

## CHRIST OR BARABBAS.

There was a choice once put before a set of men which ought to make the most careless of us shudder when we remember *how* they chose.

Do you recall it? The cry "This man or Barabbas—Jesus or Barabbas?" And they chose Barabbas.

Would you have done the same—chosen a murderer before Jesus—a sinner before the Saviour? You think not; you are not a very good man, you say—not very religious—but, oh no! you would not have done that. How could the Jews have made so mad, so terrible a choice. At any rate, thank God, the danger for us is not possible of falling into such a sin.

Are you sure of that? Let us think a moment on the subject.

Is the choice no longer put before the world—Christ or Barabbas? Can we no longer reject Jesus and choose something wicked and unclean instead? Oh, friends all—rich and poor, high and low, young and old—you have this choice put before you every hour of your life. You may not know it, but know it now.

The child chooses when it wants to be passionate, wants to strike a comrade, and conscience bids it hold back the angry word—the uplifted hand. A moment's pause; it is choosing between Christ and anger—Jesus or Barabbas.

A boy or young man meets the ridicule or scorn of careless companions regarding some religious practice, prayer or Church-going. He hesitates. What is he doing? Choosing again, Jesus or Barabbas—Christ, or the fear of man.

The young girl, looking in the shop-window, tempted to buy finery with the money meant to go to her old parents or for religious purposes. Christ or covetousness, Jesus or Barabbas—the choice is before her.

The witty man, just about to make the wicked yet amusing jest which will bring a roar of applause from his comrades, what keeps him silent a minute? The choice again! He is making it—Jesus or Barabbas—Christ or man-pleasing.

Yet, so it goes on, all through life—Barabbas or Jesus—the sin or Christ. Be watchful in the smallest things then, for the choice comes in all.

One wrong choice may not seem much to matter, it is such a trifling sin you have chosen. But you have gone one step nearer Barabbas, one step farther from Christ.

Right and wrong are in everything and the Right means Christ. It is only by constantly striving to choose the right, that our souls become holy; it is by many times giving in to wrong, that we become unholy.

Oh, listen again to the awful question—Christ or Barabbas?—and pray God from your very heart's depths that you may not be one of those who by indulgence in sin make answer, "Not this man but Barabbas."

DID it never strike you that all goodness in the world must, in some way or other, come from God. When we see the million rain drops

of the shower, we say, with reason, there must be one great sea, from which all these drops have come. When we see the countless rays of light, we say, with reason there must be one great central sun, from which all these are shed forth. And when we see, as it were, countless drops and countless rays of goodness scattered about in the world, a little good in this man, and a little good in that man, shall we not say, there must be one great sea, one central sun of goodness, from whence all human goodness comes.

We say the world is dying—what for? Sermons? No. Periodicals? No. Religious stories? O! dear no. There is no chance of a want of them for many long years to come. Dying for disquisitions? No. For fine-spun theories? For creeds and faiths? O! you might have them by the dozen. What is it dying for?—downright, honest, loving, earnest testimony of what God can do for souls. That is what it wants."

THE great want of the age is thorough, faithful, superior work in every department; and this want can never be supplied until people are willing to do just what they can do best. This is the proper sphere for ambition, and the only one that offers a reasonable prospect of success.

TRUE godliness does not reduce men to a dead level. The variety which God stamps upon nature, he means to have reproduced in character. No man ever finds out the variety to which human talent and power can be put, until he begins to work under God's direction.

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## MARRIAGES.

LEATHLEY—MC CREA.—After banns, at St. Anne's Church, Easton's Corners, Ont., on Sept. 26th, by Rev. R. I. M. Houston, assisted by Rev. R. N. Jones, the Rev. S. T. Leathley, Incumbent of Kitley, to Florence Amelia, second daughter of H. McCrea, Esq., of Easton's Corners.

CHAPMAN—LANDRY.—At the Rectory of Trinity Church, Dorchester, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, John M. Chapman to Augustine E. Landry, all of Dorchester.

TUMMOND—BOWEN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Richmond, Oct. 9th, by the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, William V. Tummond, to Miss Emma Bowen, both of this city.

## Home Tuition.

THE REV. C. WILLIS takes a few Boys from 11 years old to 13, to Educate with his own. Healthy locality, the Rectory being situated in the Pine Trees, on rising ground, about 10 minutes walk from the village and station. One vacancy for short term commencing 29th day of October. Tutor, the Rev. C. P. HANINGTON, B. A. For terms, apply to Rev. C. WILLIS. The Rectory, Petitediac. Oct 17 21

## Halifax Medical College,

THE Seventeenth Session of this Institution will open on THURSDAY, October 25th, 1883.

For any information, or for copy of Annual Announcement, address the Registrar, J. F. BLACK, M. D., No. 49 Granville St. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## MISSIONS.

THE Nova Scotia Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions asks for contributions towards the work in Algoma and the North-West, and the Foreign Field. Funds are urgently needed. From returns presented to the Provincial Synod, Nova Scotia is far behind the other Dioceses in the amount of its contributions to these objects. Address the Secretary.

REV. JNO. D. H. BROWNE, Halifax.

## APPEAL.

THE Subscriber has charge of a large and extensive Mission, embracing twelve Stations, and extending a short distance from the Town of Annapolis into the neighbouring Counties of Queens and Lunenburg, a distance of nearly sixty miles. There is already one Church in the Mission, viz., at Caledonia, and it has been thought desirable to erect another at Pleasant River, on the borders of Queens and Lunenburg, and in the midst of a large, central and populous district. The building, capable of seating one hundred and fifty persons, is now up, and the outside finished. Its cost will be about one thousand dollars. The Church people in its vicinity have done their every utmost to effect so laudable a purpose, and aided by a grant of £40 from the Ven. the S. P. C. K., hope to be able to accomplish the end in view, with the exception of about three hundred dollars, and they now appeal, for the first time, for extraneous aid to enable them to worship the God of their fathers in a fitting and commodious house. Contributions in money, or hangings, or decorations, thankfully received by the Missionary in charge.

HENRY D. DEBLOIS, Annapolis.

Liverpool Road Mission, Aug. 24th, 1883.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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## St. Lawrence Canals.

## Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for St. Lawrence Canals, will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, the 13th day of November next, for the construction of a lock and regulating weir and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal.

Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapids Plait Canal, or middle division of the Williamsburg Canals.

Tenders will also be received until TUESDAY, the 27th day of November next, for the extension of the pierwork and deepening, &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the head or upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapids Plait Canal, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen at this office, and at the Resident Engineer's office, Dickenson's Landing, on and after Tuesday, the 30th day of October next, where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

A map, plans and specification of the works to be done at the head of the Galops Canal can be seen at this office and at the lock keeper's house, near the place, on and after TUESDAY, the 13th day of November next, where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted Bank cheque for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars must accompany the Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,  
A. P. BRADLEY,  
Secretary.  
Department of Railways and Canals,  
Ottawa, 28th Sept., 1883.  
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