

The entrance of Thy word giveth light.—Psalm cxix. 130.

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their errands of mercy. Such ministry is deserving of the utmost encouragement. By such means the evils of indiscriminate charity are prevented, the cases are thoroughly investigated, reports of the disposal of the clothes are regularly presented, and thus lead to a deeper interest in those who have been temporarily benefited."

It is no stretch of imagination to say that the cast-off clothes of the upper and middle classes would be more than sufficient to meet every case of distress arising from insufficient clothing among the poorer classes. Sometimes the left-off clothes are sold; and how little they produce! Sometimes they are allowed to remain in drawers or cupboards till they become moth-eaten and useless. Better far that they should be turned out at once, made into a parcel, dispatched to the Mission, and from that centre to be again sent forth—east, west, north and south—to cheer sad hearts and afford timely help. "The Ministry of old clothes" will not be deemed a fruitless one when the Master's voice is heard, "Ye did it unto Me."

Fruit.



THE following letter received from the Treasurer of the Toronto City Mission will, we trust, be carefully read, and, if after due consideration, any reader is led to follow the example set by this lady, we feel certain that they will themselves be blessed in the giving, and that others will be rejoiced in the receiving of these offerings:—

Many who have had but slight knowledge of operations of the Mission, have been very much interested by the First Annual Report lately issued. One lady was so much pleased on perusing the Report that she at once donated \$10 for the missionary, \$20 towards the Building Fund, \$33 for general purposes, and \$20 as the first contribution towards the establishment of the Kindergarten, so much needed in connection with the Day School of the Mission.

The expenses of the work are now about \$150 a month, and just as soon as we have the funds, we are anxious to have more missionaries at work among the people.

Yours faithfully,

A. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.

By REV. JOHN MCEWEN, Secretary S.S. Association of Canada.

[June 21.] Christian Progress. [2 Pet. i. 11.]

We have spent nearly two months in the Epistles written by Paul during his first and second imprisonment, taking up one or two important points in each letter, which has given us the key to each, and given a vital truth to the scholar. In this lesson we are introduced to Peter, who had so important a place in the first part of the Book of Acts, as Paul had in the second part.

This letter is addressed to the Church in the largest sense, and its key text is chap. iii. 18; and illuminating passages, John xv. 8; 2 Tim. iv. 8.

THE FIRST CONDITIONS AND MEANS OF PROGRESS.

To have the knowledge that comes by the inward teaching of the Holy Spirit—by His presentation of the Word—and the growth that comes by a diligent and patient study of the Word—these two are entwined with each other, and cannot live apart, v. 3, as the vine and the branches. John xv. 1-7.

THE SECOND CONDITION AND ATTAINMENT.

Add to the above, knowledge. "TEMPERANCE." The Holy Spirit has put more into this word than the modern mind finds in it, viz., self-discipline—hence self-control—and is an important element in the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. v. 23. The three-fold excellence of "Virtue," that is valiant energy—"Knowledge," directing that energy—and this self-discipline will bring "Patience," "Godliness," "Brotherly-kindness," "Charity," seven graces, as the seven colors of the rainbow, blend in one pure light of eternal life and love. "Partakers of the Divine nature. v. 4. THIS IS PROGRESS.

RESULTS FROM THIS PROGRESS.

"FRUITFULNESS." v. 8. The best knowledge can only come of experience. "He that doeth the will of God shall know of the teaching," etc. "ASSURANCE OF HOPE." v. 10. "A GLORIOUS ENTRANCE into the kingdom." v. 11.

[June 28] REVIEW.

Read 2 Tim. iv. 1-8, and Golden Texts.

Time embraced in the quarter, A.D. 60 to 68.

TERRITORY—Caesarea, Malta, Rome, Mediterranean Sea.

PROMINENT PERSONS—Paul, Peter, Luke, Aristarchus, Julius, Publius.

BOOKS—Acts, Ephesians, Philippians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Hebrews, 2 Peter.

Describe the last years of Paul's life. Lessons I, II, III, IV, IX.

Get from the scholar the aspects of Christ's person and work as set forth in lesson V.-XII.

Make Christ the centre and sum.

COMMUNION with God is kept up by the Word and prayer. In the Word, God speaks to us, in prayer we speak to Him. God's Word doth us good when it furnisheth us with matter for prayer and excites us to it—*Matthew Henry*.