

MARRIAGE.

PATTON TO TALBOT.—At St. Peter's Pro. Cathedral, Qu'Appelle, on the 26th December, 1901, by the Rev'd G. N. Doble, Louise Jane Talbot, fourth daughter of the late Charles Talbot, Qu'Appelle, to Henry Stannage Patton, Talbot, Qu'Appelle, (formerly of Winnipeg) of Carter's, California, (formerly of Winnipeg) of Alfred M. Patton, Toronto, and grandson of the late Venerable Archdeacon Patton and of the late Reverend John Stannage.

the woods; his father had gone away on business that would detain him until late the following afternoon; besides Jack had given him his promise that the field should be finished. He set to work desperately, and planted till every muscle in his back ached. But when darkness shut down, there was still a great corner which he had not reached. Jack thought of getting up early to plant that, but when he looked at it a second time, he decided that it would be no use. It would take to the middle of the afternoon to finish.

When the boys stopped for Jack the next morning, he had to tell them, sorrowfully, that he could not go with them, and, when they urged him to go, anyway, he flashed back the answer:

"No, I won't! I've given my promise, and I'll keep it. But it makes me mad to think I could have gone just as well as not if I hadn't fooled away those three afternoons on something I didn't care much about. I wish I had looked ahead a little better, and made sure of having my time for the big thing that I did care for. I tell you, it's not so easy to catch up with your work when you get behind."

THE EARS OF THE DEAF SHALL HEAR.

There are all kinds of contrivances now by which defective hearing may be aided by collecting the sound-waves and having them reach the auditory nerves through the nerves of the face. It is rather odd, but we really can hear through the teeth. Before any patent contrivances of the kind were on the market, a lady went into a little country church with her husband to attend public worship. She had been deaf for years, and could distinguish nothing of the words of the prayers or the sermon. On this occasion, while the preacher was preaching, she happened to touch her teeth with a palm-leaf fan, and was surprised to hear some sentences with considerable distinctness. She grew interested, and found that by holding the edge of the fan between her teeth and giving it a little curve, she could hear nearly all that was said. It was the first sermon she had heard for years. Her husband's attention was attracted to her face, now all aglow with excitement, without knowing why she was so moved. Others, noticing his gaze fixed wonderingly upon her, turned their faces that way, and soon a number of people, including the preacher, were watching the lady. There was quite a wave of excitement in that little church, and she was the only one who could have given any explanation, but she was absorbed in listening. When the service was over it was all made clear, and all her friends rejoiced that in this strange way the world of sound was once more opened to her.

As I have thought of this case,—the deaf nerves so long unresponsive and then, as it were, coming

into new life by means of a new agency,—I think we can see why some of the changes come to us in life. We are as they who hear not what the Lord is saying to us. There is no response until some new circumstances bring His truth to our consciousness.

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A TRUST FROM GOD.

All that we receive from God is a trust for the good of others. We are not released from obedience to the law of Christ, which is to bear one another's burdens. We are to avoid a perilous example by which the weaker brother is injured; we are not to wrap ourselves in the robes of a self-indulgent life. It is only Cain-like hypocrisy and selfishness and un-Christ-like indifference that can ask to-day, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The soul is lost that wishes to be saved alone.

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The big boy was swinging his feet noisily, and he had turned away so nobody could see his face at all. Something about his eyes bothered him.