

Our Young Folks.

TWO LITTLE FEET.

Two little feet went pattering by
Years ago!
They wandered off to the sunny sky
Years ago!
Two little socks, well wrinkled and worn,
Move me to tears with their memories born
Years ago!

Dear little feet that ran here and there
Years ago!
Creeping, climbing about everywhere
Years ago!
Crept never back to the love they left,
Climbed never more to the arms which
Years ago!

Again I'll hear those dear little feet
Pattering by!
Their music a thousandfold more sweet
In the sky!
I joy to think of the Father's care
That holds them safe till I meet them there
By and by.

AND WHEN THEY ALL MEET!

"Come to the love-feast, Pussy; we want you
right away."
"I'm busy catching birds, sir; I'll come some
other day."
"We're going to have a love-feast, Sir Ioad, and
wait for you."
"I'm busy catching flies now, and won't to-mor-
row do?"
"Come to the love-feast, Robin, we need your
merry song."
"I'm busy catching insects, but I'll be there ere
long."
"Grave Mistress Owl, a love-feast waits your
wisdom so sublime."
"I'm killing mice at present, sir; I'll come an-
other time."
So they postponed the love-feast till they could
had a day
When none of the guests could find an animal
to slay!

—Amos R. Wells, in the Outlook.

There's no place been yet discovered
Or by mortals ever trod,
Where a man can hide his actions
From the watchful eye of God.

Lord, for the erring thought
Not into evil wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will
Betrayed and baffled still,
For the heart from itself kept,
Our thanksgiving accept.
—W. D. Howells.

A TALK ABOUT SPIDERS.

Instead of despising spiders one should regard them as friends and benefactors, for they are bitter enemies of flies and snakes, and never did a general in battle display more ingenuity than these extraordinary insects. Says the *Weekly Recorder*.

In support of the statement that a spider makes a good wife and devoted mother, Bonnet vouches for the following.

He threw a spider with her bag of eggs into the pit of an ant lion. The latter seized the eggs and tore them from the mother, whom Bonnet then forced from the pit. But the heroic little creature returned and allowed herself to be dragged in and buried alive rather than desert her children.

Should you place a spider and her eggs under a tumbler on a marble mantel, the mother will set to work to spin a web under her eggs in order to lift them from the cold surface which she has sense enough to know will chill them.

There is one species of mother spider that is a veritable Amazon, and that decorates her cocoons with the heads, bodies and gauze wings of her victims until the tiny, clean, silken sac is completely covered with trophies. A second cocoon is added after a few days, then a third and fourth, and as many as eight have been counted, each one decorated by the little mother by the scalps of her prey. This habit is known to scientists as "scalpage," and enables them to recognize this particular species.

The spider can be domesticated and will show great affection, even learning to feed from the hand of one who is kind to it and with whom it becomes acquainted. The great Lauzun in captivity, tamed and fed a spider in his cell. His jailor and the soldiers who guarded him tried to do like-

wise, but the spider refused to take food from any hand save that of Lauzun.

The ingenuity of the spider is something astonishing. If it finds its web is not stretched tightly enough and is swayed by the wind, it will suspend small stones, matches or other objects which will steady the whole structure. Here is an instance.

A violent storm blew a spider's web suspended on a veranda, and broke it. Instead of building a new web, the spider let himself down to the ground and crawled to the spot where a wooden fence had been blown down by the storm, selected a splinter, fastened a thread to it, turned back and hung it by a strong thread to the bottom of the web, about five and a half feet from the ground. A careless servant knocked it down, but the patient insect immediately let itself down, found it and hung it up again. When the storm was over, the spider mended the web, broke the supporting thread and allowed the splinter to fall to the ground. The writer has seen the same tactics employed with matches.

The spider is a clever thief. The sexton of the Church of St. Eustace, in Paris, was at a loss to account for the nightly disappearance of the oil in one of the swinging lamps. Every night he replenished the oil and every morning it was gone. At last he determined to watch and discover the knave who stole the oil. The thief proved to be an enormous spider, who spun down from the ceiling and drank the oil!

One more incident of the spider's thieving propensities: A gentleman possessed a gold scarf pin, the head of which was a small green enamel fly. It was his custom to place it on the mantel in his room when he went to bed. One day it was missing and a maid was accused of having stolen it. When the detectives searched the room they saw something glittering on the ceiling and the pin was discovered firmly enmeshed in a spider's web! The spider had undoubtedly mistaken the fly for the real article.

As a rule, the spider is a solitary insect. There are a few species where the male and female dwell together, and there are a few large colonies to be found on boat-houses and piers, but, generally speaking, the spider lives alone, and fights every creature that dares approach its home.

LIKE A FAIRY TALE.

The Dowager Empress of China has had a romantic history. She was an extremely beautiful girl, the daughter of poor parents who lived in the suburbs of Canton. When the family was starving she, knowing her commercial value, persuaded her parents to sell her as a slave. She was purchased by a renowned general, who, delighted with her beauty, disposition and general cleverness, adopted and educated her as his daughter. When, later, the general was summoned to Peking he could think of no finer gift to offer his sovereign than his daughter. The Emperor found her so charming that he made her his wife. When her husband died, in 1868, this slave-empress became regent, the present emperor being only seven years old. She found China crippled by debt and torn by internal rebellions, yet five years ago, when she handed over the governing power to her son, peace and prosperity reigned throughout the vast empire.

A STEP TO SUCCESS.

"Boy wanted. Call at the office to-morrow morning." At the time named there was a host of boys at the gate. "Now, boys, when I only want one of you, how can I choose from so many?" He invited them into the yard, drove a nail into one of the large trees, and taking a short stick, told them that the boy who could hit the nail with a little distance from the tree should have the place. The boys all tried hard, and, after three trials, each failed to hit the nail. The boys were told to come again next morning, and this time, when the

gate was opened, there was but one boy, who, after being admitted, picked up the stick, and, throwing it at the nail, hit it every time. "How is this?" said the overseer. "What have you been doing?" And the boy, looking up with tears in his eyes, said: "You see, sir, I have a mother and we are very poor. I have no father, sir, and I thought I would like to get the place, and so help all I can; and, after going home yesterday, I drove a nail into the barn, and have been trying ever since, and have come down this morning to try again." The boy was admitted to the place. Many years have passed since then, and this boy is now a prosperous and wealthy man; and at the time of an accident at the mills he was the first to step forward with a gift of \$500 to relieve the sufferers. His success came by perseverance.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

GUELPH. This Presbytery met in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the 21st day of May, under the Moderatorship of Mr. Blair, B.A. The names and standing of students residing in the bounds were recorded. Inquiry was made as to the holding of evangelistic services in the congregations in the bounds, when it appeared from the answers received that in some cases special services had been conducted without aid from outside sources, but that in most special attention had been given to district prayer meeting, apparently to the gratification of those attending and with encouraging results. The committee appointed to consider and suggest what arrangements should be made in connection with the approaching jubilee of Dr. Wardrope, as a minister of the gospel, gave in their report which was discussed and adopted, with one or two additions, and was to the effect that a special meeting of Presbytery, to which the congregation and public shall be invited, in honour of the occasion, be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the 13th August, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and continued in the evening, that a sermon be preached, that Mr. Mullan deliver an address as representing the Presbytery, and that Dr. McLaren, Prof. of Knox College; Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's College; Dr. J. K. Smith, of Port Hope, and Mr. J. B. Duncan, of Parry Sound, be invited to attend, and that an engrossed address be prepared and presented to Dr. Wardrope, expressive of the Presbytery's regard for him, and congratulating him on the long period during which God had spared and blessed him in the ministry of the gospel of His Son. The committee was continued to carry out these arrangements. The committee appointed to draft and forward a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Haigh and family on the death of their late husband and father, stated that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and produced a copy of the resolution, which was taken as read. The Board of Knox College having met on the 20th ult., and agreed to recommend to the General Assembly the name of Dr. McIntosh, of Philadelphia, the Presbytery agreed to cordially approve of the recommendation. A resolution was adopted expressive of gratification at the election of Mr. Mullan to the Moderatorship of the Synod recently held at Orangeville, and of their congratulations to him on the honor conferred. Dr. Jackson submitted an Overture ancient new Hymnal Tunes to the effect that no Hymns be printed in duplicate in the editions with music that hymns which have been wedded to familiar tunes be set to those tunes, that not more than one tune be set to a hymn, regard being had, however, to the best efficiency of the Hymnal as a devotional praise medium. The overture was adopted and Dr. Dickson and Mr. Atkinson were appointed to support it on the floor of the Assembly which was memorialized to deal with it directly and not to refer it to the Committee on the Hymnal. Dr. Dickson presented the report of the Committee to carry out the arrangements previously sanctioned for holding a convention of the Societies of Christian Endeavor connected with congregations in the bounds. The report contains a number of resolutions which had been adopted, and ultimately the Presbytery resolved to overture the General Assembly to devise such measures in its wisdom as may tend to bring all such societies into more vital connection with the Superior Courts of the Church and in harmony with the genius of Presbyterianism. Dr. Dickson and Mr. Daniel Strachan were appointed to support the overture before the Assembly at its meeting in London in June next. The clerk reported that the overture adopted by the Presbytery at its meeting in Orangeville has been adopted by the Synod for transmission to the General Assembly. Dr. Dickson and Dr. Torrance were appointed to support the overture which has been lying on the table of the Assembly for some time, that a change be made in the method of appointing the standing committees of the Church.

MAITLAND. This Presbytery held its regular meeting at Wingham, May 21st., Rev. A. Y. Hatley, Moderator *pro tem*. A basis of union between Knox Church and Melville Church, Brussels, unanimously agreed to by the congregations of those Churches and supported by commissioners, was submitted, and was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery. It provides that the

Sessions of the two congregations shall constitute the Session of the united congregation, the Boards of Management of the two congregations shall form the Board of Management of the united congregation, the Rev. John Ross, of Melville Church, shall be the minister of the united congregation, the stipend to be \$1,200 per annum and six weeks vacation each year. A declaration of the union of the aforesaid Churches shall be read from the pulpit of each of the Churches concerned. A petition from the congregation of Knox Church, Brussels, asking the consent of the Presbytery to the sale of the property of Knox Church by the trustees of the said Church, the proceeds to be applied to pay off the congregations indebtedness was granted. The Rev. J. L. Murray, M.A., Kincairdine, was congratulated on being made Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton in London. A call from St. Helen's and East Ashfield was presented by Mr. McLennan, signed by 176 communicants and 93 adherents, in favor of Mr. W. T. Hall, licentiate, stipend \$500 per annum and manse, and glebe of five acres. The call was supported by commissioners and sustained as a regular gospel call. A call from Belgrave and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh was presented by Mr. Anderson. The call was moderated on the 14th ult. Names appended, 130 communicants, 69 adherents, stipend \$850 and manse. Commissioners were heard in support of this call which was also in favor of Mr. W. T. Hall, licentiate, and sustained as a regular gospel call. Mr. W. T. Hall, who was present, asked for a brief time to consider and give his decision anent these calls which was granted. Provisional arrangement was made for ordination and induction. The Rev. James Stalker, D.D., of Glasgow, Scotland, was unanimously nominated professor for Knox College, Toronto. It was agreed that one-third supply for vacancies be asked from the committee on distribution of probationers. Circulars from several Presbyteries were read intimating their intention to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada ministers from other Churches as named below:—Presbytery of Inverness, the Rev. Wm. Peacock, of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Sarnia, Rev. Mr. Hale, of Point Edward, a minister of the Church of England; Regina, Rev. S. O. Irvine of the Methodist Church Kingston; Rev. Thos. J. Thompson, Presbyterian Church U.S.; Minnedosa, Mr. John Wray, licentiate Presbyterian Church U.S.; Portage-la-Prairie, Rev. J. B. Fauset, Methodist E. Church U.S.; Montreal, Rev. James S. Black, Presbyterian Church U.S.; Saint John, N.B., Mr. R. McDonald, licentiate Presbyterian Church U.S.; Montreal, Rev. C. J. Hastings, Presbyterian Church U.S.—JOHN MCNABH, Clerk.

LONDON. This Presbytery met on the 13th ult., in First Church London, Rev. Geo. Sutherland, Moderator. Rev. Dr. Stalker, of Glasgow, was nominated by the Presbytery to fill the chair made vacant by the death of the late Rev. Professor Thompson. Circular letters were read from the Presbyteries of Minnedosa and Regina, intimating their intention of asking leave of the General Assembly to receive respectively as ministers of this Church:—Mr. John Wray, licentiate of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, U.S.; and Mr. T. O. Irvine, minister of the Methodist Church, Broadview. Mr. Talling presented the annual report of statistics and finances for 1894. It was agreed to receive the report. After discussion it was then agreed that the report be printed and circulated among the congregations of the Presbytery. Mr. Thomas Winton reported in connection with services held at Iona Station. On motion of Mr. Little, duly seconded, the report was received and the services were in the meantime discontinued. Information was received from Paris Presbytery that the translation of Mr. R. W. Leitch was granted. It was then agreed to appoint his induction to the charge of Delaware and Caradoc on the 25th ult., in St. Andrew's Church, Delaware, the Presbytery to meet at 11 a.m. for business, and at 2 p.m. for the induction in due time. On motion of Mr. Macdonald it was agreed to overture the General Assembly to arrange the subjects assigned to the various chairs in Knox College. The Presbytery appointed the following committee to draft the overture. Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, A. S. Henderson, J. Milley, R. Johnston and Samuel Lawrence. Mr. McDonald, convener. The committee at the afternoon sederunt submitted the overture, which was agreed to; and the clerk was instructed to send a copy to the Senate and Board of Knox College, as well as to the clerk of the General Assembly.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

LIATHAM. This Presbytery met in special session at Comber on Wednesday 29th ult. A call from Leamington to Mr. W. Patterson, licentiate, was presented, sustained, and accepted, and it was arranged that the ordination and induction should take place at Leamington on Tuesday, 11th June next, at 11:30 a.m., Mr. Gilchrist to preside, Mr. Mustard to preach, Mr. Manson to address the minister, and Mr. Tolmie the people. Rev. Dr. Stalker, of Glasgow, was unanimously nominated as Professor in Knox College.

Rev. John Fairlie having been five years in Lansdowne, Sabbath, May 26th, became an anniversary occasion. The services were conducted by Dr. Ross of Queens, and J. J. Wright of Lyn. A social gathering on Monday evening showed the affection and esteem in which Mr. Fairlie is held by his people. Addresses were given by Dr. Ross, J. J. Wright and Mr. Gracie of Gananque. The proceeds will form a nucleus fund for church enlargement.