

We need a clearer vision of heaven. The strongest and purest lives are those stimulated by "the power of an endless life." Travellers say that in Cyprus it is nearly always sunshine. There are occasional clouds, but even in the clouds there is no gloom—they are warm and soft like the wings of a dove, and when they pass away the air is filled with the fragrance which the flowers have yielded in the grateful shade. That is what the vision of heaven will do for this life. It will fill our days with sunshine, and when the clouds do come, as they will to all of us, there will be no gloom in them, but instead of horror and despair they will leave behind them the fragrance of the flowers of Paradise.

#### A Lesson for the Methodists.

Rev. T. Fenwick, of Woodbridge, Ont., under date 17th July, writes :

I see in a late issue of the "Witness" that, at the last meeting of the Quebec Presbytery, a letter was received from Rev. Mr. Sparling, of Quebec, representing the Methodist body, requesting our Church to take charge of the station at Rivière du Loup, Quebec.

The Methodists should do the very same with regard to Metis, Quebec. That station is quite small enough for one minister. Two are a farce. The nearest Protestant station is a hundred miles distant. The Presbyterians were established there many years before the Methodists set foot in it. They were the only Protestants. The Methodists wrought unblushingly to crush us down, and get the place to themselves. They got a church of their own, as they wished. It is really an Anti Presbyterian church. I cannot, for lack of sufficient space, go into particulars. I know perfectly, the history of the matter, and I defy anyone to disprove what I would tell of it, had I space to do so. The Methodists would do themselves an honor by following my advice already given. I shall not cloak myself under a false name.

#### Literary Notes.

\* Harper's Bazar for August contains two English articles, one by Rebecca A. Insley on "Street Arabs in London," and the other by Caroline Benedict Burrell describing a summer spent "On a Warwickshire Farm." In "A Dinner with King Alfonso" we have an interesting picture of the way the Spanish king entertains. "One Result of the Martinique Disaster" is a most amusing short story which shows London, England, deserted for the greater part of the year on account of the change in climate which made it too cold for habitation. In the various departments we find articles on "A Garden Party," "Summer Millinery," "Effective Summer Gowns," "Gowns for Street Wear," etc. Harper and Brothers, New York.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for July opens with more Personalia : Political, Social, and Various, by Sigma, lawyers being the special subject for this month. In a Self Sustaining Empire the free trade question is discussed ; but probably the most interesting part of the Magazine this month is contained in Musings Without Method where the Carlyle-Froude controversy is commented on at some length and the Servian tragedy more concisely. An article on The Persian Gulf is of special interest also, bringing to our mind the importance of the statement made by Lord Lansdowne last May, speaking as Foreign Secretary in the

House of Lords : "I say it without hesitation that we should regard the establishment of a naval base or a fortified port in the Persian Gulf as a very grave menace to British interests, and we should certainly resist it with all the means at our disposal." Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

Psychology of Childhood, by Frederick Tracy, B. A., Ph. D., Lecturer in Philosophy in the University of Toronto 5th edition revised and enlarged. Cloth, 90c. Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. One of the results of the Knox College Summer School has been an awakened interest in child study as an important factor in Sabbath School teaching. It will be of advantage to teachers, parents and guardians of the young to be acquainted with a valuable Canadian manual on the subject which has already been accorded a foremost place by specialists and now appears in the 5th edition with a new chapter, the Aesthetic, Moral and Religious Ideas in Psychic Development. It is at once a suitable introduction to and condensed review of the subject. The author shows full and minute acquaintance with the literature on all its phases. He has conducted patient and extensive observations of children and directed others in doing so and has fused the whole with his own original thought. The treatise is simple enough for a beginner in the study, its characteristics being clearness of expression and exactness of classification, yet its view is so wide and its generalisations are so careful that it is really an exhaustive treatise within small compass.

The British Reviews for July all contain more or less exhaustive articles on Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, the Tragedy in Servia, and the Carlyle Froude question. In the Contemporary Lord Welby discusses Chamberlain's position. He says : "To Mr. Chamberlain the welfare of the 42,000,000 who dwell at home is but a local matter ; and he would sacrifice their interests to a dream of Empire." In conclusion he quotes Burke's words : "Of all things an indirect tampering with the trade of provisions is the most dangerous. My opinion is against the overdoing of any sort of administration, and more especially against that most momentous of all meddling with the subsistence of the people." Sir James Crichton-Brown answers Mr. Ronald McNeill's article in the June number of the Contemporary and defends his introduction to the "New Letters and Memorials of Jane Welsh Carlyle." This article was in the Editor's hands before the publication of Froude's "My Relations with Carlyle," so that it is not an answer to this. The writer, however, promises a full answer at a later date. This number contains two articles on the Servian affair, one by Ivanovich, and one under Foreign Affairs, both remarkably interesting. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

In the Fortnightly Review we find under the heading Preferential Tariffs and Mr. Chamberlain four articles giving the views of four men well qualified to write of this important subject. The sub-headings are Mr. Chamberlain's Programme in the Light of French Experience, Cobdenism and Capital, Setting Back the Clock of Empire, and Free Trade or Protection? In these articles we are given the main

arguments on both sides of the question. Herbert Vivian's article on the "Glorious Revolution" in Servia is a strong indictment of the murderers and a protest against the indifference of the European Sovereigns. He concludes thus : "I am a mere mourner over the graves of a King whom I esteemed above all other reigning monarchs ; of a Queen whose character I admired ; of a Prime Minister for whom I had a deep regard ; of a country which I loved next to my own. Requiescat in pace." Of a purely literary nature are the articles on M. Maeterlinck's "Joyzelle," "The Goncourt Academy" and "Some Letters from Arthur Hallam." W. H. Mallock writes in vindication of Froude in "The Secret of Carlyle's Life." Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

Select Poems of Tennyson prescribed for Junior Matriculation and Junior Leaving Examinations in 1904. Edited with Introduction and Notes by W. J. Alexander, Ph. D., Professor in English in University College, Toronto. Cloth, 50c. Paper, 30c. Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. We have become accustomed to expect a good text book in English literature from this publishing house every year. This year's issue is excellent. The Introduction on the study of literature could be written only by a master of the art of teaching English literature. It is calculated to guide the student in the best way to the cultivation of taste and literary appreciation. The notes are prefaced by an article of thirty pages treating of the poet's life and general characteristics. The notes are explanatory and illustrative. The appendix contains eighteen poetical selections from different authors, giving sufficient variety for side reading.

Christ asks us to trust him ; but did you ever think how great was his trust in us? He will clothe the vilest beggar and trust him. He will pardon the worst sinner and adopt him. Poor blind Bartimaeus has a place in his heart. He makes the woman at the well his friend. The publican and the sinner are his fellows. He asks us to trust him in his unsullied beauty ; but he trusts us with all our weaknesses and foibles.

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