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By Ian Maclaren.

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my affairs that I thought you would like to know. * * * I have received a letter informing me that I am on the short leet for Tilliegask * * * and I am to preach next Sabbath . . . and the farmer with whom I stayed has in all to one another. sent me a very encouraging letter." During the week the probationer was much tried on a question of conscience, whether he ought to act on a suggestion of his friend at Tilliegask.
"It happens," he explained to me, "that the people at Tilliegask are very conservative in their views of the Bible. while, as you are aware, I have been led to accept certain modern con-

clusions regarding the history of the

books, and my good friend desires that I should * * make no allusion to them in my discourse. "Now, went on the probationer, "it was not my intention to do so, but after this advice am I not bound in conscience to indicate-simply to indicate-my position, that they may not be deceived and that I may not obtain a church by guile?" And he read to me the sentence, which I make no doubt no one understood, but which was to Mr. Clunas a great relief. He came home from Tilliegask in high spirits and speculated every evening on his chances as against the other man who was to preach on the Sab-

"No, he is not what you would call a scholar," and then the probationer laughed aloud-a rare occurrence. "Well, it was a translation in the Latin class; he rendered 'adhuc juvenis' as a 'still youth,' which was much tasted, and others, too, as remarkable; but it is not generous to remember such fail-

The good man was indeed so diss of pride and jealousy which with envy and worldliness, he confessed to me, constantly beset him. He also impressed upon me that although Mr. Tosh might not be a scholar in the academic sense, yet he had such gifts of speech that he would be an excellent minister for Tilliegask if the choice of that secluded place should fall on Tosh. But the probationer waited anxiously for the first post on Tuesday, which would give the result, and I was only iess anxious.

When he did not come down with tidings from his room, and only the faintest sound came from his room, as of a chair occasionally shifted before the fire, I went up and found my friend very low and two open letters on the "It has not been . . . God's will,"

and he signed that I should read the letters. One was from the ecclesiastical functionary who presides over elections and church courts, and who is called by the suggestive name of "moderator," that the vote 52 for Mr. Clunas and 93 for that Mr. Tosh had been ele on his, the moderator's, minority had "fallen in": moderator, was sure that Mr. Clunas would be pleased to know that his supporters had shown so good a spirit, and that there was no doubt that the Great Head of the Church had something in store for his servant; and that in the event of Mr. Clunas applying in another vacancy, he. the moderator, would be willing to give him a strong certificate as to the impression he, Mr. Clunas, had produced on the congregation of Tilliegask. The second letter was fro Wester Tilliegask, my friend's host, who was full of genuine regret that Mr. Clunas had not won the poll, who explained that up to Sabbath his chance was excellent, but that Mr. Tosh had carried all before him by a sermon on "A Rainbow Round About the Throne." with very fetching illustrations and quotations: Mr. Tosh had also won several votes by shaking hands with the people at the door, and ingeniously giving it to be understood that his idea of nastoral duty was to visit his congregation four times a year: that, not-withstanding all these Tosh attractiens, he, Wester Tilliegask would have preferred Mr. Clunas; and that as there was a rumor that the minister of Ballengeich would soon need a colleague, he would arrange through his. Wester Tilliegask's, wife's brother that Mr Clunes should have a hearing ed that a certificate from MacDuff Mac-Leear, placing Mr. Tosh a little lower

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The probationer was very brave and generous, blaming no one, and acknowledging that Tosh would be a more suitable man for Tilliegask, but it was evident that he was hard hit.

"It was not to escape the unrest of this life," he said, "nor for the posi-tion, nor even for the sanction of my work; it was for the sake of one who ... has waited long to see me an ordained minister. She may not . . . be spared much longer. My mother is nearly 70." So it was no sweetheart, but his mother, of whom he thought. "If I had been elected I had purposed to start this forenoon and carry the

I never could reach the cottage unseen, for there is a window in the gable which commands the road, so that Dealer will not do this, but, "There mother is ever waiting at the garden gate for me.
"Do not count me foolish, but I was

would like to leave the cottage and live in a manse. "By this time she would jalouse something—'tis her word—but I would tell nothing, only expatiate on the manse and her room in it, and she would suddenly throw her arms around my neck — Excuse

me, sir; I will come down in the evening, if you please." Before evening he was hurrying down to the cottage, for after all he had to go to his mother, and when he came back next Monday she was dead and buried

"Your sympathy is very grateful," as sat together, "and it helps me, but I think my heart is . . . broken; although I have to live here to accomplish my railway journeys, and we only saw one another at intervals, we were all There were things passed between

us I cannot tell, for it seems to me that a mother's deathbed is a holy place; but she knew that I had lost Tilliegask, and . . . she was not cast down, as I was, for her sake.

"'Dinna lose heart, Hiram,' she said, her hand in mine, 'for my faith will be justified; when I gave ye to the Lord the day your father died I was sure, a' through the fecht o' education I was sure, an' when you got no kirk I was still sure, and now my eyes are clear, an' I see that God has savit you for a work that hath not entered into my heart,' and she blessed me."

From that day he began to fail, and although he struggled to fulfill preaching engagements he had at last to give up public work. But he toiled harder than ever at the Semitic languages. "It is not that I am deceiving myself with vain hopes," he explained to me one day, "for I know full well that I am dying, for it seemeth good that whatsoever talent I have should be cultivated to the end.

"The future life is veiled, but language must be used, and they who have mastered the ancient roots will be of some service; it is all I can offer, and I must give of my best. The morning he died I looked over his few affairs and balanced his accounts, which were kept in a small passbook,

der expenses on the other to a half-The expenditures may seem heavy tressed by this disparaging allusion to his rival that he searched his heart for o my destination, but there may still be enough at the end of the week for what has to be done. "There will be £9 15s 9d when all is

> "With the sale of my books it will suffice, for I have carefully inquired, to buy a grave and defray the cost of burial. It is not possible to be buried beside my mother, for our ground is full, so let me lie where the sun is shining on the Grange Cemetery." Soon after his mind wandered, and I gathered that he was in the vestry of

egask Kirk. "Lord be merciful to me and remember my infirmities . . . Deliver thy servant from the fear of man and all doubleness of heart. . . . Give me grace to declare thy truth and to set thee before me. . . Bless my mother and hear her prayers."

After a little while he began to preach, but we could make nothing of the words till he suddenly stopped and raised himself in the bed.
"Thou, Lord." he cried, with great astonishment, "hearing me . give. . . I am not worthy to de-

What was said by the Master none of us heard, but the astonishment passed into joy, and the light thereof touched and made beautiful his face as the probationer fell asleep. It was a spring day when we laid his body to rest, and anyone who cares can find his grave, because a weeping willow hangs over it. and this is the inscription on the stone:

HIRAM CLUNAS, Probationer. "It Is a Very Small Thing That I Should Be Judged of Man's Judgment."

[The End.]



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On European Topics-Changes in the British Policy in China Considered Imminent.

The Anglo-American Entente-Business Booming in Great Britain-Mistaken Idea of the London Times' Power-Britain's Good Bargain in China -The Hispano-American Crisis.

considered imminent. War with Russia versation and cordiality of manner tois preposterous, when Talien Wan is wards Americans, and there is no opened to the commerce of the world. There is nobody to fight, and nothing to fight about, except the problematic to fight about, except the problematic partition of China. An alliance with by the Anglo-Saxon race. This will Japan is vaguely talked about, but no-body feels sure that the island kingdom rigorous method in which neutrality has not already made terms with Russia in Corea. The mobilization of the British fleet in Chinese waters seems to foreshadow a new policy, which Mr. Balfour may speedily announce in the Commons. This is accompanily numeral. Commons. This is commonly rumored of the influential classes in England to be the occupation of some new base to a practical test, let them put a on the coast, by which the approach government war loan, payable in gold, to Pekin can be commanded or free trade on the Yang Tse Kiang protect-like hot cakes, and on the best pos-This policy would be outside the lines on which Lord Salisbury has been working, but there are many indications that some stroke of this kind is under serious consideration. Berlin seems to expect it, and the British people will undoubtedly welcome it. Lord Salisbury will be back in the foreign office before the end of the month, according to the statements of personal friends, based presumably

Some people make the mistake of supposing that the Times is still a great political force in this country, and when it turned upon Lord Salisbury, of supposing that it knew all the facts, or, at any rate, that what it did not know was not worth knowing. Mr. Balfour, it is said, will inform the House of Commons on Tuesday that imperial and local taxes for the fiscal compensation has been obtained by the year, which ended on March 31, were acquisition of the Chusan archipelago, £116,016,314, or £3,817,767 more than the and possibly another naval base as receipts for 1896-97. The total amount well, together with the recognition by constitutes a record. The chief in-Russia, France and Germany of the creases were as follows: Customs, Anglo-Chinese arrangement, already £542,734; excise, £900,256; estate duties,

his poor fees on one side and his slen-The country, apart from the feveris beginning to appreciate the fact that, after all, there may be really new and very wide markets open in China, in which British commerce will get the lion's share. anyhow. The publication of the new policy is promised in some sixty hours, and this, added to the fact that orders wrath that there is nothing as yet to show that any sane statesman here seriously thinks of war with Russia. THE CHINESE "OPEN DOOR."

Another writer says: Mr. Balfour's statement of the government policy in the far east in the House of Commons on Tuesday is awaited with keen interest, and it is hoped the ministry will be able to convince the house generally, and especially the new group of "China House of Commons will, I am told, tional rights in making the appointearn from Mr. Balfour on Tuesday, ments. that though the effectual integrity of China has gone, England has secure and will maintain an open door for the world's commerce in China. Th pledges of Russia and Germany are more explicit, and this week's mysterious movements of the British fleet north from Hong Kong are intended to secure the fulfillment of every pledge of this kind. Hong Kong being 1,500 miles too far south, England is now finding a naval base of her own in the here to see the body against the order Gulf of Pe Chi Li, and will so pre- of his physician. The exposure brought serve her naval supremacy in Pacific waters as to keep open the door ir China by force if necessary. She will also strengthen her hold on Hong Kong by acquiring the necessary land commanding that naval base, and will, when the time is ripe, create a definite sphere of British influence i the Yang Tse Valley. Indeed, as heard a minister say this week, "If i comes to a game of grab, we know how to grab most and best, while taking care that no one grabs, to the exclusion of British trade."

THE HISPANO-AMERICAN CRISIS. The nervousness of the stock markets, which was emphasized by a sudden drop of 3 points in Spanish fours at the opening of the Stock Exchange, has been fully reflected in diplomatic circles, which have experienced almost as much difficulty as outsiders in extracting facts from the mass of contradictory statements regarding the Hispano-American crisis until today. Beyond opinioning generally that matters were nearing a crisis, When the little loved one is sick, when real weight who was willing to risk there was not a man in London its brow is fevered, its pulse rapid, its features pinched with pain and there are would be peace or war. Even now great blue circles under its eyes, the mother hovers about the bedside, and with anxious the distinctly warlike tone of the great eyes tries to read the meaning of every ex- mass of evidence and the marked divergence of the United States de-mands and Spain's proposals have led

has been reached, unless within a few hours Senor Sagasta is able to give assurances that the delay he asks for will insure the complete freedom of Cuba. It is not too much to say that all Europe regrets it, though for difthem well, strong and vigorous. It heals ferent reasons—some because genuall internal ulceration and inflammation. inely friendly nations are involved, and others because they dread that the war bacillus will spread and aggravate the feverish spirit of unrest already in evidence in the old world. To the last, therefore, it is hoped that a so-lution will be reached, even when Spain is apparently intractable. The best informed persons believe Spain is only temporizing.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ENTENTE Another correspondent says: A New York business man asks me by letter whether such comments as I cabled a fortnight ago from Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. James Bryce and other well-known Englishmen represent the opinion of the governing classes and the masses of the English people respecting an era of Anglo-American good feeling. Official etiquette stands They don't simply give temporary relief, but are a permanent cure—Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for constipation. They never gripe. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two a mild zetharic. men like Lord Rosebery, Sir William of their offer to this paper.

London, April 4. - Some striking Harcourt and Sir Edward Grey. The change in British policy in China is attitude of the governing classes can only be known from their private consible terms, with this explicit declaration, that the principal and interest shall be payable in gold, not in coin. As for the opinion of the masses, the press undoubtedly expresses it in its friendliest references to everything concerning American interests whenever there is a chance, as there was at Gravesend, when, at the transfer of the Amazonas, the American flag

was run up over hundreds of English roofs. The English, in conversation, upon the premier's own authority. are more outspoken even than the press respecting Cuba. The common comment is that England, under similar circumstances, would have intervened long ago in Cuba; and as for it turned upon Lord Salisbury, the destruction of the Maine, no Eng-expected that the idol would lish prime minister could have sucforthwith fall and break to pieces. The ceeded in maintaining his self-control Times, on its part, made the mistake so well as President McKinley has done. The great heart of England is with America in this crisis. BUSINESS BOOMING. The aggregate gross receipts from

made public. If this is correct, nobody £1,364,661; stamps, £300,000; property will be able to deny that Britain has and income tax, £600,000; telegraph MADE A FAIRLY GOOD THING and postoffice, £410,000. There were fewer applications than usual for new out of the scramble. What Japan will have to say is quite a different matter. but the Chinese loan brings the total amount offered to the £16,500,000. This makes the total for the first quarter of 1898 nearly £40,000,-000-the biggest in many years. The shipbuilding boom is unprecedented, as can be gauged from the figures of the Clydebank, where 40,000 tons were turned out in March. Orders were have been sent to mobilize the fleet in the work now on hand and ordered the far east, so far quiets public totals up 625,000 tons-almost double the whole output of 1897.

GERMAN CABINET CHANGES. There is a curious condition of affairs n the Prussian cabinet, occasioned by Emperor William appointing Count Posadowsky, the minister of the interior; Baron Von Buelow, the minister for foreign affairs, and Admiral Von Tirpitz to be members, in addition to the three cabinet ministers without portfolios, with the right to vote on all forwards" in their own ranks, that matters. This has changed the comdespite all appearances of a British plexion of the cabinet materially. A backdown, they have really maintained lack of harmony has already developed, British interests, as against Russia, and serious doubts are expressed in Germany and France, and will main-parliamentary circles as to whether his tain them even at the risk of war. The majesty has not exceeded his constitu-

> BROTHERS NOT LONG SEPAR-ATED. Hamilton, April 4.—The funeral of the late Mr. Henry McArthur, who died on Thursday in Toronto of consumption, took place Friday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Mr. John McArthur. A week ago another brother, Mr. James McArthur, died in New York. Mr. Henry McArthur came on a hemorrhage, causing death.

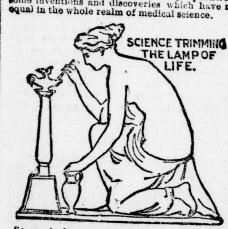
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