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FROM THE TWO ARMIES.

As Life's unending column pours, Two marshalled hosts are seen wo armies on the trampled shores. That Death flows dark between,

One marches to the drum beat's roll, The wide mouthed clarion's bray, And Lears upon a crimson scroll, "Our glory is to alay."

One moves in silence by the a ram, With sad, yet watchful eyes, Calm as the patient planet's gleam That walks the cruded skies.

Along its front no sebres shine, No blood-red pennons wave; Its banner bears the single line, Our duty is to save.

For those the sculptor's laurelled bust.
The builder's marble piles.
The anthems pealing o'er their dust.
Through long cathedral autes.

For these the blossom-sprinkled turf That floods the lonely graves When spring rolls in her sea green suif In flowery-forming waves.

I'wo paths lead upward from below, And angels wait above, And count each burning life drops flow, Each falling tear of Love.

While Valour's haughly champions wait Till all their scars are shown. Love walks unchallenged through the gate,
To alt beside the Throne !

-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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OF THE SHORTER CATECHISM. B. MACKAY, MONTERAL XCIX.

ONE of the sights at Hampton Court is a magnificent vine whose fruitfulness is the admiration of all beholders. Many Christians, as they have gazed on its branches, laden with countless clusters of grapes, have been reminded of

loving Him and trusting Him continually. As a branch cannot bear fruit except it abide in the vine, so we must remain barren except we are united to Christ by faith and love. Apart from Him, and the spiritual power and life that proceed from Him, we can do

fully enlightened in the knowledge of His will. It is possible to trust Him them to his own view. though the knowledge we have of His will is very imperfect. A child in grece may trust Him and love Him just as ligence. But as he ponders the words of Jesus, and his mind expands, and his

increases. Thus he goes from strength to strength, he delights 'simself more and more in the Lord, and finds that just in the measure in which his mind is enlightened in the knowledge of His will does he receive whatsoever he asks. That promise becomes very precious and very real, "Delight thyself in the Lord and he will give thee the desires of thine heart." Now, the whole Bible is helpful in

teaching us what is according to God's will, but Jesus knew that growth in this ledge would be gradual, while our and always be very many and represent. Therefore, in great love to brilliance. His fullness of knowledge He has gathered together a number of petitions, each and all of will. He has done this to guide us in I to the whole school. prayer, and to prevent that perplexity | And the last suggestion made under which rises from imperfect knowledge. weakness and ignorance; and reverently has put into our lips, remembering that able office, to which his Master has It is One who knows the will of God | called him, will be prized as a privilege, perfectly who has said, "After this manner pray ye.'

These petitions are commonly, but somewhat inaccurately called "The Lord's prayer." They were given at the request of His disciples, who said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." They Mount, when he warned them against those osteritations and mechanical prayers which only feed pride and sup- view, he would gain the confidence and erstition. Some nations put a number of prayers in a box which is turned by machinery, and they think that when each prayer comes to the top, it is presented to their god, and so all is well.

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when we mumble over a number of words and call it praying. Martin Luther says that the Lord's prayer is the greatest martyr that ever was, because it is so often repeated without thought and feeling, reverence and affection. We must always guard carefully against those "vain repetitions" which cur Saviour condemned as a heathenish habit, and a slight on our leather's love. ful Disciples' Prayer the more shall we see its height and depth, its length and breadth, and the more we grow in the knowledge of the Scriptures the more shall we be able to pray in the spirit of its petitions, and ask for things agreeable to the will of Cod. Thus we say, "The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction, is that form of prayer which Christ taught his Disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.

THE SUCCESSFUL SUPERIN TENDENT.

BY THE RIV. HENRY G. DIRCHBY.

A short time ago, Mr. Ralph Wells, that veteran Sunday-school worker, sent out invitations to the superinter dents of New York City and vicinity to meet at his house and discuss the above topic.

The discussion was animated and thorough. Many valuable suggestions were made. The leader, from his wide and varied intercourse will all phases of Sunday-school work, was able to direct the thought in clean-cut channels, and to so clench the suggestions that they could easily be carried away.

He divided the subject into four parts: (1) The man himself; (2) Pis relation to his teachers; (3) His relation to the work; (4) Difficulties and discouragements. But in the discussion these divisions were found more or less interwoven the one with the other. Sifting the discussion, the following thoughts came to the surface:

The successful superintendent as a man will be a good conductor. As a conductor of a railroad train is expected to know all about his train, from the engineer's cab to the baggage-car, to a words of Jesus, "I am the vine ye good superintendent will be familiar of the secretary to Begins thereon of the

library books. He will be a "house-band;" that is his influence will be so generally felt that all the working forces of the school are bound together in and by him.

He will be a man of business, prompt to meet all his engagements, with a due

ing their will, he will try to educate

He will be a man of prayer. His difficulties and discouragements will be horne to the Throne of Grace, and left truly as a mature saint, though he is there, that they may not prove hindfar from having the same spiritual intel. rances and obstacles in the way of the work. He will pray often for and with his teachers. His life will sayour of conexperience broadens, his intelligence stant communion and fellowship with his Master.

One gentleman suggested that the successful superintendent will be a full man, and in the course of his remarks stated that a brilliant speaker was rarely a good superintendent. He illustrated this thought by the fact that the copper wires carrying the electric fluid were cold, because they were good conductors, whereas the carbon points, because poor conductors, flashed and blazed brilliantly. So a good superintendent will be a good conductor of power and energy to his fellow-laborers without outshining them with his dress than in the inspiration he conwhich are according to His Father's veys to his teachers and through them

this head was that the successful super-We should therefore be very grateful to intendent will be an enthusiast. His Him for thus condescending to our heart and soul will be wrapped up in his work. He will be instant in season and and thoughtfully use those petitions He out of season. The high and honourand faithfully occupied by him as true and loyal servant.

It was generally accepted, under the next devision, that a successful superintendent, in relation to his teachers, would be intimately acquainted with each one of them. He would know each teacher's trend of thought and were repeated in the Sermon on the general habit of life as accurately as a good teacher should know each member of his class. With this end in esteem of his co-workers. He would visit them in their homes, study their

Such prayer by machinery may make effective in the work. He would stimu and wherever she could render aid she | ger, if not certainty, that most of Ho- | tems, and displaying the different careus smile, but it is exactly what happens late them to more faithful effort by commendation rather than blame. He The people of this country, too, found and exalt the office of a teacher. He not be over-sensitive to their criticisms. The faults of his teachers will be hidden in his breast, to be prayed over in was connently fitted to make home life secret; and if they should be detri- all that it should be and to exemplify school, he will kindly and gently talk But the more we ponder this wonder- them over with the offender alone. The dom and prudence made her a true practice of retailing the faults or failversally condemned.

His relation to his teachers will be one of loving, hopeful, hearty sympathy. spurring them to loftier purposes and leading them ever to more faithful endeavor.

The time occupied in the discussion so far, had consumed the greater part of the evening, and the remaining points were very briefly glanced at.

It was unanimously agreed that the successful superintendent would open and close the sessions of the school promptly on time. In the opening exercises, he will not trench on the teacher's province by squeezing all the juice out of the lesson ere the teachers take it up with their classes. It requires a wise superintendent and much diligent study to so launch the lesson that the scholars shall be hungry for it and the teachers inspired to deliver it. It may be done; and, when well done, is to the advantage of both teacher and

not be cut down for any consideration. Neither visitors, Christmas music, nor any other affair, should be permitted to interfere with the teaching of the lesson.

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but will assign that duty, at times, to one or another of his teachers, and thus develop what is often undiscovered talent in many schools. He will protect his school from prosy, longwinded speakers, and will mercifully

especially, and enlarge or modify plans to accord with his suggestion. In other words, he will be his pastor's right-hand man .- S. S. Times.

Mission Work.

THE LATE MRS. McLACHLAN. (NÉE LIZZIE STEVENS, TORONTO.)

(To the Editor of the Perceytyrian Review.)

DEAR Str.-No doubt you have, prior to the heard of the death of Mrs. Me-much delay at the beginning of opera-Lachlan, wife of the Rev. Alexander McLachlan, who, with Mr. Jenanyan, lest America last winter to establish the "St. Paul's Institute" in Tarsus.

departed one was held prompts me to

write you a few lines respecting her. For some years before her marriage it was my good fortune to know her. And while our friends were on the way to the scene of their present labours we had the great pleasure of having them with us as guests for ten days, when I had further opportunity of becoming acquainted with her. Again, last sum-

with Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan in the Taurus mountains. My first impressions of Mrs. Mcachian were of the most favourable kind. An extended acquaintance not only confirmed these impressions but

gave me opportunities of observing her

beautiful Christian life and feeling the

mer, Mrs. McNaughton and I spent two

of the pleasantest months of our lives

genial influence of a nature strong and I feel assured that all who knew her intimately will endorse me in saying, that it is rare to find in one so young clearly and positively exhibited. Perhaps her greatest charm was her sweet, manded, she became a great favourite it elf. The flow carries immense quan-

own tongue.

mental to the best interests of the to the people of this country what is the true sphere of woman. Her wishelp meet for her husband in the noble ings of one teacher to others was uni enterprise in which he is just entering with such devotion and consecration. She shared all his plans and purposes, and both looked forward hopefully to

a long life in the service of the Master. A letter recently received from Mr. Falachlan telling us about her last hours lets us into the true secret of her liberty of quoting a few lines: "As the end approached all the friends were summoned to bid her good-bye, and as each entered the room she greeted them with a smile and some word of comfost. Indeed when every heart around the bed was almost breaking with grief, she alone remained calm and even cheerful, and though assured by the doctor that she might pass away at any moment, interested herself in each one of # and gave us many assurances of her willingness to obey the summons Whitever it might come. She remained coascious until a few minutes of the last and inspired us all to a firmer trust in

may be done; and, when well done, is to the advantage of both teacher and scholar. During the teaching time the successful superintendent will see that nothing is permitted to disturb the classes. No books or papers should be distributed. Nor should the teacher be interrupted in any way. The time allowed for teaching should he inviolably sacred. The disturbing element in any class will be made to feel the presence of the superintendent, not so much by word as by look. He will be able to move unobtrusively about the school with watchful eye, keen cars, and silent tongue; and his very presence will be helpful and stimulating.

The time allotted for teaching should not be cut dow, for any consideration. Neither visitor: Christmas music, nor the Divine wisdom.

JAMES P. MCNAUGHTON. American Missionary. TURKEY IN ASIA,

MISSIONARY LETTER ROM REV. DONALD MACGILLIVRAY.

BEV. DONALD MACGILLIVRAY, of bid Honan Mission, reached Chefo v. Dec. 1st. From letters recently received ing the year six new Auxiliaries have we make the following extracts .-

It is generally supposed that only the it is to be burned.

But when our hearts rest on Him, all that is needed to make us fruitful to the utmost extent, is to have our minds fully enlightened in the knowledge of He will recognize the pastor and Province of Honan suffers from floods; South, Niagara Falls, Dunnville and poses. The people must have wood, as, except in a few places, the enormous coal fields of China lie undeveloped, owing to the superstitious dread of the anger of the Earth Dragon. The a ginal breach in the Yellow river snept away 6,000 feet of embankment. The closing of such a breach against a current of ten miles an hour and 100 feet deep would be no easy task for skilled Western engineers. But for Chinamen to close such a breach before the autumnal freshets set in, was a task utopian in the extreme. There was tions and much suspected peculations of Immense sums that greatly hindered tha Imperial Government. Several commissioners of high rank were de-The very high esteem in which the graded on these and other grounds. Diring the course of the summer the commissioners petitioned the Emperor (of an electric light, five li (11/2 miles) of railway, with 100 trucks for carting eafth, and two steam launches. The request was granted and the necessary plit t sent on from Shanghai. Thus the transportation of material became comparatively rapid. But the difficulties were great. Timber was scarce, the carth of country about of a sandy nature, having little or no cohesive power, and the cedies at the trench did much damage. The steam launches at last were found urzerviceable. At length the accidental sinking of a junk stopped the work When the autumn freshets came a wide gap still remained unfilled. Therefore. cier since the original break, there has been a steady outpour of water into South Honan and Anhul. In consequence, the flooded districts have remained flooded, the outlets yet found being insufficient to drain off the water. Part of the floods have gone out by the graces of true Christian character so the old neith east channel, part by the araall rivers, and part it is feared is flowing out by the Yang-Tei Klang; and, if generous, unselfish spirit. Forgetful of sowill probably silt up that noble stream self, and always ready to do one a at its mouth and upwards and so render kindness, whatever sacrifice that de it is unnavigable as the Yellow river

did so with the utmost willingness. nan when the breach is finally conquered and the flood drained off, will would set a high idea ever before them, in her a true sister. They loved her be rendered permanently sterile. I and exalt the office of a teacher. He deeply and longed for the time when understand that the whole of the work understand that the whole of the work would welcome their suggestions, and she could converse with them in their done was not destroyed by the autumn freshets, and that now thousands are at Cultured and refined in nature, she it again vith might and main under a was emmently fitted to make home life new commissioner the old commissioner having been degraded), endenvouring, if possible, to close the gap before the spring floods. It seems, however, doubtful if the closing of the breach will do much good. The draining of the country must still largely be done by canals; and besides, the river bank is said to be in a very rotten condition in many places, and so a repetition of the disasters may occur at any time. As far as I can learn, the best foreign engineers advise a complete survey of the whole river as the first power and influence. I will take the step towards the solution of the great years, during which the floods would be allowed to remain as they are. Their opinion is, that the flood has done all the damage it can, and that several years spent in solving the problem for all time would abundantly compensate for the temporary loss of much of Honan. Some are of opinion that the people should be assisted to emigrate, say to

Mongolia, where there is ample room. Many of the sufferers are, of course, employed in the work of filling up the breach. But untold misery is now prevailing. The northern provinces are literally swarming with refugees from the flooded districts, whose sole occupation is begging, as they are on the verge of starvation.

I am expecting soon to go north to Tientsin, and then south by river or cart to Pong Kia Cwang, where Goforth is now with the missionaries of the American Board. After consultation with Dr. Cerbett I decided to go inland at once. I received a cordial welcome from Drs. Smith and McClure.

W. F. M. S. PRESBYTERIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS. HAMILTON.

THE annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterial Women's Foreign Mission Society was held in the schoolroom of mad rioters threatened the lives of the Machab street Presbyterian church workers and their families; est to make an experiment.

chair. After the reading of the reposit the ladies to call upon the Mrs. Grant, presented her report, a synopsis of which is as follows: Durbeen added; namely, Simcoe, Port Dover, Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls Auxiliary, making in all twenty-three Auxiliaries and thirteen Miesion Bands. with a total membership of about 1,054. The contributions have also increased. The decreased contributions in three of the Societies is accounted for by the absence of life membership fees. The total amount to be sent to the General Society is \$2.484.57, an increase of \$280 over last year. In addition to this St. Paul's church furnished a hospital outfit for China, costing \$77.45, and Lynedoch sent \$50 55 to Mr. Goforth for the benefit of the Chinese sufferers. Four large trunks filled with dolls, toys and fancy articles were also sent to India. The report also referred to the death of Mrs. W. W. Grant, who, as President of St. Paul's auxiliary, was a Vice-President of the society. Contributions during the year 1888, total \$284 57.

The Treasurer's report showed the receipts to be \$2,373 87 and the expenditures \$74.90, I. aving a balance on hand of \$2,298.97. All the reports were adopted. Rev. J. Wilkie addressed the ladies. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lyle, President; Mrs. Malloch and the Presidents of the different Auxiliaries and Bands, Vice-presidents; Mrs. Grant, Secretary; Miss Clark, Treasurer. It was decided to hold a semi-annual meeting at Caledonia the first Thursday in June. The question of inviting the central society to hold its annual meeting here was discussed and it was left to the local auxiliaries.

In the evening a well-attended missionary meeting was held in St. Paul's church. Rev. Dr. Laidlaw was the chairman, and several other ministers, including Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., Rev. Dr. Laing, Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, (St. Catharines), and Rev. Dr. Frazer were present. The highly satisfactory reports of the ladies' society were read and Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe, on behalf of the Presbytery thanked the ladies. He also spoke strongly in favour of the mission 'work.

tumes worn by them. He had numerous articles which he brought from there and explained their uses, which made the address very interesting inuced. He described and spoke of the different parts of East India in which work was being done by the missionaries. In speaking of the different natives the missionaries encountered, he said the Parsees were the most enlightened people there, having adopted many English customs. He spoke strongly in favour of establishing schools for the education of the women, many of whom were anxious to learn, claiming that they wanted to be educated, but the princes opposed it. The people are 'oo poor to pay for education, but they are grateful and will amply repay any kindness shown them. He said the great curses of India are optum and liquor, and closed by male problem. This would require some ing an appeal for assistance. During the evening music was furnished by the choir, and Miss Krast and J. Morley sang solos.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

A MEDICAL Mission has been established in the Esquilino, in Rome new quarter where workmen and their families reside.

THE Committee of the South Presbyterian Church has recently appointed Edgar Woods, ir., M. D., 2 a Medical Missionary, and has assign ed him to the work at Tsing-Kinng He. China, where his brother, the Rev. 🏗 M. Woods, is stationed. Dr. Worlds is a young man who gave up flattefith business prospects that he might 4 himself for Medical Mission work, 19th

THE Fiji Islands Mission has 27,092 church members, and 101,150 attendants at public worship. Fifty years ago there was not a Christian on the islands, now there is not a heather. The people are liberal in proportion their means. A call to the train school for fifteen missionaries for the dangerous and unhealthy work in ... Guinea was responded to by Jo volunteers.

In a city in the middle of the Pis vince of Kiang-su, China, a mob &

women," as they called them, and his side of three months, there were dod-verts in three of the official residebets of the city. HERE are two facts in connection

there, and should act as a stimblete more abundant labours. The Lo Missionary Society, with only thirty & lish missionaries in Madagascar, rejo the astonishing number of 828 mg ordained ministers, and 4,395 th preachers, with 61,000 church men and 280,000 adherents.

Goo has been preparing the dom of Japan for the comb the Christian religion for a many years. Their temple stat will plainly show that their herrts have been gradually and wonderfully weight away from their old idol prespect Their past support zone, their of 18 treats closed, whither should they bers God closed the temple door ag them before he opened that Church. In 1714 there was meration of the temples of Japan and the whole number was found, to 393,087. Again in 1885, 171 ye later, another enumeration was made and the whole number was founding only 57,842, or 335,245 less templos than 171 years before. This, income indicates a wonderful religious change The people have turned from theigh ples and now they are looking; Icsus.

Tilz tenth annual meeting olds Carleton Place Auxiliary of the War ! M.Sociely was held at Dr. MacElan residence on Thursday, the rothminet In the absence of the President, calling A. A. Scott, the meeting was condected by Mrs. MacDonald and Miss Mchan tie. The amount contributed lastiques by monthly envelopes of members.

95; Thank offerings Zion and Stan Grews churches, \$88.40; total, \$14666 The officers elected for 18891 President, Mrs. A. A. Scott; 1stillis President, Mrs. D. MacDonald ; well Vice-President, Mrs. A. Campbell 3rd Vice-President, Miss McRoule Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Ewen; Treasurer, Miss Stark be elected). Miss Mary Bell was appe delegate to attend the fifth an meeting of the Presbyterial Societ meet at Renfrew the fourth Tuesdi