

of its power. Still, though much is wasted, and much misunderstood it is needful and right that Catechisms and Bible-lessons should be taught and learnt too, were they for nothing more than improving the memory—and that is good—but that is not all, for it is the casting the bread upon the waters which shall be found after many days. The religious instruction of children should consist not less of the learning of *creeds* and Catechisms, but *more* of the “learning of Christ,” for the religious ideas of children love to centre themselves in the God-man, Christ Jesus, and cluster around his words and ways. They think of him as a *man*, as the “Children’s Friend,” the loving gentle, child-blessing, miracle working, crucified Saviour. They conceive of heaven not so much as a state or condition, but as the place where the holy person Jesus dwells, and going to heaven is to them, going to see Jesus, to speak to Jesus, to sing of Jesus, and to live with Jesus for ever.

Let the earnest teacher patiently ponder and patiently practice these truths, and he will soon acquire the “tongue of the learned,” and become wise in winning the little ones to the “love of the truth, that they might be saved. (2 Thess. II: 10.)

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Some of our esteemed contributors send us articles for insertion that reach us on the 11th, accompanied with a memorandum to be sure and have the RECORD out on the 10th! Any one can see that this is a somewhat difficult task.

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LECTURE AT ROGERS HILL

On the 6th inst., the Rev. G. Coull, of New Glasgow, lectured in Hermon Church to a large audience. He described very graphically the Island of Patmos, and his difficulties before exploring the “Grotto of the Apocalypse” in which the Apostle John is said to have written the book of Revelation. He then gave a sketch of the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus—the temple of Diana—and the theatre mentioned in the Acts 19 ch. He described Smyrna—a city to-day of nearly two hundred thousand people, made up of Greeks, Turks, Jews, Armenians, Franks and others. He spoke of his excursions to the other cities of “the seven churches in Asia” and showed how prophecy was fulfilled, their candlestick removed and desolation had fallen upon them, because they had “left their first love.”

The lecture displayed immense learning and was interspersed with many anecdotes and humorous descriptions of Mahomedan customs—the account of the dancing Dervishes in particular being extremely graphic. For the space of nearly three hours the audience listened with the greatest attention to a most animated account of personal adventure, travel, antiquities, religions, mosques, temples, varieties of costume and creed, ancient and modern, such as the experienced and learned antiquary meets with in the cities and provinces of Asia Minor.

A large amount of interesting reading matter has to be laid over for next issue. The April and succeeding numbers will contain four pages of additional reading matter.

The collection for the Foreign Missions was taken up in Rev. Mr. Herdman’s church on Sabbath 5th instant, and amounted to \$47.00.

Petitions against separate schools have been extensively signed in Pictou town and neighborhood.

The Presbytery of Pictou meets at New Glasgow on Wednesday, 15th instant, at 11 a. m.