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### Our Magazine.

**H**IS issue of the K. D. M. brings us to the beginning of the last quarter of the year. In looking over the list of the names of our subscribers we find that there are a good many subscriptions yet unpaid. We would ask those in arrears to kindly remit the amount due to the Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie, Waterford, Kings Co.

### His Readings of Scripture.

#### X.

**F**ROM the pronunciation of proper names we may perhaps pass on to draw attention to some other words, which may have escaped notice. There are often words in English where a verb and a substantive are spelt exactly alike, and the accent alone tells whether it is a verb or a noun.

When, for example, we see "contrast" written or printed we must look for the context to see whether the stress or emphasis be laid on the first or the last syllable. In the verb the last syllable is accented; in the noun the first has the stress laid on it. We *con-trast* one thing with another; but two colors look well in *con-tract*. There are several such words in Scripture, and it is as well to remember this rule. Thus in I Sam. xv. 9, Saul says, "Every thing that was vile and refuse they destroyed utterly." Here we must read with the accent on the first syllable—"ref-use." So also in Amos viii. 6, Lam. iii. 45, etc. But in Exodus iv. 23, Heb. xii. 25, etc., the verb must be read "refuse." Similarly the word "convert" is sometimes a noun, sometimes a verb. In Isaiah i. 27 read "her converts;" but in Isaiah vi. 10, "and con-vert and be healed." In like manner those who are most careful in their pronunciation make a difference between the verb and the adjective of the word perfect: "That we might perfect that which is lacking in your faith (Thess. iii. 10); "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise (S. Matt. xxi. 16; see also Psalm cxxxviii. 8, Bible version); but "we speak of wisdom unto them that are perfect" (I Cor. ii. 6), and the use of the adjective is so common that no further example is necessary.

There are also two words which were originally spelt alike, but are now distinguished by different spelling, as well as different accentuation; we mean prophecy and prophesy. The former is the noun, which in singular and plural should be emphasized on the first syllable—*proph-e-ey*; the latter, the verb, should have the stress laid on the last syllable—*prophe-sy*.

There are, however, two words whose spelling and pronunciation do not vary, whether the word represents a noun or a verb; the words are traffick and travail.

Some readers have a habit of making a difference in the pronunciation of *wrath* and *wroth*, but this is probably an error in judgment. There is really no difference in meaning, and *wroth* should be pronounced like *froth*, and then there would be no perceptible difference in sound between *wrath* and *wroth*. Some few persons pronounce *hath* as if there were an r in the word—*harth*; but this seems to be a little fad which is not likely to find imitators.