

mount act of confidence, and the Cross is the frightful monument of man's broken faith. Yet that supreme betrayal has awakened the world's conscience, and brought back the noblest spirit of all those two thousand years in shame and penitence to the feet of the crucified. Such is the flavour of Mr Kelman's style.

Within the compass of a brief review it is impossible to do full justice to this admirable monograph on a timely subject. Mr. Kelman has delivered a timely message in a brilliant manner. His book is a thoroughly womanlike production, scholarly, lucid, modern and searching; and as the publishers are giving it to the reading public in a cheap and attractive form it should be widely read on this side of the water.

The International Journal of Ethics (1305 Arch Street, Philadelphia.) for January 1904, will be read with interest by all those who are concerned with philosophical treatment of our moral nature. "The True Democratic Ideal" is ably handled by W. J. Brown, University College, Aberystwyth, Wales. T. C. Hall, Union Theological Seminary, New York, points out in his article on the "Relativity and Finality in Ethics," that the moral teacher is constantly asked to give an absolute standard by which we can judge our conduct. And he proves that it is better for us to strive to form our own ideas with help from the past than to slavishly obey any ready-made ethical system, no matter how correct it may appear to be. The article on "Proverbial Morality" by R. A. Duff, Glasgow University, will be of great interest to the average man. He shows how one proverb modifies another, so that we would need to consider the truth of two or more proverbs if we wished to use them as a satisfactory guide to our own conduct, "Seeing is believing." "All is not gold that glitters." Procrastination is the thief of time. "Everything comes to those who wait." "Out of sight is out of mind." "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." One can see by these few antithetic examples why the author thinks that although the ideal of conduct presented by our proverbs may not be of a very high type, yet it is at least many sided and has on the whole a healthy desire for the happy mean. We find that there is one article, "The Toleration of Error" by a Canadian writer, Eliza Richie of Halifax; and there is a spirited discussion between J. H. Leubra and J. H. Hyslop upon a technical question in abnormal psychology. There are other strong articles; and besides there are quite a number scholarly reviews of books, both English and foreign, which deal with the ethical and social side of life.

HARPER'S BAZAR for February (Harper & Brothers, New York) opens with an interesting article by Agnes Repplier on The Spinster. Then comes the conclusion of The Memoirs of a Baby, where the baby is turned into a boy by the advent of a little brother. The Redemption of Mabel Muriel is one of Elizabeth G. Jordan's inimitable girl stories. The second instalment of Miss Thurston's serial, The Masqueraders, promises a good story of unusual plot interest. The various departments are full of good suggestions in regard to cooking, dress-making and general home making.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The following amusing story of Dr. Patterson will no doubt be enjoyed by his many Canadian admirers, and also by the good man himself.

One evening recently I called on a lady from Edinburgh, who was visiting relatives in the town. She was an exceptionally intelligent and orthodox member of the celebrated Dr. Whyte's congregation (Free St. George's) and was making her first visit to Canada. I found her reading, and knowing that she was fond of devotional books enquired if she had ever read any by Dr. J. R. Wilber the well-known writer. She replied "No, we don't see many American books in the old country." In the course of conversation I referred to a personal letter I had just received from Dr. Wilber, in which he spoke in the most eulogistic terms of the great and good work now being accomplished by Dr. Patterson in Bethany church, Philadelphia.

"Dr. Patterson!" Mrs. W. repeated quickly; "there was a gentleman by the name of Patterson on board the steamer Cedric. He was Irish and extremely popular with all the passengers, and kept every one in good humour with his jokes and witty sallies. It will no' be your friend though for we all took this man to be a priest."

Did you meet him, I asked smiling, for I knew that this was not the first occasion on which Dr. Patterson could have established a claim to the Papacy had he been so inclined. "No," she replied. "I wasn't introduced to him; but one morning we were both reading on deck and exchanged a few remarks. 'Where is your home?' he enquired, 'In Edinburgh' I replied. 'I thought you were Scotch' he said with a merry twinkle in his eye 'for I often see you reading the Psalms.' Being still under the impression that her interlocutor was a priest this worthy lady from the land of the covenants said to me somewhat indignantly, 'I thought I'd like to peek over his shoulder and take a look at his book, for think's I take myself, it'll no be anything as guid ye'll be readin'.'"

I was pleased to inform her that the genial Irishman, who had so excited her suspicions, was no other than the pastor of the largest congregation in the Presbyterian denomination; and one of the most ardent admirers and pleasing exponents of David's delightful psalms.

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Good situations await all graduates of the Ottawa Business College, Ottawa. This old and reliable institution can not meet the demands made upon it for office help. Enter at once upon a course and make sure of a good position.

THE STUDIO for December opens with an article by Henri Franz on Jacques Emile Blanche: Portrait Painter. Then follows an interesting description of The Furniture of George Logan, the Glasgow Designer. Under the heading Modern Dutch Art is discussed the subject of Matthew Maris' Etchings. Further Whistler Reminiscences are given in an article by G. H. Boughton, R. A., entitled A Few of the Various Whistlers I Have Known. 44 Leicester Square, London, England.

Sparks from Other Anvils.

Presbyterian Witness: Our religion, if true, is never to be shaken by any science. Our religion, if capable of being uprooted and destroyed by any science cannot have been true.

S. W. Presbyterian: So with all the loving confidence with which our little one looks up to and trusts its father, may we look up to and trust our Father, whose Son, our Brother, has gathered the lamb with his arm and carried it in his bosom.

S. S. Times: The existence of God is a self evident fact. That is why no argument can prove it. Satan asked our Saviour to test by a rash act the truth of God's own word, uttered a few days before. But Jesus answered, "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt [test, doubt, trifle with] the Lord thy God."

Chicago Advance: The Christian religion is positive, the most positive factor that has ever entered into the affairs of man; and it is as tremendous in its energies as it is vast in its scope and object. To be in the spirit and purpose of it is to be positive.

United Presbyterian: The trouble with the young ruler who came to Christ was not that he possessed great riches but that his great riches possessed him. God does not object to his children getting hold of the treasures of this world, but to the treasures of this world getting hold of his children.

One of the mistranslations of the Catholic Version of the Bible is the phrase "do penance" instead of the word "repent." The Presbyterian Standard states a Roman Catholic priest has recently made a new translation with the correct rendering, and has received the commendation of Cardinal Gibbons. Of course it may cut off some Papal revenue but it is another evidence that the world do move.

Sunday School Times: Shall we judge a quarry by its refuse stones? Or resolutions by the broken ones? Called the pavement of hell, good resolutions have as often been the scaffolding of heaven. They have been the first rough frame, rising upon which the beautiful and permanent walls of character and conduct and spiritual life have been builded. One might as well laugh at the skeleton which is built beneath some mighty arch as to sneer at a good resolution.

Presbyterian Banner: The character of the Pope does not change the essential character of the papacy and Protestantism will still confront it and maintain its own right and mission. Nevertheless, it is a matter of interest to Protestants and to the whole world that the Pope of Rome should be a good man, pure in character, pious in spirit, and able and wise in the administration of his great office. He also is an instrument in the hands of God and is not outside of the kingdom which is to redeem the world. Pious X. appears to be such a man, and for this we are thankful.

Herald and Presbyter: The Church needs power to day. The ministry needs power. We have machinery, We have human appliances. The results that are so desirable are not all being secured. We are like the great vessel. We need power. It is all about us. God's hand is not weak. His arm is not short. If we accept the conditions, he can exert his mighty and saving grace through us and by means of us, and make this a day and a year of his own right hand.