

Doubt's Corner.

THE LITTLE PEACE-MAKER.

(CONCLUDED.)

Days and weeks went on without any return to a better state of things. Feelings seemed to become hard. Some time had passed without any act of kindness from the one neighbour to the other, and they would meet each other in the street without self-reproach for the christian separation which had taken place between them.

Little Lebrecht had never ceased to hope and long for a time when he would be able to go in and out at his godfather's as before. Though he was very young, it was not unknown to him that it would be sad for his parents to go to the Lord's Table while they were separated in heart from their neighbours as they were then.

His father came in one afternoon, after having seen all his people at work, to take his usual cup of coffee: Mrs. Golmer had been very busy with a sick workman, which made her late—so it happened that the coffee was standing on the table, before she had looked for the rolls to accompany it.

"Oh," said the little fellow, with a face full of honesty and persuasion, "I won't be long—I am not going all the way to the market-gate, when I can have them so much nearer; I am going to get them at godfather's." And with that he put his little green leather-cap upon one side of his head, and his hands inside the pockets of his jacket, and off he went with a bold step.

That same evening the tanner espied his opportunity to pass by the baker's shop just at the time when his neighbour was standing in the door, and to give him a civil greeting as he went along. When he came back again that way, the baker stopped him with a kind inquiry after Mrs. Golmer. As the tanner stopped, he held out his hand; the baker seized it—and what there was in the other's eye, neither of them could tell, for each one had tears in his own eyes.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

An attempt is being made to obtain for young men occupied in drapers' shops the advantage of leaving business earlier at night than they now do, with the avowed object of affording them an opportunity of improving their minds, and heartily do I hope it will succeed; but though I thus speak, by no means do I consider that the mere act of closing drapers' shops early, must of necessity be a good.

I have been told, that lately two young men, in the employ of a tradesman favourable to the plan of which I have spoken, were allowed to leave business early, but instead of turning their advantage to the improvement of their minds, they repaired to a place of public amusement, and remained out till it was too late to return home with the hope of admittance.

But do I advance this example to show the bad effects of young men having time at their own disposal? Certainly not. I do it rather to set forth the lamentable consequences of their making a bad use of time, and to urge them to act with good faith, really devoting their leisure hours to the object they profess to have in view, the improvement of their minds.

Young men! whether you obtain the advantage you are seeking for, or not, learn to look on your employer's interest as your own. Be diligent, be respectful, be faithful, for without diligence, respect, and fidelity, you cannot do your duty. Employers! have an eye to the comfort and happiness of those who serve you. Be kind to them, and courteous, and take an interest in their welfare, for unless you are kind and courteous, and do feel interested in their well-being, you will neither bind them to you, nor do what you ought to perform.

VISIT TO DAMASCUS.

By the Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, and the Rev. W. D. Feitch, described by the latter. "Jewish Intelligence," August last.

The third day's journey had little to recommend it, except an hour spent by the side of the Barrada, and its termination. Well might the Syrian noble be proud of Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus. It was like enchantment, amid wastes of burning sand and chalk, which blinded while it made the air too hot to breathe,—to come on a noble river, rushing along amid poplars festooned with vines, chestnuts, peaches, apricots, "and all manner of fruits."

Leaving our resting-place, we soon left the stream also, and after ascending the burning side of a hill, (never did I feel such heat,—the very air seemed on fire) and passing through a narrow winding path, cut deep into the summit of the rock, we suddenly turned round a sharp angle, when a scene utterly beyond the powers of description burst upon our sight. There was no preparation for it; one instant the eye rested on a wall of solid rock, the next it was free to range over an interminable plain; and just under was Damascus, stretching out its entire length,—a forest of tall minarets and domes, rising out of a real forest; but, as I before remarked, it is quite indescribable.

what it now is; but the general impression is that of a dirty ruinous place.

But here again, one is deceived by appearances; these gloomy, ill-built, wretched-looking houses are really palaces. Once beyond the dirty outer gate, in nine cases out of ten, you come upon one, perhaps two, large marble courts, filled with orange trees, vines, and flowers, with fountains playing, and surrounded by cheerful open divans and magnificent apartments. In all the summer ones there are one, two, or more marble fountains, according to the size, which, together with their great height, contribute to keep them cool, even under this burning sun.

Eastern Hospitality. The day after our arrival, our kind host, Mr. Wood, the Consul, accompanied us on a visit to several of the principal Jewish families, among the rest were those Hararies, whose names were so celebrated at the time of the persecution, five years ago. All received the Bishop with the utmost respect; and after we had paid four or five visits, what with chibbouzes, coffee, sherbet, and sweetmeats, I, for one, was well-nigh poisoned.

INDIAN MISSIONS.—MANATOULIN ISLAND.

In order to give our Venerable Society, and those under whose notice this report may fall, an idea of the usual routine of pastoral work at this Mission, I will lay before them an account of the labours of one week. Sunday commences with a Sunday School, in which the Missionary and his wife are the sole teachers, and the schoolmaster not being able to render any assistance, owing to his not having acquired the language. This continues from nine o'clock, A. M., till eleven, by which time, the Indians begin to assemble for morning worship, which is concluded by a sermon in the native language, at about one P. M.

On Monday morning there is another service, and a Scripture exposition, and the same Wednesdays and Fridays; besides that, the holidays of the Church are kept, by having service, and an exposition of the particular passage of Scripture set apart for consideration on each such occasion. This last-mentioned ordinance of the Church has been found of eminent service in fixing on the minds of the native Christians the passages of Scripture, and with them the characters thus brought before them. Separate services are also usually had for the benefit of the whites on Saints' days, and other holidays; three evenings in the week are devoted to the instruction of the native young men of the place in Scripture, history, geography, &c.; and some of them, who have not yet learned to read, and are too much occupied during the day to attend the schoolmaster, receive on these occasions lessons from the Missionary.

COMMUNICANTS. The rubric, that requires communicants to notify to the curate their intention during the week previous to the administration of the Holy Communion, is acted on, and thus an opportunity, equally delightful and profitable to minister and people, is afforded of examining into the advance in spiritual knowledge of the latter, and pointing out any inconsistencies of demeanour which may have occurred during the past month; and, on the whole, obtaining a more intimate acquaintance with the degree of spiritual growth which has, in that period, been made by each communicant.

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and eternal interests his lordship showed so much concern.

INDIAN SPONSORS. That those who are selected to be god-fathers and godmothers are capable of understanding the duties devolving on them, the following instance will show:—

Two years ago, I received into the Church by baptism two adult Indians, and, as usual, had three of the communicants as witnesses; to these I addressed the admonition to the witnesses contained in the Service for Adult Baptism. Some time after this, the female who had been godmother at this baptism told me at end of the morning service, that she wished to speak to me. On my inquiring what she wished to say, she asked me did I not remember what I had said to her and the others who stood beside such an one at his baptism? I answered in the affirmative. She then told me that she knew of the person for whom she stood having been guilty of a breach of his baptismal vows; and she wished to ask my advice as to whether it was not her duty to go to him and remind him of his vows, and tell him of the sin of what he had been doing. I, of course, highly approved of the proposed step, and the woman consequently waited on the individual, and her Christian admonitions were not only well received, but attended with a very beneficial result.—Report of Rev. F. A. O'Meara, to the Society for the Prop. of the Gospel.

AWFUL SITUATION.—The following alarming adventure happened to a gentleman in the course of a visit to the celebrated cathedral of St. Paul's, London. In his investigation of several curiosities of the place, he arrived at the turret which contains the machinery of the clock. Here the dial plate is accessible, and on its inside is a small square aperture for the convenience of the person sitting the hands of the clock. Our friend being of a decidedly inquisitive disposition, and particularly fond of thrusting himself into every strange and out of the way corner, immediately popped his head through the inviting opening. He was instantly absorbed in the enjoyment of the view his elevated situation afforded him, his position in reference to the hands of the clock never costing him a thought, when guillotine-like, down comes the ponderous bar which constitutes the large hand; right over his devoted head. A gentle and gradual pressure on the spine soon gave him a hint of the predicament in which he stood.

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