

HAVE JESUS WITH YOU.

KNOW life is full of temptations,
And sin, and sorrow, and fear,
But if you'll take Jesus with you,
He'll wipe away ev'ry tear;
In His loving arms He'll entold you,
He will all your burdens bear,
And guide, and shield, and uphold you,
And protect you every where

I know you are sometimes lonely—
Oh! remember you have a Friend,
Who will ever prove true and faithful,
And will love you to the end.
If you want to live and die happy,
Give Jesus your heart to-day,
Let Him share all your joys and sorrows,
Let Him lead you all the way.

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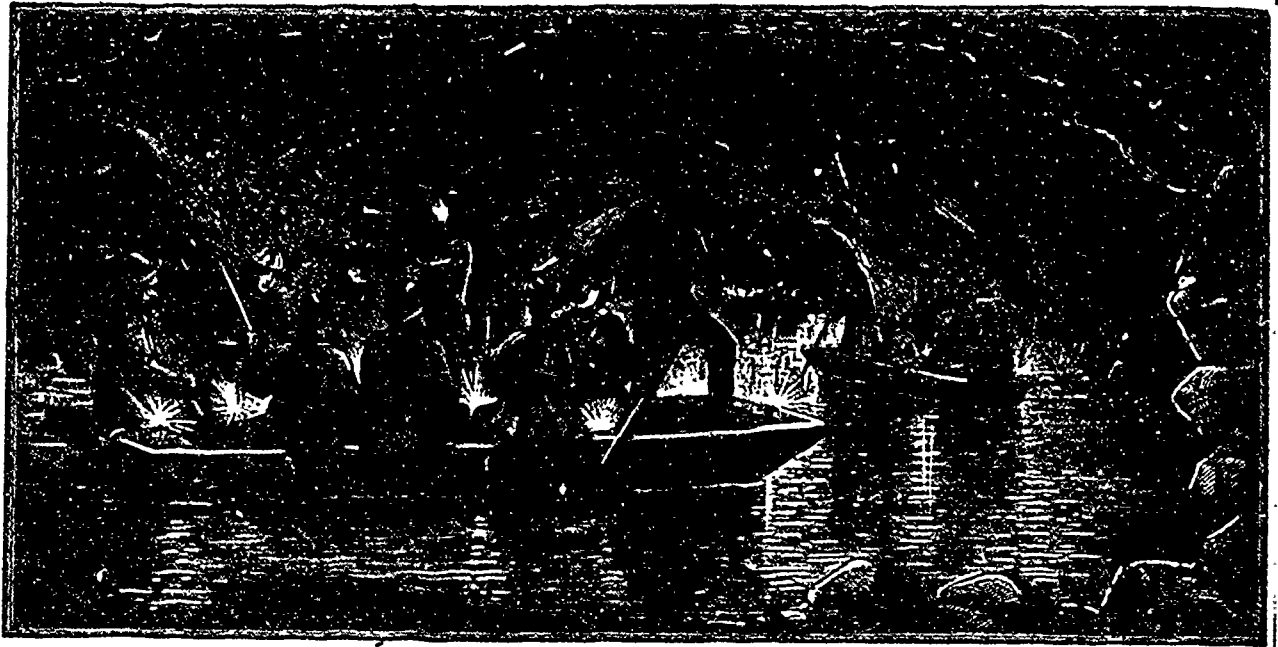
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ENGLISH EDITION OF A CANADIAN BOOK.

THE Wesleyan Conference Office, London, England, has brought out a handsome illustrated edition of Withrow's "Valeria, the Martyr of the Catacombs: a Tale of Early Christian Life in Rome." The book has been well received by the English press. The London Watchman thus reviews it: "This is a vivid and realistic picture of the times of the persecution of the early Christians under Diocletian. It will enchain the attention of those who read it. Not only is the story of great interest in itself, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the details of manners and customs are historically correct. Dr. Withrow is an authority on all matters connected with the subject. His important work on the Catacombs of Rome gives an exhaustive account of all that is known concerning them. We hope that this touching story of one who found her last resting-place in their recesses may lead the reader to consult for himself the larger work, which deals with matters so affecting to our Christian sympathies.

The London Recorder says of it: "It should be on every drawing-room table and in every Sunday-school library." This book is for sale at the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price 75 cents.

"IRRITABILITY," says Cecil, "urges us to take a step as much too soon as sloth does too late."



ECHO RIVER, MAMMOTH CAVE.

DR. DANIEL WILSON ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

WE take the following from Dr. Wilson's admirable address at the recent convocation of University College: From time to time I have had opportunities of recommending students of this college to mercantile appointments, and have received gratifying assurance that the habits of systematic and persevering application which an academic course tends to encourage have proved admirable training for the counting-house and the mart. This very year I have received with pleasure the response from one of our oldest and most experienced bankers to my recommendation of a former student, a mathematical honour man, in which he says:—"I hold to the opinion that young men of academic training are to be preferred, in spite of a contrary one maintained by some. I am confirmed in this by the satisfactory results of previous experience. A student who, I was warned, would prove to have been rendered useless by a college education, has turned out a most efficient clerk." To you especially who are now entering on college life, with all its ample opportunities and privileges before you, let me urge that the use you are now about to make of them will influence your whole future career. The four years of your undergraduate course are the seed-time on which the future harvest of your life largely depends. And there are few sadder heritages of age than the retrospect of time mispent and opportunities lost. Of those who, like myself, have reached an age in which we look back upon life's opportunities as a treasure already expended, there are few, indeed, who do not revert with unavailing regret to wasted hours in which the wondrous possibilities of life's morning were allowed to pass unheeded, "and fade into the light of common day." Let me urge on you, then, to use wisely the opportunities now presented, with a high sense of your responsibilities. These you can scarcely over-estimate. Each one of you is a unit in the grand aggregate of the new generation on which so much of the future of Canada depends. To her, as you enter on your academic career, you take a vow of allegiance,

the breach of which involves no less dishonour than that of the faithless knight whose sword was broken and the spurs hacked from his heels. It pledges you to a wise and diligent use of advantages of priceless worth, which the far-sighted providence of Canada secured for you while the Mississauga savage still haunted our bay and the virgin forest occupied the site of these halls. In your gratitude to her for such an inheritance, your vow may not unfitly be embodied in the greeting given from this place to the youthful Prince in whom so many hopes centre as the future occupant of the throne; for we too would still gladly identify ourselves and all that pertains to our young Dominion with the proudest hopes of the empire in all whose triumphs we have a part. *Imperii spes provincie salutis.*

A GOOD MOTTO.

THE Rev. Alfred Andrews writes as follows: Dear Brother,—I had occasion to stay with a very nice family a few miles from here last night, and in my bedroom saw as neat and attractive a motto over the washstand as I have met with for many a day. It was simply the heading of PLEASANT HOURS ingeniously cut out and laid on a blue background and framed neatly. The effect was strikingly pleasant, and certainly speaks well for the typographical execution of our excellent juvenile papers.

We want the address of the Superintendent of every Methodist Sunday-school in the Dominion. We have all those in the London Conference and most of these in the Toronto Conference. Many of the ministers in the Montreal and Eastern Conferences have also sent these addresses. But many also have not. Those who have not will confer a favour by sending those addresses at once to the Editor of this paper.

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IT NEVER PAYS.

IT never pays to fret or growl
When fortune seems our foe;
The better bred will push ahead
And strike the braver blow;
For luck is work,
And those who shirk
Should not lament their doom,
But yield and play
And clear the way,
That better men have room.

It never pays to wreck the health
In drudging after gain;
And he is sold who thinks that gold
Is cheapest bought with pain.
A humble lot,
A cosy cot,
Has tempted even kings;
For station high,
That wealth will buy,
Not oft contentment brings.

It never pays! A blunt refrain
Well worthy of a song;
For age and youth must learn this truth,
That nothing pays that's wrong.
The good and pure
Alone are sure
To bring prolonged success;
While what is right
In Heaven's sight
Is always sure to bless.

ROOM AT THE TOP.

THE "room at the top" idea is a good one when rightly considered; but many a young man permits it to mislead, and hence to do him an injury. The recent graduates have all been told of it, and have started off with the belief fixed in their minds that their lives will only be successful if they attain to it. But not many of them will, and seeing it so they will be disappointed and soured in many places where they must constantly be reminded of their failures. What they should be taught to feel is that they have nothing to do with the "top," but that they are called into the world to do its work in the best way possible under a sense of responsibility to God. Away at the top there may be success for them. It will be that if it is God's will concerning them, and that they will receive as he settles for them their limits and environments. We hear of professions that are "overcrowded," but the fact remains that there is a place in all of them for those who will manfully strive, not simply to reach the top, but to do the Lord's work in a worthy manner.—United Presbyterian.