

Once more his voice rang out, 'This way, 07th!' As he spoke, a bullet entered his right shoulder; his sword dropped from his grasp, and he fell to the ground.

Furious to see their captain disabled, and eager to save him from being trampled upon by the foe, his men pushed forward desperately, lifted him from the ground, and carried him away. He was able to speak, and said he thought the wounds were only slight. But he was losing blood fast. He expressed his thanks for a draught of water. A few minutes later he said, in a low voice, 'Cover my face—cover my face!' Just as the bearers reached the door of the captain's tent he died.

Thus at the age of twenty-nine, this heroic young Christian and devoted soldier ended his useful career. Faithful to his religious convictions, caring nothing for derision and contempt, he steadfastly worked for God, and left behind a far-reaching influence.—'Friendly Greetings.'

### A Loss Without a Compensating Gain.

It is difficult to measure the loss without any compensating gain which we of this period have suffered in the very general decline of family worship. The daily assembling of the family, once universal in Christian homes, made a focussing point for thought and fond association, whenever the family was broken up, or when some of its members were absent on errands of business or pleasure. They knew, how far soever they might go, that the family altar was the place at which they would be lovingly and devoutly prayed for, that their names would be remembered there before God. Even if the old-time reading and the old-time petitions were sometimes a trifle too long, yet the gain to the family in a regular meeting for Divine worship, in self-restraint, in discipline of mind and body, was obvious. No small part of the familiarity with the Bible which older people enjoy is due to the fact that either they joined for many years of their lives in 'reading around' at family prayers, or else that they heard the Bible read daily, during the formative period of their lives. It is pitiful to observe how hazy and nebulous is the knowledge of God's Word which a great number of our young people have; how

### TAKE NO CHANCES.

When a business man sees a good thing ahead of him, and knows that by quick action NOW he can secure it, while by delay he may lose it, generally speaking, he 'takes no chances,' but acts at once.

Our business-like 'Pictorial' boys are going on the same principle, and have been rushing in orders for October to secure a place at the top of the Xmas despatch list. Those who do not handle October or November can scarcely expect to be served first when it comes to Xmas orders, and certainly they can hardly expect to get the fine big Christmas Number on the 'pay-when-sold' basis.

If you have not yet sold the October Number, we might even yet be able to spare you a small supply. In any case, push all you can for a good order for next month. The more you sell of November the more you will be able to handle of the December issue, for as you sell one of November you can bespeak an order for Christmas issue, and many of your customers will want two or three each for friends abroad. So, TAKE NO CHANCES, and get in your orders at once for October or November, or both, to secure your place in time for the Xmas trade.

One of our Western Alberta boys (to whom selling the 'Pictorial' is no longer a novelty, for he has handled it now for a long time), writes us in his last letter, as follows:

'The papers you sent me sold like hot cakes. I went to two rooms of a building, and sold eight in five minutes. Please forward nine more of October issue, and I will sell them, and send you the ninety cents for the jack-knife.'

Nine wins a jack-knife, fourteen a pen, twenty a watch, six extra a chain, etc., etc. Write to day for a package to start on and full instructions.

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Agents for the 'Canadian Pictorial,' 'Witness' Block, Montreal.

P.S.—Watch for the interesting set of Indian pictures in the November 'Pictorial'—taken by another of our young Alberta agents.

little they are acquainted with the Bible as literature, and how much they are at the mercy of the enemies of the truth, simply because the good old-two edged sword of the Scriptures is a weapon to which their hands are unused.

Can we not, we who have fallen into habits of indifference in this respect, revive in our homes the custom of daily family worship? Often as we think of the lions in the way, if lions there be, let us determine to pass them bravely by, and they will seem less formidable, thus dared with a courageous front. If train time and ferries confront us, why not rise a little earlier; or why not have prayers just before dinner at night, instead of just before or after breakfast? If self-consciousness be in the way, let it be resolutely put aside or put down. The Lord's Prayer can at least be reverently repeated by those who feel timid about conducting prayers and making a prayer in their own words. But let us return, if we have wandered, to the good old way of our fathers.—Mrs. Sangster.

### The Secret of Contentment.

I visited in a hospital a young girl who had just submitted to the amputation of a limb. She told me that when she first learned she must lose the limb it almost killed her. But she spent a little time in prayer, and knowing now that it was God's will, because in no other way was there any hope that her life could be spared, she accepted the decision of the surgeons quietly. From that moment there was no further struggle. The secret of her wonderful change was her acquiescence in what she believed to be the will of God. The moment we accept a cross, it is no longer a cross.—Dr. J. R. Miller.:

### Religious Notes.

One of the significant resolutions passed at the Shanghai Conference was in the interests of unity in the essentials of faith. The following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it is frequently asserted that Protestant missions present a divided front to those outside, and create confusion by a large variety of inconsistent teaching, and whereas the minds both of Christian and non-Christian Chinese are in danger of being thus misled into an exaggerated estimate of our differences, this Centenary Conference, representing all Protestant missions at present working in China, unanimously and cordially declares—

That this Conference unanimously holds the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the supreme standard of faith and practice, and holds firmly the primitive Apostolic faith; and further, while acknowledging the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed as substantially expressing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, the Conference does not adopt any creed as a basis of church unity, and leaves confessional questions to the judgment of the Chinese Church for future consideration; yet in view of our knowledge of each other's doctrinal symbols, history, work and character, we gladly recognize ourselves as already one body, teaching one way of eternal life, and calling men into one holy fellowship; and as one in our teaching as to the love of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; in our homage to the Divine and Holy Redeemer of men; one in our call to the purity of the Christian life, and in our witness to the splendors of the Christian hope.

We frankly recognize that we differ as to methods of administration and church government; that some among us differ from others as to the administration of baptism; and that there are some differences as to the statement of the doctrine of Predestination or the Election of Grace. But we unite in holding that these are exceptions of our real unity in our common witness to the Gospel of the grace of God.

The Conference went on to take the first step toward unity in the Chinese Church in the passing of resolution No. 5:

This Conference, having thankfully declared our essential unity as already existing, earnestly desires further that this unity should be fully manifested and made effective in the Chinese Church, and considers that the

most urgent practical step for the present is to endeavor to unite the churches planted in China by different missions of the same ecclesiastical order, without regard to the nationality or other distinctive features of the several missions under whose care they have been formed, recognizing the inherent liberties of these Chinese churches as members of the Body of Christ.

The Basutoland Mission, founded in 1833 by three young Frenchmen, marked the beginning of a remarkable movement among that darkened people toward the Gospel. The tribe numbers 400,000 persons, and of these 20,000 are now members of the native church, while 30,000 have been in greater or less degree brought under Gospel influences. In the matter of self-support, the Basuto native church set itself nobly to realize the ideal set before it by the missionaries, and has for years provided for its own expenses as well as for those of the native pastors. The members have also responded readily to the call to evangelize the heathen members of their race, and of the \$25,000 a year which is found necessary for this purpose they are regularly raising about \$20,000. There were formerly 20 European missionaries on the staff, but as the native pastors have increased—there being now 13 such helpers at work—it has not been thought necessary to fill up recent vacancies, and the number is now 17. In addition to the efforts carried on at the main centres, there are some 397 out-stations and schools worked by native helpers.

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We have also received from Edwin H. Paterson, Victoria, B.C., the sum of \$50.00 for the support of a cot in Harrington. This amount has been turned over for this purpose to the Treasurer of the Montreal Society.

Address all subscriptions for Dr. Grenfell's work to 'Witness' Labrador Fund, John Dougall and Son, 'Witness' Office, Montreal, indicating with the gift whether it is for launch, komatik, or cots.

### An Interesting Exhibit.

The Departmental Stores at this time of the year are just groaning with all kinds of things for all kinds of people in preparation for the winter and holiday season. Their catalogues are almost as full of information and suggestion as a great exhibition. To turn over their pages is something like taking a trip through their great stores. Of course one cannot see or feel the very goods, but good pictures, with descriptions and prices when issued by an absolutely trustworthy house give a really good idea of the articles themselves. And one can sit and study the catalogue at leisure while the shopper is jostled by the great crowds and distracted by the noise. One can make no mistake in sending for a catalogue of a large Departmental Store, when the opportunity is given, as it is elsewhere in this paper. When writing for the catalogue, please be particular to say you saw the offer in the 'Northern Messenger.'