

LUTHER'S WORK AT THE PRESENT DAY.

BY PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, M.A.

RUMPEL of Truth, at whose soul-piercing sound,
That fabric vast of Falsehood, guarded well
By Superstition's immemorial spell
For twice five hundred years, went to the ground—
Mighty Deliverer, to whom nations bound
In dungeons dark of Papal slavery,
Owe it that light is theirs and faith is free—
LUTHER whose name four centuries have
crowned
With grateful praises—in thy dauntless heart.
Whi hich's embattled powers could never
move,
Through the fierce strife there still was left a
part
For gentler thoughts, for music, beauty, love
Now let the voice which thundered doom to
Rome,
Breathe peace to tent and wat worn Christen-
dom.

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Pleasant Hours:

A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLKS:
Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

TORONTO, JANUARY 26, 1884.

DYING BEQUEST OF A LITTLE GIRL.

A SHORT time ago we received the following letter, which will explain itself, from the Rev. Benjamin Hills, minister of the Methodist Church at Southampton, N. B.

"Dear Bro. Withrow,—Enclosed please find draft for \$100, which I take the liberty of troubling you to bestow as I shall presently explain.

"This summer our Heavenly Father was pleased to take from us our dear little Mamie Crane, at the age of fourteen. She was a bright little Christian, ever thoughtful of the welfare of others. For several years she took great delight in reading the PLEASANT HOURS and was deeply interested in the various charities therein mentioned, especially the Crosby Girls' Home and the Children's Hospital. Towards the close of her life she used to speak frequently of these institutions, and wish that she could do something to help them. The sum of \$100 was left her this spring and this she has bequeathed, \$50 to the Children's Hospital, 245 Elizabeth Street, Toronto; and \$50 to the Crosby Girls' Home. By kindly handing these amounts to the proper authorities, you will greatly oblige, and at the same time can feel that it is the direct result of your efforts in PLEASANT HOURS."

Is it not touching to think of this young disciple of our Blessed Lord, in her last illness away off by the Atlantic in the east, so deeply sympathising with the poor Indian girls of the Crosby Girls' Home on the far distant shores of the Pacific, and of the poor sick children of the Children's Hospital in this city. Being dead, the dear child yet speaketh in her generous gift of love, and in the example she has set to many more richly endowed with this world's goods than she. Are there not those among our readers, in the enjoyment of health and strength, who will remember these deserving objects of charity, and aid them as liberally as their means will permit?

We learn from Mrs. McMaster, of the Children's Hospital, that a cot will be set apart, and named after this young benefactress, in commemoration of her gift.

"YOUNG HELPERS."

A. S. FISHER, Esq., of Clinton, Ont., sends the Rev. Dr. Sutherland a bank draft for \$30, a donation from "Young Helpers" of Clinton Circuit, for Mr. Crosby's Mission Boat. In September last a lady invited a number of young girls, ages from ten to sixteen, to meet at her residence, and proposed to them the project of preparing a number of fancy and useful articles for a bazaar, the profits to be donated to Mr. Crosby's Mission Boat. To this they all gave their willing assent, and went to work with a will. They met at her place every Saturday afternoon. The bazaar or sale took place on the 13th inst. and they realized something over \$30 after paying all expenses. A happier lot of young girls than they were that evening it would be difficult to find.

The success of these "young workers" has begot in them an anxious desire to repeat the effort to raise money for some charitable or religious purposes, so that they will cultivate a spirit of helpfulness to the Church.

Will not many other "Young Helpers" share the pleasure and the profit of similar efforts for the cause of missions?

MISSIONARY BAZAAR.

A NUMBER of young ladies of the Metropolitan Church, after working diligently for some weeks in preparing useful and fancy articles, held during the week before Christmas a very successful bazaar. The large room was gay with flowers, pictures, and objects of taste and beauty, and the sum of over \$300, we understand, was raised for missionary purposes. The young ladies are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

"We think that by the exercise of a little Christian common-sense and courtesy, a more kindly feeling and more intimate relationship may be cultivated between Methodism and the other sections of the Church of Christ; which, if it do not, in our time, result in organic union, shall at least lead to mutual respect and mutual helpfulness in Christian work, and prepare the way for the blessed consummation foretold by our Lord, when 'there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.'"—*Dr. Withrow, in January Number of "Methodist Magazine."*



THE LITTLE CULPRIT.

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DON'T be afraid, little Johnny, my boy,
Open the door and go in;
The longer you shrink from confessing a fault,
The harder it is to begin.

No wonder you wait with a pitiful face,
And dread the confession to make;
For you know when you're naughty, the worst
of it all
Is in making your mother's heart ache.

But courage, my boy! Never mind if the shoes
Are muddy and wet, and all that;
Never mind if your clothes have been terribly
torn,
And you've ruined your pretty new hat.

Go in like a man, and tell mother the truth,
Like a brave little lad, and you'll see
How happy a boy who confesses a fault,
And is truthful and honest, can be.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY, 1884.

THIS Magazine makes a new departure for 1884. It comes out in a new and handsome cover, and is printed on fine super-calendered paper, which does justice to the high class engravings, which are a special feature. Better engravings were never published in Canada than the 23 which grace this number. The article on Tennyson, by Dr. Stevenson, of Montreal, with a fine portrait, is specially timely. Of patriotic interest are the articles on Manitoba and Keewatin, and on the Oil Wells of Canada, by the Rev. D. Savage, both splendidly illustrated. The latter is the best account of the Oil Industry of Canada that has as yet been published. Lady Brassey's Voyage Round the World begins well with her adventures in the Canaries and ascent of the Peak of Teneriffe, copiously illustrated. Bishop Fuller, of the Church of England; Dr. Laing, of the Presbyterian Church, and the Editor write on the subject of the Unity of the Churches and how it can be promoted; and Bishop McTear, of the M. E. Church, South, writes on Methodist Union. A racy story of Life in Newfoundland is begun, and Prof. Goldwin Smith contributes a noble poem on Martin Luther. This is certainly a fine bill of fare for 20 cents, and great things are promised for the

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

OUR kind *confreres* of the Halifax Wesleyan gives the following friendly notice of our Connexional Magazine: Under the able management of the Rev. Dr. Withrow, the *Canadian Methodist Magazine* has attained a success unparalleled in the Dominion. The announcement for 1884 is the best yet made. There will be a good number of illustrated articles, and also original papers from many of the foremost writers of Canada, with other papers by noted authors abroad. Orders for this magazine, at two dollars per year, should be forwarded to Rev. S. F. Huestis, Methodist Book Room, Halifax.* A handsome premium—"Anecdotes of the Wesleys," a volume of nearly four hundred pages—is given for thirty-five cents extra. The *Canadian Methodist Magazine* and this premium volume should go to all Methodist homes within the bounds of our General Conference.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of valuable donations of books from Rev. J. Wakefield, Paris, H. McElroy, Richmond, and the School at Farnham, Que. There are many applicants for these books and they are doing much good. We will be glad to receive further donations. Address books to Rev. W. H. Withrow, Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

We are glad to hear that the Rev. Dr. Potts, of Montreal, is improving. On the 2nd inst., the officiating minister in the Anglican Cathedral requested the prayers of the congregation in Dr. Potts' behalf. This exhibition of good feeling, though only what Christianity should dictate, seems to have given much pleasure to the Protestant public of Montreal.

* Or if living in the west, to William Briggs, Toronto; or, C. W. Coates, Montreal.—Ed.