

prisoners under guard. "Vengeance."—Or justice. They believed that the serpent's bite was the instrument of justice.

V. 6. "When he should have swollen."—As the effect of the viper's poison, which was very fatal. "Said that he was a god."—They believed the gods were accustomed to appear among men.

V. 7. "Same quarters."—Near where the ships wreck occurred. "Publius."—A Roman name. He was probably the Roman officer in command of the island. "Received us." That is, Paul and his companions, Luke and Aristarchus.

V. 8. "Bloody flux."—The original word is that from which our word, dysentery, is taken. "Entered in and prayed."—Prayed, that is, for the restoration of the man. "Laid his hands on him."—As was the custom in healing. (See James v. 14, 15.)

V. 10. "Honored us with many honors."—In token of their gratitude for the miracles of healing. "Such things as were necessary."—For their comfort and sustenance. As they had been shipwrecked they must have been in need.

V. 11. "After three months."—The shipwreck took place in October, and the departure from Melita in February. "Alexandria."—A great commercial city of Egypt. "Whose sign."—The figurehead of the ship. "Castor and Pollux."—The deified twin brothers of Helen, who caused the fall of Troy.

V. 12. "Syracuse."—A city in the island of Sicily.

V. 13. "Fetched a compass."—Took a circuitous course. "Rhegium."—This was a city on the southern end of Italy, opposite Syracuse. "Puteoli."—A town and harbor of Italy on the bay of Naples. One of the principal ports of ancient Rome.

V. 14. "Found brethren."—Christian disciples.

V. 15. "From thence."—That is, from Rome. "The brethren."—A Christian church was in existence in Rome, and the brethren there had heard of the coming of Paul. "Appii Forum."—This was forty-three miles from Rome, on the Appian way. "The Three Taverns."—This was thirty-three miles from Rome. One company of brethren met Paul at Appii Forum, another at The Three Taverns.

V. 16. "Dwelt by himself."—In his own hired house. "A soldier that kept him."—To whom he was chained. (See v. 20.)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

DAILY READINGS.

First Day—Paul in Melita and Rome—Acts xxviii. 1-16.

Second Day—"Nothing shall . . . hurt you"—Luke x. 1-20.

Third Day—"They shall lay hands on the sick"—Mark xvi. 9-20.

Fourth Day—"The prayer of faith shall save the sick"—Jas. v. 13-20.

Fifth Day—Paul's great desire to visit Rome—Rom. i. 1-15.

Sixth Day—"I am an Ambassador in Bonds"—Eph. vi. 10-24.

PRAYER MEETING, Thurs., Nov. 7.—INFLUENCE—WHY TO GET IT, HOW TO GET IT, HOW TO USE IT.—Deut. 20, 1-9; Matt. v. 13-16.

"No stream from its source
Flows seaward, how lonely soever its course,
But what sunny land is gladdened. No star ever rose
And set, without influence somewhere. Who knows,
What earth needs from earth's lowest creature. No life,
Can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

INFLUENCE.

You can make your influence felt in the Christian Endeavor Society

You can make your influence felt in the missionary cause.

You can make your influence felt on behalf of the poor.

You can make your influence felt in the cause of temperance.

You can make your influence felt in every circle in which you move, by directing conversation towards profitable subjects

You may make your influence felt in bringing people within the sound of the Gospel.

MATERNAL INFLUENCE.

Examples of maternal influence are countless. Solomon himself records the words of wisdom that fell from a mother's lips, and Timothy was taught the Scriptures from a child by his grandmother and his mother. Sir Francis Philips used to say, "I would have been an infidel were it not for the recollection when my departed mother used to take my little hand in hers, and make me say my prayers on my bended knee." I have found out what made you the men you are said a gentleman one morning to President Adams. I have been reading your mother's letters to her son. What could be more expressive. Washington's mother trained her boy to truthfulness and virtue, and when his messenger called to tell her that her son was raised to the highest station in the nation's gift, she could say, George always was a good boy.

Influence is that peculiar power by which one soul aways another and which makes itself felt for good or evil. No person possesses it in lesser or greater degree. All of us can increase its measure, and extend the limits of its application, it is a power to be desired and to be sought after, and its possession magnifies the meaning of life and adds significance to our every movement and action, we stand not alone, for there is no such thing as independence, and as we influence others, so do others influence us. This is an all-prevailing power, which absolutely aways the world.

CHURCH NEWS.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The mission school at Pointe-aux-Trembles opened for the session on Thursday, the 14th inst., with an enrolment of 100 pupils. This is above the average for the first week. It is confidently expected that by the 1st of November the full number that can be safely accommodated will be in attendance. The staff is substantially the same as last year except that Mr. Cruchon has entered the Presbyterian College to pursue his studies for the ministry, and his place has been taken by Mr. Abram, a former teacher in the school. The Rev. E. Brandt, who during the past summer has had charge of the French Mission at St. Henri one of the suburbs of Montreal, has now returned to his post in the school at Pointe-aux-Trembles where he is assistant principal. He reports considerable encouragement in the work at St. Henri, not a few being willing to hear the message of the Gospel in their homes and some of them willing to attend the Sunday services. The district is a populous one and it is important that the services should be well maintained.

The Rev. C. A. Boffa, an Italian minister, who for the past two years has been in the employment of the French Board, working at various points in the city, has returned to Montreal where his wife's relatives reside. He rendered good service in St. John's church, where for a time he preached both in French and Italian. He also supplied Lacroix church with much acceptance for several months during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Duclos, in the Maritime Provinces.

An interesting work has been done during the past few months among the hargemen on the Lachine Canal by Mr. L. Houneufaut, a French colporteur. He has had many opportunities of speaking to the captains who are frequently accompanied by their wives. In some instances where he was at first coldly received he found them afterwards much interested in the Gospel and requests have been made for copies of the New Testament. The field is a hopeful one for effective work and ought to be followed up year after year.

Mr. Boy, the French missionary teacher at Chambly, spent his holidays collecting money for the erection of a mission building that might be suitable for carrying on his work. He has succeeded in raising \$275 but of course this is too small an amount on which to begin operations. The school has fourteen children on the roll, but this number could be easily increased if there were suitable accommodation. This is also needed for the religious services on Sundays. There is no Presbyterian church in the place, and no other French Protestant service is held in the district.

St. John's French church in this city has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Felix Beauchamp on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Born and brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, he was led to connect himself with the Protestant Church through the reading of a New Testament which had fallen into his hands when about fifty years of age. Since then he has been one of the most earnest advocates of evangelical truth. Though having some private means he accepted the position of sexton of the church for the sake of the opportunity it afforded for meeting and speaking with inquirers. At every service he was keenly on the watch for such and rendered most efficient aid to the pastor. He was held in the highest respect by Roman Catholics as well as by Protestants, and at the funeral service the church was crowded by large numbers of both classes.

GENERAL.

Detectives have found buried in a vacant lot the communion cups stolen some weeks ago from St. John's Presbyterian church Hamilton.

Thursday, Oct. 15th, at Zion Presbyterian church, Vancouver, Rev. J. M. MacLeod preached his farewell sermon from the text: 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

Dr. Newton Bateman, for seventeen years President of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and an educator of national reputation, died of heart disease on Oct. 21st.

Rev. John Sharpe, M.A., ordained missionary at Liskeard, and formerly pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Admaestus, has