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HOW TO MAKE TO-DAY REMARK- ABLE.

I do discover an error, whereby I have long deceived myself, which is this: I have desired to begin my amendment from my birthday or from the first day of the year, or from some special time, so that my repentance might bear some remarkable date. But when those days were come, I have adjourned it to some other time. Thus, while I could not agree with myself where to start, I have almost lost the running of the race. I am resolved thus to befool myself no longer. I see no day equal to to-day; the present time is always the fittest time. Grant therefore, that "to-day I may hear thy voice." And if this day be remarkable in itself for nothing else, may it be remarkable as the day of my conversion.—*Thomas Fuller.*

TURN YOUR FACE TO THE LIGHT.

It had been one of those days on which everything goes contrary, and I had come home tired and discouraged. As I sank into a chair I groaned, "Every thing looks dark, dark!" "Why don't you turn your face to the light, auntie dear?" said my little niece, who was standing unperceived beside me.

"Turn you face to the light!" The words set me thinking. That was just what I had not been doing. I had persistently kept my face in the opposite direction, refusing to see the faintest glimmer of brightness. Artless little comforter! she did not know what healing she had brought. Years have gone by since then, but the simple words have never been forgotten.—*Friend's Review.*

At present the Kirk of Scotland has 1,306 parish churches, 160 non-parochial churches, and 121 preaching stations—in all 1,587—and embracing 555,622 communicants.

THE DROWNING BEE.

A poor bee had fallen into the pond, and was struggling as well as her failing strength would allow. We seized a pole, and placed the end of it just under her. She took firm hold, and we lifted the pole and the bee. A little while was spent in drying herself and pluming her wings, and then our worker made a straight line for the hive, and doubtless was soon at her daily task rewarding us with honey. May not many a human worker be found in a sinking condition? A little sensible help might save him. Who will give it? He who does so shall receive the blessing of Him that is ready to perish.

Poor hearts are often in deep despondency, sinking for lack of a sympathetic word. Do not let them go without it. Rescue the perishing. Be on the watch for despairing minds; if no other good comes of it, you will, at least be more grateful for your own cheerfulness. But good will come of it in unexpected instances, and it will be heaven's music in your ears to hear sighs turn into songs.—*Spragueon.*

JUST THREE THINGS.

"I once met a thoughtful scholar," says Bishop Whipple, "who told me that for years he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and he said he should have become an infidel but for three things:—

First. I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all such books can tell me. They shed not one solitary ray of hope or light upon the darkness. They shall not take away the only guide and leave me stone blind.

Second. I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an unseen arm as calmly as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream.

Third. I have three motherless daughters, (and he said it with tears in his eyes). They have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world if you blot out from it all the teachings of the gospel."

The Old Catholic movement is making progress in the southern part of Bohemia, and a very large accession to its ranks is regarded as possible.