

THE PERISHING.

BY EMILY C. PEARSON.

It is estimated that a thousand millions of the human race have not heard of Christ.

THEY'RE crowding down the slopes of death,
A thousand millions strong.
A soul is lost, at every breath,
Of that benighted throng.

They're groping 'mid sin's hopeless ways,
A thousand millions, blind;
On them have dawned no gospel rays,
No path of peace they find.

O Christians! these have never heard
Of Jesus' precious Name,
Have never read His Holy Word,
Know not to die He came.

"Go preach my Gospel!" Christ has said;
"Go, all my famished feed,
To every creature give life's bread
O'er earth my message speed!"

And yet amid the darkened lands
For light vast millions cry,
Ye that are stewards of God's wealth
How can you pass them by!

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Pleasant Hours:

A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLK:
Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

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"HAPPY DAYS"—OUR NEW SUNDAY-SCHOOL PAPER.

We are glad to announce that we will shortly issue specimen numbers of our new Sunday-school paper "Happy Days." It will be of the same grade, and same size and price as *The Sunbeam*, and will be issued on alternate weeks; so that schools, with our four papers, will have one for every Sunday, both senior and primary classes. This will meet a long felt want. We hope our schools will all rally to the support of this new paper. It will be the handsomest juvenile paper ever issued in Canada. No school should order any other, or foreign periodicals for advanced or primary classes, without seeing the specimens of those of our own Church, which will be shortly sent to every Sunday-school superintendent in the Connexion. Any who do not soon receive them will confer a favour by writing for samples, which will be sent free.

THE *Globe* says, "The *Canadian Methodist Magazine* steadily improves with each month. The October number is to hand." Arrangements for next year are being completed, which will make it far better than ever before.

THANKS FOR AID FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

THE superintendent of the School on Marbleton Mission, Quebec district, writes as follows:—It is with sincere pleasure that I forward to you this resolution of thanks, from the Marbleton Methodist Sunday-school, for the grant of Sunday-school papers and books. I believe it would do you good, if you could only see, yourself, with what pleasure those Sunday-school papers are received and taken care of—we have made good use of them. The teachers have become so interested in their Sunday-school work, that they are at their places every Sabbath, "except sickness," and are doing good service. O, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit on these schools.

The following is the resolution: Resolved,—That the sincere and prayerful thanks of the teachers and scholars of this Sunday-school is hereby given to the Sunday-school Board, also to the Rev. Dr. Withrow, secretary, for their kindness in giving us the needed help to make our Sunday-school a success.

FRUITS OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

IN Toronto, on Sept. 14th, an attempt was made by a liquor-crazed woman to murder her three children, aged respectively eight, five, and one and a-half years. The sickening details of this awful tragedy furnish ghastly evidences of the need for some stern measures for the suppression of a traffic but for which these mutilated babies might be happy and well to-day; and they ought to shame to silence all quibbling objectors to stringent remedies for the fearful evils of intemperance. It is too bad that while some earnest philanthropists are working with might and main for the suppression of this awful vice, others equally earnest, but strangely illogical and inconsistent, should actually be found endeavouring to mislead the public into believing that indulgence in the cause of this sin and shame is a moral virtue.

While the Prohibitionists were meeting in the Richmond St. Church, and congratulating each other on the progress of their cause; while the city was bright and gay with holiday-making and joy, the heartless liquor traffic was keeping on its dire work of ruin and death. There is no need for comment on the awful tragedy, but the following stirring words clipped from Thursday morning's *Mail* are well worth reading and pondering:—

"This record of the operations of whiskey for one day needs no ornamentation; and, we should say, admits of no defence. If the mutilation of these children by their drunken mother and the attempt at suicide of the maudlin friend next door were the only crimes ascribed to whiskey in this city, since the time when it was Little York, all good people would be bound to strive to abate the curse. But let any old citizen look back at the ghastly tally of crimes committed during the last twenty years, whiskey being the moving inspiration; then let him count the number of bright men and bright women in every walk of life who have fallen victims to the bottle within the same period; and if he is an honest man he will say that it is time this fell enemy of the race were driven out by any means and at



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almost any cost. . . . The house and the inmates formed a picture which should be hung in every saloon in Toronto."

ANOTHER SCOTT ACT VICTORY.

THE conquest goes on. Another glorious victory has been won. In spite of all the opposition of the liquor traffic, the Act was carried in Peterboro' county by a handsome majority. As usual the Methodist ministers and people have taken an active part in the campaign. From the *Canada Citizen* we learn on the Sunday before the voting, a very enthusiastic Scott Act meeting was held in the Peterboro' Methodist Church. The Rev. I. Tovell, pastor, preached a stirring sermon, his theme being, "A sad man, a madman, and a glad people" (Nehemiah, Sandballat, and the restored nation) After the sermon Messrs. Hilliard, M.P., and Dumble, P.M., delivered excellent addresses. The meeting closed by the whole congregation singing with great enthusiasm a Scott Act hymn, specially prepared for the occasion by Mr. Tovell. The words of this hymn are as follows:

Tune—"Stand up for Jesus."

Awake! awake, ye fathers!
Your homes from sorrow save;
Lift high the Scott Act banner,
Let every heart be brave;
Triumphant notes are sounding
O'er many a hard-fought field;

Our faith with works abounding
Shall make the foe to yield.

March on! march on, my brothers!
Old comrades, see, they fall!
Strong Drink their ruin seeketh;
His challenge is to all.
Go forth, demand "Surrender;"
A mighty phalanx go;
Thy brother's anguish pleadeth,
Oh, hear the wail of woe!

Cheer up! have faith, O mothers!
Love's cause hath in its might;
Your tears for sons endanger'd,
Have not escaped God's sight;
Keep trusting, oh! keep praying,
Your prayers shall soon prevail;
Jehovah's arm is Power—
His word can never fail.

Great God! arouse all nations,
Kum's power to overcome;
Defend the poor and needy—
O let thy kingdom come;
Behold, night's darkness yieldeth
The morning light shines clear;
Our Lord dominion wieldeth,
Grand victory is near.

At the recent Assizes held at Milton, in the county of Halton, there were no criminal cases on the calendar, and the only occupants of the jail were two vagrants and six insane persons, the latter waiting for removal to one or other of the lunatic asylums. We congratulate the people of Halton upon such an evidence of the morality of the county, and hope soon to have similar testimony from other counties, as without doubt will be the case if our friends see that the Scott Act is enforced.