#### MEMORIAL NOTICES.

Released from affliction and pain, Thy spirit has mounted above, With Jesus to live and to reign For aye in the Eden of love. With spirits enraptured and pure Who dwell in the mansions of light, Thy glory shall ever endure,
Thy morning ne'er followed by night.

How pleasant and happy thy life, How peaceful and calm was its end; How free from the turmoil and strife Which often affliction atttend. Bright angels were hovering round, The spirits of loved ones were there; Thy mercies did daily abound, And sweet was the incense of prayer.

Affliction and sorrow were thine, Alike was the weal and the woe Supported by comfort divine. Thy sorrows for ever are past, Thy joys are eternally given, Triumphant, victorious at last, Thou livest and reignest in beaven.
J. P.

Though oft as a mourner below,

#### REV. W. E. SHENSTONE.

"Mark the perfect man," says the Psalmist, "and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace. In few instances have these words been more fully verified than in the decease of the late William Ewen Shenstone, which took place-as already noticed in this paper-on Dec.

Mr. Shenstone labored for many years in the Christian ministry in this and other lands, and won for himself by his piety and gentlemanly demeanor the respect and esteem of all who knew him. It has been truly said "a Chris tian is the highest style of man." The life of our venerable father and brother in the gospel was a daily confirmation of these words. Mr. Shenstone was in every respect a noble man, an excel lent type of a Christian gentleman. He was a man of fine physique and pleasing manners, possessing a well cultured mind and an upright spirit. In him was beautifully seen the harmonious blending of simplicity, gentleness, sympathy, affection and integrity. While kind and courteous, cheerful and condescending in spirit and deportment, he was nevertheless firm and unswerving in matters which affected his position and influence as a Methodist minister. Though manifesting a willingness to please, he would make no compromse with sin. He would neither counten ance nor tolerate anything in doctrine or manners which he could not reconcile with the precepts of Christianity and the Discipline of the Methodist Church. As a preacher his pulpit services were very acceptable. Gifted with a clear and well modulated voice, a good delivery and graceful style. his sermons-which were expository and practical in character-were rendered effective and profitable to his hearers. We believe many will be and said: the "seals of his ministry" and the "I have "crown of his rejoicing" when the Lord shall come to make up his jewels. He was a native of Wisbeach, Cambridgeshire, England, and entered the ministry in the year 1828. On the first of November in the same year he was or- pocket." dained in London by the Revs. Richard Reece, Jas. Townley, D D., and Raiph | the cigars into it, and at the appointed Stott, and solemnly set apart by the imposition of hands and prayers to the work of the Christian ministry. Immediately after his ordination he was sent by the Missionary Society of the Eng lish Conterence to labor in the Mission field in Lower Canada. After a while he removed to Nova Scotia, from thence to the Bermudas, and then to this Codony. When retiring from the full work in 1868 he received from his brethren in the ministry a testimonial of their esteem and love in the form of a resolution passed by the District Meeting

and recorded on the Minutes. In this tribute of regard his brethren said :-" During the forty years of his Itinerancy our esteemed father has labored in the Gospel in various parts of British North America and the Bermudas. Cften during the earlier years of his ministry-amid many hardships and perils-he filled up the measure of his ennobling toil. For the last twenty years he has been publishing salvation and feeding the Church of God in this District. By his kindness and wisdom, | cigars, saying: "Here's one of your his purity and tervent love he has won for himself a home in the heart and aftections of his brethren. And now that at life's eventide he finds it necessary to seek the quiet and rest of retirement from the more active duties of his high vocation, his bretheen take the oppor tunity of expressing their united love and tendering to him their united sympathy. We trust that the retirement of our esteemed father will be rendered verdant and joyous by the abounding consolations and mercies of God. And we also trust that for many years he may be spared to aid our District by I heard him preach his beautiful serhis counsels, and as his strength may mon on the leve of God in the parish permit to minister the word of lite, to

our beloved people." In June. 1878, at the Conference at St. John's the ministers and friends presented Mr. Shenstone with a suitable testimonial, in honor of the termination of the 50th year of his ministry. In the accompanying address they said :-"We beg to assure you of our continued esteem and affection, and rejoice in your presence at our Annual Conference. We glorify God in you, and pray that during your further stay among us, the peace of God may fill your heart | extempore effusion. He was too origiand a triumphant end crown your lengthened suffering and labors."

Beautifully corresponding in sentiment, and in harmony with these expressions of his brethren are the many tributes of respect which have been paid to his memory in some of our lecal papers. The Temperance Journal of St John's printed a very concise and elaborate notice of his decease, in which reference is made to some of his family bereavements, and the noble spirit in which he met and endured them. This

notices of this kind I will close by saying that his end was calm and peacetul. A great number of all denomiations attended his funeral; and it may be said "devout men carried him to his burial." The Church was draped in black, which tended to increase the solemnity of the occasion. But, amid the sable drapery and the sorrow manfested by many there were ming!ed feelings of joy, knowing that he was gone to be "with Christ, which is far

On the Sabbath following the day of his burial, his death was improved in several of our churches in this Bay. The sermons preached in Brigus church on that day were founded on the following texts, viz.: 2 Kings ii: 12.; Revelations vii: 13 to 17.

MARTHA MARCH.

Died very suddenly at St. John's, N.F., on the 7th inst., Martha, relict of the late Stephen March, Esq. On the alternoon of that day Mrs. March was out for a walk, apparently in her usual health, but on returning home she was suddenly seized with effusion of blood o the brain, and in five short hours she was not for God had taken her. For many years Mrs. March was a sin-

cere, unostentatious Christian, and of her it may be said: "Jesus loved Martha." It is somewhat remarkable that she should have followed her husband so soon and under singularly similar circumstances. It was only on the 2nd of June last that Mr. March who was then residing at Torquay, England, was out for a walk on the morning of that day, and feeling a little poorly, he returned to his home, but at 8 o'clock on that same evening he was a corpse. The sudden death of Mr. and Mrs. March will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends who knew their Christian worth. Their home was always open to our ministers, many of whom will remember the kindness and hospitality of the lamented dead. It is a consolation to know that they sleep in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of

JOHN B. GOUGH AND THE CIGARS.

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John B. Gough, who had faced over 8.000 audiences, acknowledges that on one occasion, and one only, he encountered an embarrassment he could not overcome. It was his own fault, he says, and proved a sharp lesson he never forgot. In his own words:

I was engaged to address a large number of children in the afternoon, the meeting to be held on the lawn back of the Baptist Church in Providence. R. I. In the forenoon a friend met me

"I have some first rate cigars, will you have a few?"

"Do take half a dozen." "I have nowhere to put them."

"No, I thank you."

"You can put half a dozen in your I wore a cap in those days, and I put time I went to the meeting. I ascended the platform and faced an audience of more than 2,000 children. As it was out of doors I kept my cap on for fear of taking cold, and I forgot all about the cigars. Towards the close of my speech I became more in earnest, and

"Now, boys, let us give three rousing cheers for temperance and for cold water. Now, then, three cheers.

Hurrah!" And taking off my cap I waved it most vigorously, when away went the cigars right into the midst of the audience. The remaining cheers were very faint, and were nearly drowned in the laughter of the crowd. I was mortified and ashamed, and should have been relieved could I have sunk through the platform out of sight. My teelings were still more aggravated by a boy coming up to the steps of the platform with one of those dreadful cigars, Mr. Gough."

### REPEATING SERMONS.

There was a circumstance connected with Chalmers's preaching which I wish to mention, both as a personal matter connected with himself, and as bearing upon the general question of popular pulpit addresses. Though a very frequent preacher, he had very few sermons-very few, indeed, besides his printed ones. The consequence was that he preached his sermons often over. church of Haddington, and on my expressing my pleasure at having been present, he said, At I felt rather uncomfortable, for I saw a gentleman present who must have been hearing it for the fourth time," And yet he never failed in energy or in fervency of manner in the delivery. When Chalmers was over an old worn MS of a sermon which he had often repeated, his whole spirit seemed to go forth, as if it were preached the first time, and preached under all the excitement of a first and nal and too characteristic to preach anything which had not been completely moulded and thought out according to his own conceptions. His time was much occupied otherwise, and it was well known he never preached what he had not previously carefully prepared, so that people were quite satisfied to know the sermon. Among the great orators of the French pulpit this was quite an understood thing, and crowds flocked to hear Massillon, and Bossuet, and Bourdaloue on the great festivals which he met and endured them. In course of time she took a comic phemy. And at the time of the Church, knowing the sermon cal revenge upon her tather for her tem. the remark he was hunting through St. John's Public Ledger of December which they were to hear, just as people

kail" may, like old wine, be the best.

E. B. Ramsay.

A child in a Pennsylvania farmhouse lately ate some lemon custard which had been left standing over night in a copper kettle, and in consequence was green at the edges with verdigis It was seized with violent cramps and other symptoms of poisoning.

There was no physician within eight

ACCIDENTS.

miles. The mother and father were ignorant of any remedy, and the child would have died. if a school-boy who had "been looking into poisons," as Evangelical Alliance Congress in that he said, had not insisted upon pouring large quantities of milk and the white his Ragged School to a vast audience, of eggs down its throat. He followed chiefly composed of foreigners. Many this with strong green tea, and before the physician arrived the child was

We recall a similar instance of coolness in applying knowledge, which occurred on a plantation in Georgia. One of the field hands, a strong six foot negro, cut himself in the foot with an axe, and was carried into the house by the terrified field hands, the blood flowing from an artery. A messenger was despatched for the doctor, but it was evident the man's life would be gone long before the physician could reach the town.

The master of the plantation was absent, and the only persons in the house were his daughter, a beautiful girl of sixteen and the servants. Fortunately the girl had knowledge, common sense, and no mawkish sentiment. Kneeling before the negro, she tied an handkerchief above the wound, and with a stout stick twisted it until the blood ceased o flow. These are trifling matters to learn and to apply, but in each case they saved a life. They are precisely the kinds of knowledge which are too much neglected in the education of our young people. The antidotes for different kinds of poison, the proper treatment of a person insensible from drowning, the remedies to use in case of great burns or scalds, indicate the kind of knowledge which could be taught in a few hours in any school. and which would be of incalculable value. Our boys and girls could surely spare time from the study of history or art to acquire this knowledge. But if they cannot attend to both, then let them know less of Alexander, or of æsthetic matters, and more of the cause and cure of the accidents to life and limb which may occur in any household.

#### IMPROVED DWELLINGS.

Such calamities as the late fire in Madison Avenue, New York, will direct public attention to the work of the ound at First Avenue and Seventy are divided into three blocks, one front be, and then to make a new start. ing on the avenue and one on each of he side streets. The stairways are of five feet, so as to make the ascent easy for children and the old. The the rest that nature demanded. two room apartments, one hundred and eight three-room apartments, and fortyight four-room apartments; each group to be supplied with closets and pantries, and to have the use of the elevator. The courtyard between the sideblock and in the rear of the front block will be planted with Linden-trees, and will serve as a play ground for the children as well as a reservoir of fresh air for the houses. Every room will be ighted directly from the street or from he court-yard. Special care, will be taken with the plumbing, and it is proposed by the members of the Sanitary Reform Association, who have taken the matter in charge, to introduce all the latest improvements so as to make the drainage as nearly perfect as possible in the light of present knowledge. There will be a steam laundry for tweive families and a liberal supply of water from tanks placed near the roof. The rents will range from six to twelve dollars a month, according to situation and facilities. This is taking hold of the problem at the right end, and may serve as a suggestive hint to capitalists who are studying how to invest their money for the public benefit as well as

A writer in the Christian World communicates some reminiscences of Geo. Eliot, said to be obtained from a dis-

"Where was George Eliot educated?" "Oh, at an ord nary boardingschool." "And how did she come to write in this way?' The answer to this early age she manifested her peculiar tendencies. At thirteen or fourteen she began to alarm her futher by the remarks which she made on the clergy. man's sermons when they came home from church, indicating, as I interred some heterodox proclivities. Now Mr. Evans had a sister residing at Warksworth, in Derbyshire, who was send his capable daughter, in order to ple will be that they don't know enough correct any questionable tendencies about the old Bible to recognize the that might be developing in her. She change when they see it. We heard a went accordingly, and remained with man say that he considered this unauher aunt two years, attending all the thorized meddling with and changing while a good school in the neighbors of the sacred Book little less than blashood. In course of time she took a comi phemy. And at the time of making St. Jehn's Public Leager of Determore and the value of the representation of this departed worthy, but fearing I "Hamlet" or "Macbeth." I must say people of this departed worthy, but fearing I "Hamlet" or "Macbeth." I must say people of this departed worthy, but fearing I "Make hay while the sun shines."—

Hamlet the book of Job to find the quotation, ing "Adam Bede," into which she popped him as Adam and her aunt as Dinah, Hawkeye. porary banishment from home by writ- the book of Job to find the quotation,

shall trespass on the space alloted for I think there is too great jealousy about and married them. The cousin told hearing old sermons again. I suspect us that he had Mrs. Lewes's authority that most great preachers have had few for stating that they were the originals sermons. The old Scottish phrase to of the two leading characters of the describe such repetition is, "Cauld novel which made her fame, though kail het again;" and yet the "cauld the novelist might be glad for it to be understood that she meant no one in particular. I remarked here, "She evidently appreciated her aunt's piety." He answered swiftly with emphasis on his last word, "She appreciates everything," a sentence which seemed to sum up as tersely as possible the Shakesperian quality which George Eliot undoubtedly possessed of contemplating sympathetically all kinds of power and of excellence though personally she might not care to exemplify them.

> PORRIDGE AND PRAYERS .-- Dr. Guth rie was in Amsterdam in 1867 at the city. The doctor gave an account of were able to follow him, though he spoke in English, and their astonishment was indeed great. Even the undemonstrative Dutch were aroused by his stirring appeals, and their enthusi asm ran to a high pitch when he closed by saying: - Now, if you mean to take this work in hand, and try and rescue these forsaken ones, mind that you provide soap and water. Begin by washing and scrubbing them well, that they may know, it may be for the first time in their lives, the feeling of being clean. Then feed them with a bounti ful meal of milk and porridge; and then prayers! Porridge first, mind; prayers afterwards." The people fairshouted as they listened to this quaint but sensible advice from the eloquent Scotchman.

#### WIT AND WISDOM.

When scientists want me to stay and argue with them, I say to them, in the words of the prophet: "Abide ye here with the ass, while I go yonder and worship."—Daniel Butler.

The successful man of the world works ike a stave until he makes his fortune, and then watches it like a detective the rest of his life. All this is done for his board and clothes.

Emerson says a man ought to carry a pencil, and note down the thoughts of the moment. Yes and one short pencil devoted exclusively to that use, would last some men we know about two thousand years, and then have the original point on.

A question was once asked in a party of children, which character in "Bunvan's Filgrim's Progress" they liked best. One replied: "I like Christian best;" but another said, "I like Christiana best, because she took the little ones along with her."

Mr. Moody was followed to his lodg-· Improved Dwellings Association." ings a fortnight ago by a convert who This Association is now building a wisned to ask him whether it would be block of tenement houses on an acre of right, now that he had professed to be la Christian, to p irst and Seventy second Streets, at an | The evangelist told him to pay all his expense of \$250,000. The buildings debts, no matter how bad they might

A very successul farmer once told us built of fireproof material from top to that he never allowed his business cares bottom, and are broken into dights of to pass beyond his bed-room door. He did not believe in robbing his body of three blocks will contain sixty-two worked in the day time and rested at

> "I am a skeptic," said an immature person of the mascular gender, in a vain glorious strain. "An epileptic?" asked an old lady, somewhat hard of hearing. " Poor boy! you look like it. so you do." While the smile went round, the youth went out.

> Mr. Liucoln used to tell a story about a big Hoosier who came to Washington during the war, and called on a street Arab for a shine. Looking at the tremendous boots before him he called out to a brother shiner across the street : "Come over and help, Jimmy, I've got an army contract."

> A sea captain trading to the African coast was invited to meet a committee of a society for the evangelisation of Africa. Among numerous questions touching the habits and religion of the African races, he was asked, "Do the subjects of the King of Dahomev keep Sunday?" "Keep Sunday?" he re-plied: "Yes, and every other thing they can lay their hands on."

Landlords of summer resorts are already preparing for next season. One their private advantage. - Christian is having built an old-fashioned set of furniture, that Washington once used another is blasting out a cave that will be occupied by a hermit as soon as warm weather comes; and a third is, having a medical well dug. Summer resorts are to be both romantic and healthy this year.

A Sunday school superintendent in Kentucky recently found the following sentiment chalked on his blackboard: "PLEES Mr. SUPERINTENENT DON'T question was to the effect that, at an FIRE OFF STories evRY SUNDAY AT Us boys wiTh an AWFul Exampul of a bad Boy IN each of TheM.

GIV US A REST! GIRLS.

There seems to be great anxiety and impatience on the part of the people to see the revised edition of the Bible. a very saint, and preached among the that they may see what changes have Methodists. Thither he determined to been made. The trouble with most peo-

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