced that its waiting is
over and that so strong a helper as
W. D. Reid has come to its aid.

The secular press in the United
States is devoting generous space to
the discussion of the Rockefeller Foun-
dation. This is an institution which
John D. Rockefeller is seeking to have
established by congressional enact-
ment. The purpose is to provide a
permanent body which shall administer
the millions which Mr. Rockefeller pro-
poses to devote to the relief of human-
ity. It is interesting that his son
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is likely to
be chairman of the commission when
it shall have been established. Mr.
Rockefeller wisely determines that
the ability to accumulate money carries
with it the obligation to distribute it
with fidelity. The stewardship of
ownership is accompanied by the stew-
ardship of beneficence.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY.

One of the most intelligent women
we have ever known, the Christian
mother of a large family of children,
used to say that the education of chil-
dren was eminently one of faith. She
never heard the tramping of her boys' feet
in the house, or listened to their
noisy shouting in their play, or watch-
ed their unconscious slumbers, with-
out an inward, earnest prayer to God
for wisdom to train them, and for the
spirit of the Highest to guide them.
She mingled prayer with counsel and
restraint; and the counsel was the
wiser, and the restraint was the
stronger for this alliance of the hu-
man and divine elements in her in-
struction and discipline.

And at length, when her children be-
came men and women, accustomed to
the hard strife of the world, her name
was the dearest one they could speak;
and she who "had fed their bodies
from her own spirit's life," who had
taught their feet to walk, their ton-
gues to speak and pray, and illumined
their consciences with the great lights
of righteousness and duty, held their
reverence and love increased a thou-
sand fold by the remembrance of an
early education that had its inspiration
in faith in God, and its fruit in the
noble lives of upright, faithful men.

HONAN'S APPEAL.

The Presbytery of Honan this year
asks an addition of twenty-six to their
staff. It seems large, but the work is
large. The present staff is able to
touch but a fraction of the field. A
single county would give abundant
scope for the energies of one man for
a lifetime, yet at the present one man
seeks to cover several counties. They
need the men and they need them now.
They have had an interesting last year,
and it has resulted in a higher stan-
dard of living, both amongst preach-
ers and people. Several Christians who
have passed through severe persecu-
tion have endured joyfully. One of the
wealthiest men in the Church was
wrongfully imprisoned for a month;
but during his imprisonment preached
Christ daily to his thirty fellow pris-
oners, and several of them became be-
lievers. Another holding a humbler
appointment was rudely seized and
bound and accused before the official
on a purely false charge. It was man-
ifestly persecution for Christ's sake.
He was beaten and imprisoned; but
on being liberated was as zealous as
ever in witnessing for Christ. He af-
terwards provided a preaching-hall for
Christian service in his own village.
It is good to know that numbers are
increasing, but better, that they are
the kind that for Christ's sake take
joyfully the spilling of their goods and,
if need be, of their lives.

The conclusion of the whole matter
is that China is ready and calls for
more workers. Who will go? And
who will send? How many scores of
congregations and individuals could, if
they would, send a man at their own
charges.

R. P. MacKAY.

The crowning grace of the Christian
life is obedience. Nothing can displace
it in the heart. To learn the will of
God, and then to be willing to do his
commands will lead the soul out into
peace, joy and satisfaction. The loftiest
attainment to which any child of
redeeming grace can aspire this side
of heaven, is to do the will of the
Master.

REMEMBER CHINA, NOW.

The following from Dr. R. P. Mac-
Kay, F. M. secretary, should receive
prompt and earnest attention:

We all remember the anxious days
of the Boxer rising in China and the
terrible roll of martyrs. The clouds
were for a long time gathering, and
whilst gathering some feared and
others were confident. But at length
the cloud burst with terrible violence.
Conditions to-day are not anything
like so threatening as they were then;
but there are ugly rumors. Placards
are posted secretly calling the people
to arms to repel foreign invasion—no
doubt the Russian and Japanese spirit
of aggression being ascribed to all for-
eigners. The failure of crops last year,
and consequent distress, is, they think,
due to the anger of the gods, because
Christianity is tolerated. Even the ex-
pected comet is an evil omen charged
to the foreigner. There is much un-
rest, as must be expected, in such a
country as China.

Mission work goes on apace, and its
success is its danger.

There are thousands in Canada who
remember China at the Throne of
Grace. It is to such that this note is
written. Whilst praying for other
things, pray that there may be peace,
that the lives of Chinese Christians
and missionaries may be protected,
that even disquiet may be overruled
in the interests of the kingdom of
Christ.

THE BIBLE IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

It is a mistake to complain that
"the Bible is not used in the Sabbath
school," it is as if one complained that
figs do not grow of thistles. Teachers
and scholars who have no use for the
Bible there will not bring it, of course,
and to force it into their hands is to
do nothing towards its use. The evil
is in the thistle. Let us have such
teachers, and such scholars, and such
a use of the lesson leaf, as that we
shall not be able to get along without
the Bible. Let us quit pleading for the
shell of the virtue when we may have
the virtue itself by a little effort in
that direction:

(1) Supply no Bibles in the Sabbath
school; let them be owned and brought;
present them if they cannot be af-
forded by the scholars. Ownership of
a Bible is almost a prerequisite to its
use. (2) Expect and promote the use
of the references, both to verses and
to incidents, as of chief importance in
the study of the lesson out of school
and in it. The best questions on the
lesson arise out of a study of the text
itself, and the best illustrations of
our lessons are found in the Bible.
Besides, a single lesson should pro-
mote a study of the Bible as a whole,
to which each lesson ought to be
made a sort of a key. (3) Let a lesson
of Scripture elsewhere in the Bible be
always read for opening, either relat-
ing to the lesson or of a devotional
character, thus bringing all Bibles into
use regularly.

Toronto is to have a Temperance
Hotel on a large scale; after the style,
so it is said, of the popular "Waver-
leys," of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Lon-
don. The site of Oak Hall, King street
east, has been purchased; and the
building about to be erected will give
accommodation to 150 guests. Mr. John
Lucas, who so successfully carried on
the Lucas Temperance House for more
than twenty years, will rejoice to see
his smaller hotel scheme of years ago
(which he was able to carry to a suc-
cessful conclusion) taken up and made
a permanency by the enterprising peo-
ple at the back of this new movement.