

of many of the greatest benefactors of their race :—

"Clouds in the evening sky more darkly gather,  
And shattered wrecks lie thicker on the strand."

But for all this he has had all there was in life of success, honor and fame. We must not complain if he had also his bitter experience, on which as a dark background all the brightness of such a career stands out in greater relief.

And now we have brought him away from the great city where he passed his busy life, back to quiet valley where he was born, and laid him down in the shadow of the encircling hills. "Bury me there," he said, "by the side of my beloved wife, and by my father and mother!" The grave has closed over him, and in that place of rest all his sorrows are buried. Only the work that he has done remains. That is enough. The hemispheres that he has "moored side by side" will never be separated. Thereby distant nations and races are brought nearer together—a service to commerce and civilization, and to the brotherhood of man, which the world will not willingly let die.

#### TALK UP THAT PASTOR.

"I do not remember ever to have heard in my father's home one disrespectful or unkind word concerning a minister." That is what we overheard a young woman say not long ago. She paid to her parents a very high compliment, and described a condition of things which should find a counterpart in every Christian home in the land.

Ministers are men. They are not perfect. There are flaws in character and inconsistencies in life. But many persons magnify molehill infirmities into mountains of real badness. The reckless handling of ministerial reputation is one of the flagrant sins of our times. Poisoned arrows are shot from a thousand bows. A minister's reputation is his capital. It is everything. You might a hundred times better burn his home than unjustly assail his good name. As well waylay him and stab him to the heart as break down public confidence in his integrity and religious character. A bad man should not be excused or shielded because he carries the shepherd's crook. But the fact that he carries the crook should not subject a man to unjust and malignant criticism. We plead for fair play.

Christians should be outspoken and true-blue in loyalty to their minister. Are some against him? They should be for him with emphasis. Are some talking him down? They should talk him up. Suppose he does not just suit you. He cannot suit everybody, and he is an ideal pastor in the estimation of a good many people who know almost as much as you do. Kind words count. Speak them often. Allow no one to speak disparagingly of the minister in your presence. Give the faithful man a lift every little while. Talk him up, in the church, in the home, in society, on the street, in the shop, on the cars, everywhere. He will take courage. Will preach better sermons. Will put increased enthusiasm into all his multiplied duties. Will win gloriously. And you will have the great joy of knowing that your bracing words proved a real tonic and helped him to conquests he never could have achieved while struggling alone.—*Epworth Herald*.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society received the past year £3,057 more than the previous year; nevertheless the expenditure was £4,000 more than the income.

A few earnest men and women have gone to the Foreign field with no salary, or a very small one, trusting to getting their living among the natives, and living in a measure as natives, claiming apostolic precept and example, and have often shortened their lives by the unaccustomed privation. Rev. Donald McGillivray of Honan, writing recently upon the folly of such a course, while disclaiming utterly the honor of any such self-denial on his own part, more than any other missionaries, goes on to say:—The servants of God ought to be heroes in the strife, but in this hero-worshipping age, it is to be feared the heroic ideals of many well-meaning and enthusiastic Christians would fail of approval by the standards of the wisdom of God. Let us gladly die to-morrow in the cause, if God clearly says, It is duty. But a solely self-appointed death is never duty. Let us, therefore, gladly live to-morrow, if it be the will of God, that we may glorify Him a little longer on the earth.

#### TO GET PEACE.

To get peace, if you do want it, make for yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts. Do you know what fairy palaces you may build of beautiful thoughts, proof against all adversity? Bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, faithful savings, treasure houses of precious and restful thoughts which care cannot disturb, nor pain make gloomy, nor poverty take away from us; houses built without hands for our souls to live in. You cannot think that the bucking on of the knight's armour by his lady's hand was a mere caprice of romantic fashion. It is the type of an eternal truth that the soul's armor is never well set to the heart unless a woman's hand has braced it, and it is only when she braces it loosely that the honour of manhood fails.

"The Bible Stand at the Crystal Palace has had a long and remarkable career. Its work commenced nearly thirty years ago; and more than 2,000,000 of separate Gospels, including many Bibles and Testaments, and 11,000,000 Scripture cards and leaflets, have been disposed of to the present time—in all, over 23,000,000. The total distribution during the last two years, free and on sale, has been 1,694,267. A large proportion of what is issued from the stand is circulated in London and in various parts of the United Kingdom; but liberal quantities are distributed gratuitously to many of the missions situated at principal ports abroad."

"It is necessary," said the late Principal Cairns, a few minutes before he passed away, "that all good men should identify themselves with the cause and fight for it. If this were done, the battle might be great, but the victory would be certain, and would be glorious; otherwise, all will be confusion." Asked "What cause?" he replied, "The cause of righteousness, the cause of the Lord of Hosts, God in Christ is the leader. I have stated the question, and I leave it with you to take it up. I leave it with you."

The income of the Church of Scotland last year for foreign missions was £35,531; for work among the Jews, £6,636; for the work of the ladies' Association for foreign missions, £10,684.