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## EVERY DAY.

Every day my hope grows brighter,  
Every day the burdens lighter,  
And my weak faith grows more strong,  
And more cheerful is my song,  
And God's mercies seem more tender,  
As earth's pleasures I surrender;  
With the bread of heaven He feeds me,  
By the hand he gently leads me  
O'er the blessed, blessed way.

## OVER LAND AND SEA.

The death of Rev. Joshua Hall McIlvaine, D.D., of Princeton, at the age of eighty-two, removes from the American Presbyterian ministry one of its eldest and most distinguished members. He was born in Lewes, Del., on the 4th of March, 1815; was graduated at Princeton in 1837, and at the Theological Seminary in 1840. After this he was the pastor of Presbyterian Churches at Little Falls, Utica and Rochester. From 1860 to 1870 he was Professor of Belles Lettres at Princeton University, and from 1870 to 1874 he served as pastor of the High Street Church in Newark. For many years he was a member of the American Oriental Society, and in 1854 he received the degree of D.D. from the University of Rochester, N. Y. In 1887 he founded at Princeton, N. J., the Evelyn College for girls. In his prime he was known as a very popular preacher.

Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., pastor of the First Church of Brooklyn, has been elected to the Presidency of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in the place of the venerable Dr. Thomas S. Hastings, who has recently resigned the office. Dr. Hall has accepted the position offered him. As he has long been identified with the institution in various ways, and is in sympathy with its spirit, men and measures, he will hardly make any changes in its policy and government.

The work on the Witherspoon building, Philadelphia, Pa., now in course of erection by the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work, is advancing in a very satisfactory manner, and it is expected that it will be completed so that the Board may enter its new quarters early in the autumn of the present year. With the increase of its facilities, the Board is planning for an enlargement of its work in both the publishing and the missionary departments. A number of its late issues have received very appreciative notices in the religious periodicals.

Europe has enjoyed immunity from the bubonic fever, formerly called the plague, since 1841. In the fourteenth century, readers of history remember that it had 100,000 victims in London. The great plague in London in 1665 and of Marseilles in 1720 were diseases of the same nature.

The movement in the Roman Catholic Church for the higher education of women has recently been greatly furthered by the opening of the Catholic University in Paris to separate women's classes in theology, philosophy, history, political economy, literature, physics and æsthetics.

The twenty-second annual report of the Hospital Book and Newspaper Society, New York, states that during the last year there were distributed 7,610 books, 25,121

magazines, 65,071 weekly and illustrated papers, and 83,391 newspapers. This distribution of papers and magazines was not exclusively confined to New York.

During 1896, the Salvation Army in England supplied the hungry with 3,231,917 meals, and the homeless with 1,339,246 lodgings.

"If a man wants to drink whisky, that is his business," says the saloon apologist. Let's see. When Bob Poland and Coon Parker were drinking in Heflin, Ala., and in their spree ran a car of the Southern Railroad off the switch and on to the main track down the grade, till it stopped on a high trestle, it became the Southern Railroad's "business."

And when a loaded freight train came along and rushed into the car, causing a \$100,000 wreck, destroying much valuable merchandise, it became the business of a great many merchants and shippers, as well as the railroad.

And when three dead bodies were dug out from under the wreck, it became the business of some wives and orphans.

And when the tax-payers are called upon to support the families whose natural providers have thus been suddenly taken away, it will become the business of several other people.

One man's drinking often becomes the business of several hundreds or thousands of people, and the man who can not perceive this fact ought to be sent at once to an institution for the education of the feeble minded.

Some people are too ready to judge their church paper according to their own personal predilections. If it does not in every particular conform to their ideal, they find fault with it, as though it were published for their sole benefit. It is more reasonable to take and enjoy what suits our taste, and politely allow others to do the same. It would be impossible to publish a church paper, or any other, which would in all points please all of its readers. A little unselfish consideration of others, and a grain or two of the Christian charity which may be expected of church members, will be sufficient to keep criticism within reasonable bounds.

It has been noticed that there are more accidents in Switzerland in fine seasons than in stormy ones. People are apt to undertake expeditions that they would not take under less favorable conditions, and they are less careful in their conduct. And so it is that moral and spiritual disaster usually overtakes men when they are off their guard, careless against temptation. They become proud and self-reliant in seasons of prosperity, whereas adversity drives them to the living God for guidance and comfort. Dr. Johnson once said that it is more from carelessness regarding the truth than from intentional lying that there is so much falsehood in the world.

At the American mission to the Jews in New York, recently, Dr. John Hall baptized fifteen Jews into the Christian faith. A large assembly of Hebrews heard the earnest appeal of Dr. Hall to accept the Divinity of the Nazarene. The work of this mission seems to be much blessed, and the truth as it is in Jesus is heard by many of the house of Israel.