

A PRISONER'S CONFESSION.

How he was led into Vice and What he Thought of Religion. The case here reported is one of those that carry a double reproof. It warns against the fault that makes a possible criminal, and rebukes the feeling that abhors one. The 'confession' of a condemned murderer tells how the gravitation of a childhood sin sank him into a vicious life. His choice of wrong-doing had been so early that he seemed to have forgotten any right instruction he had ever heard. And no friend of the fallen had ever set morality and religion before him. They came to him apparently as a first lesson after he was sentenced to death. The words of faith and hope were a surprise. To this, in part, the prison chaplain attributed the convict's frank repentance and changed heart.

It was a revelation to the unhappy man to find a Christian taking a real interest in him. He had never understood before that a good man was not necessarily a hypocrite. The depraved opinion of mankind which a criminal education usually gives had led him to class all men in one evil brotherhood.

'Why,' he exclaimed, in his own lingo. 'I thought you Christ-fillers were in the same perfish, only a little higher up than bunco-steerers. It'd only been learned before!'

When the chaplain had finally secured the prisoner's confidence, he asked him how he came to go wrong in the first place.

'I'd have to think,' he answered, puzzled. A few nights before he took his last walk, under the flickering gaslight, with every word and whisper reverberating along the corridor until it reached through the lofty guard-room, the poor man answered his confessor's question.

'You asked me when I started in this wrong way. I've been thinking of it all day. I never thought of it before,—an' I reckon it's something like this. When I was a boy I was raised in the country, an' went to the town academy for a term or so. My mother was a good woman, an' hard-working, too. God bless her!

'I wa'n't wild then, only full of sperrits, an' told perhaps, always ready for a good time. One day, I remember, we boys all got into a scrape. They all confessed to the teacher, and I lied out of it. After that my playfellows wouldn't go with me, an' all the friends I could get were two or three thugs, who were glad enough to have me drop down to them.

'I wa'n't much of a liar, an' only told the other one because I was scared; but now I had to lie to keep with the new lot. An' they taught me to steal from my mother.

'Instead of going home nights, we used to camp out in the woods an' play prates, an' sometimes we played it purty strong an' natural. So it went on. All my old friends had dropped me, an' I got to be known as a bad boy, an' people shook their heads. Then it became too hot for me in school because I took something out of a feller's desk, an' I quit.

'I couldn't get no work, because nobody would trust me (an' I don't blame 'em, neither, as I look at it now; but then I thought 'twasn't fair). So me an' another mate took to the road. That settled it. I never could get back to be like the best boys I had been with, an' I never knew anybody better'n a bar tender. You're the first person, sir, that ever spoke a good word to me since I was a boy at home an' told that lie. I wish I'd known you sooner. Then I wouldn't be here.'

This testimony of a penitent criminal to his youthful lapse step and its consequences repeats only what we so well knew. That the first bad act drives one into bad associations explains why it begins one's moral ruin.

But the thought will come that if Christian friendship had helped this erring boy to lit against the downward strain he brought upon himself, a good life might have been saved to society. A safe character, for time and eternity, is sometimes built on the first forgiven sin.

VICTORY FOR SIMCOE.

Of one thing Mr. W. H. Bennett, the Conservative Standard Bearer in East Simcoe, is sure—He Suffered from Catarrhal Trouble and Found Speedy and Fixed Relief in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

In the coming by-election it will not be settled until the votes are counted, whether Mr. W. H. Bennett, who has represented the constituency with ability for years, will again be the successful candidate. One thing Mr. Bennett is perfectly certain of, whatever turn the election may take: When attending to his duties in Ottawa two seasons ago he was taken down with catarrhal trouble in the head. He used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and over his own signature says that it worked like a charm, and quickly removed the trouble and made him fitted for his parliamentary duties.

Made to Last.

Benjamin Franklin, in the midst of his labors to establish the republic on a safe and solid basis, came into his house one day and found his little daughter sewing. 'These buttonholes, Sally,' he said, 'are good for nothing. They will not wear. If you make a buttonhole, child, make the best buttonhole possible.'

Not content with rebuking the child, he went down the street and sent up a tailor,

who had orders to instruct Miss Sarah in the art of making a buttonhole properly.

A great-granddaughter of the American philosopher told this anecdote recently, adding, with pride, 'Since then the Franklin family have made buttonholes that will last.'

What great statesman now would observe such a seeming trifle? How many young girls of Sarah Franklin's age think it worth while, if they make a buttonhole, to make the best one possible?

THE CIRCUIT RIDER.

CHRISTIANITY OWES MUCH TO HIS ZEAL AND ENDURANCE.

His Life During the Early Days of Methodism in Canada Was Often one of Great Hardship—the Story of one now enjoying a ripe Old Age.

From the Simcoe Reformer.

In the early days of Methodism in Canada the gospel was spread abroad in the land by the active exertions of the circuit rider. It required a man of no ordinary health and strength; an iron constitution and unflinching determination to fulfil the arduous duties incumbent on one who undertook to preach salvation to his fellow men. It was no easy task that these men set themselves to, but they were strong in the faith of ultimate reward. Many fell by the wayside, while others struggled on and prospered, and a few are today enjoying a ripe old age happy in the knowledge that a lasting reward will soon be theirs. Most of these old timers are now engaged in active church work, but have been placed on the supernumerated list and are now living a quiet life in town or on a farm free from the cares of the world, they await the call to come up higher.

R. V. David Williams, who lives two miles southwest of Nixon, Ont., in the township of Wincham, Norfolk County, was one of these early days circuit riders. He was a man of vigorous health and although without many advantages in the way of early education he succeeded by dint of hard and constant study in being admitted to the ministry. He was the first born in the first house built in Glen Williams near Georgetown. Mr. Geo. Kennedy the founder of Georgetown, being a brother of his mother. For a year he is 70 years old and for the past 26 years has lived in this country. For many years he had been a sufferer from kidney and kindred diseases. He tried all kinds of remedies, and although sometimes temporarily relieved he gradually grew worse until in October 1895 he was stricken with paralysis. From this he partially recovered, and recovered his powers of speech but his mind was badly wrecked, and his memory was so poor that he could not remember the name of the person to whom he wished to speak without thinking intently for several minutes. One day a neighbor who lived next to him for twenty years, but he could not recall the name for an hour or more. In addition to his mental trouble, he had intense bodily sufferings; pains in the head, across the forehead, in the temples and behind the ears, across the lower part of the skull and in the joint of the neck. He had great weakness and pains in the back, hips and legs. In fact, so much did he suffer that sleep was almost an impossibility, and he fell away in weight until he weighed only 145 pounds. By this time, Dec. 1895, he became dependent on his bed, and he would not soon obtain relief, he would soon bid adieu to the things of this world. On the 20th of December he read of a cure in the Reformer by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and being seized with a sudden inspiration at once wrote to Brockville for a supply of that marvellous remedy. Immediately good results followed their use and he has improved wonderfully during the past year. He has recovered his bodily health and strength, is comparatively free from pain and his memory is nearly as good as it ever was and as the improvement continues the prospects are very bright for complete recovery. He has gained 200 pounds in weight since beginning the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Williams says: 'I can heartily endorse the many good things said of these pills in the papers and strongly recommend them to any one suffering as I was.'

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a blood builder and nerve restorer. They supply the blood with its life and health-giving properties, thus driving disease from the system. There are numerous pink colored imitations, against which the public is warned. The genuine Pink Pills can be had only in boxes the wrappers around which bears the full trade mark: 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.' Refuse all others.

BORN.

- Somerset, April 14, to the wife of F. B. J. Nicols, a son.
Darlington, April 20, to the wife of B. Creighton, a son.
New Ecn, N. S., to the wife of Joseph Uhlman, a son.
Perwick, April 20, to the wife of Raymond Corbin, a son.
Wolville, April 19, to the wife of Arthur W. Stabb, a son.
Yarmouth, April 16, to the wife of Clarence Potter, a son.
Claremont, April 13, to the wife of Frank W. Ward, a son.
Evear River, April 18, to the wife of V. F. Chute, a son.
Halifax, April 23, to the wife of Charles B. Naylor, a son.
Amherst, April 19, to the wife of James Yorke, a daughter.
Lunenburg, April 8, to the wife of Enos Mallock, a daughter.
Five Islands, April 19, to the wife of Allen Durrin, a son.
Arcadia, April 14, to the wife of W. R. McKinnon, a daughter.
Campbellton, April 19, to the wife of John Kirtson, a daughter.
Dawson Settlement, April 6, to the wife of Freeman Milnes, a son.
North Anishoboro, April 6, to the wife of James Brabant, a son.

- Lockport, April 7, to the wife of George G. Dog get, a daughter.
Astoria Oregon, Mar. 27, to the wife of Capt. Peter O'Connell, a son.
Lunenburg, April 17, to the wife of Rev. R. M. Brown, a daughter.
Lower Hillsboro, Apr. 11, 19, to the wife of William Milton Wainwright.
Sussex, April 15, to the wife of Frank Armstrong (lately killed), a son.

MARRIED.

- Salem, Apr. 14, by Rev. Wm. Knollin, George Munro to Mary W. March, Archibald Wile to Annie Lavender.
Baldgewater, April 9, by Rev. S. March, James Oikie to Ethel M. Wills.
Wadeville, Apr. 8, by Rev. A. F. Carr, John Cooling to Helen Letreury.
Halifax, Apr. 19, by Rev. J. E. Goucher, Charles I. Harris to Mabel Mumford.
Centreville, Apr. 12, by Rev. J. A. Cahill Leitch Wade to Mary W. Johnston.
Falmouth, Apr. 24, by Rev. Joseph Murray, James Bremner to Josephine Curry.
Halifax, Apr. 14, by Rev. Geo. E. Boss, James A. Ullah to Gertrude McArthur.
Halifax, Apr. 18, by Rev. Wm. E. Hall, Sydney Johnston to Adelia B. Fader.
Yarmouth, April 10, by Rev. E. D. Miller, Charles W. Hanson to Nellie L. Bell.
Halifax, Apr. 19, by Rev. Thomas Fowler, Thomas C. Jam to Annie S. Chisholm.
Halifax, April 20, by Rev. Mr. Richard, Wm. Brough to Frances E. Mullin.
Yarmouth, Apr. 6, by Rev. W. S. H. Morris James Kezic Elinger to Millie B. Colpitts, John Woodstock, Apr. 8, by Rev. B. Colpitts, John Woodstock to Helen McConquidale.
Lunenburg, April 11, by Rev. L. M. McCree, George A. Fancey to Clara L. Semon.
Chelmsford N. B. April 16, by Rev. T. G. Johnston, William McKel to Annie Clark.
Acadia Mines, Apr. 15, by Rev. J. McKenzie Alexander E. Rushon to Eliza Hallis.
Woodstock, Apr. 21, by Rev. Archibald Neaves, Charles Goodwin to Anna B. A. Connell.
Richmond, April 20, by Rev. Wm. Hamilton, George F. Aikinson to Maggie J. Irving.
N. Kingston, N. S. Apr. 23, by Rev. A. B. Suttie, Albert J. Robinson to Eunice M. Tipper.
North Kingston, April 20, by Rev. J. S. Coffin, Albert J. Robinson to Eunice M. Tipper.
Lunenburg, April 19, by Rev. J. W. Crawford, Herbert M. Smith to Maggie L. B. Kurbach.
Calcutta, Mar. 1, by Rev. D. Reid, Furg-Capt. C. B. to Clara R. Boyer of Woodstock, N. B.

DIED.

- Halifax, April 22, William Wilson 56.
Salem, April 13, Mrs. W. Whitehouse.
Windsor, April 13, Thomas Bedden, 70.
Halifax, April 19, Lucina J. Purcell, 6.
Austevale, April 9, William Gilchrist, 87.
Coveville, April 24, John E. Coates 55.
Weymouth, April 14, Edward Hagan, 69.
Mr. Denson April 19, Capt. J. N. Layton.
Acadiaville, April 18, Mary McGinnies, 68.
Beaver River, Apr. 21, Reuben Perry, 73.
East Bay, Apr. 10, Joseph McFarlane, 80.
St. John, April 24, Charles G. Tarnbull, 71.
Westville, April 12, James Alexander.
Barrington, April 5, William M. Coffin, 70.
Pembroke, N. B., Apr. 7, Lyman Shaw, 69.
Hantsports, Apr. 4, John F. Davidson, 69.
Hebron, N. S., Apr. 19, Ansel G. Perry, 64.
Falmouth, April 15, David J. McCallum, 48.
New Glasgow, April 12, Wm. Allan Sullivan, 75.
New Glasgow, April 16, Mrs. Hugh Murray, Cape Negro, April 15 James H. Swain, 46.
Fort John, N. B., Apr. 6, Donald McIntyre, 74.
St. John, Apr. 21, Ann, widow of John Dugan.
Pleasant Lake, April 21, Robert Bullerwell, 88.
Wolville, Apr. 19, Mary, widow of Wm. Curch.
Halifax, April 21, Maria wife of W. K. Reynolds, 73.
Windsor, April 22, Martha widow of Wm. Curry, 72.
Windsor, April 23, Eliza widow of Joseph Smith, 72.
Canaan Sta. N. B., April 20, George A. Dusham 27.
Melville Square, April 17, Sarah A. wife of Hugh Leung, 74.
Kenville, April 13, Cora, daughter of Mrs. Henry Zink, 14.
St. John, April 24, Lucy widow of Aaron De Long, 70.
Liverpool, April 5, Mary daughter of Patrick McGuire, 40.
Riversdale, April 17, Adelaide wife of Jeffrey Knox, 47.
Kelly Falls, April 16, Mary A. wife of Edward Power 72.
Wolville, April 18, Mary Young widow of Wm. Church, 79.
Bristol, N. S., Apr. 14, Francis A., wife of Edward D. Tyrrell, 40.
Middle Coveville, April 17, Mary wife of James G. McDonald, 45.
St. John, April 22, Mary daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart.
Arlington Heights, Mass, Bruce B. son of V. E. Griffin of N. B.'s.
Mt. Uisacke, April 19, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fraser.
Lynn Mass, April 30, Catherine widow of John Wallace of N. B.'s.
Fairmont, N. S., Apr. 7, Isabel, daughter of the late Alexander McDonald.
Halifax, Apr. 22, Mary C. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch A. Morrison.
Guysburg, Apr. 18, Maggie, child of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Chisholm, 2.
McArts Brook, Apr. 18, Flora A., daughter of Duncan McPherson, 18.
St. John, April 26, William M. son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cowley, 22.
St. John, April 24, B. rtha C. child of Mr. and Mrs. David Spoght, 14 months.
Wolville, April 21, Cutbert A. son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stubb, 2 days.
Centreville, N. B., Apr. 9, Eva L. child of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, 4 m. 11 lbs.
Boston, April 18, Liza Wood daughter of John B. Wood of Yarmouth, N. S. 21.
Preston, April 21, Rosabella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Welch, 18 months.
New Glasgow, April 15, Grace, daughter of James A. and Christine Carnichael, 15 1/2.
West Glasgow, N. B., Apr. 12, James A. son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Logue, 24.
St. John, April 11, David R. twin son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Forthingham, 10 months.
Potterville Cove, Apr. 22, Frances O'Neil, messenger of the House of Assembly, 14 1/2.

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Table listing train routes and arrival times: Express from Sussex... Express from Montreal and Quebec (Monday excepted)... Express from Moncton (daily)... Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton... Suburban Express from Rosheay... Accommodation from Moncton...

The trains of the Intercolonial Railway are heated by steam from the locomotive, and those between Halifax and Montreal, via Lewis, are lighted by electricity. All trains are run by Eastern Standard Time. D. POTTINGER, General Manager. Railway Office, N. B., 3rd September, 1896.

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