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The Probationer

By Ian Maclaren.

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could be frequently repeated with effect, and so lodge their idea in the minds of the people, and that I should not use any manuscript, but should employ certain arts of oratory, such as beginning low and raising the voice up to a climax, where it would be good to repeat the text with emphasis. "As an example and . . . induce-

ment, he dwelt upon the case of one probationer, who had taken for his text, 'And there was no more sea,' whereon he composed a single sermon, to which he devoted much pains. This he delivered daily for some hours in his chamber, and at the end of each paragraph said in a loud voice 'And there was no more sea.' He was elected to three churches within a short *You have, therefore, thought it de-

sirable to amend your habit?"
"Well, so far," and the probationer
was much embarrassed, "it was impossible for me to handle what my adviser called 'repeaters,' such as that I have mentioned, for my mind does not incline to them; but as I had been laboring on a discourse dealing with the tendency to prefer meretricious and sensational religion to that which is austere and pure from the text 'Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? it seemed to me that I might for once . . make trial . . . that is, use the words Abana

and Pharpar as a symbol to ... fix the truth, as it were. It is very laborious, and ... not grateful to me. Do you think that . . . I am doing right?" and my probationer fixed on me an axious eve.

"Quite so, sir; I understand perfectas I was making a blundering effort to suggest that Providence hardly intended that my probationer should go round the country like a showman with own idea, and delivered my feet from falling, for I had come nearly to unreality in a holy thing, besides ridding me from an irksom, task," and he the sheets-the "rivers" standing out in half text-with strong

"There is another matter," he continued, "on which I would fain have your mind, since you have shown me much sympathy. It is now, I regret to say, the custom for a person in my position—that is, on probation—to print a number of certificates from influential persons to send them to . authorities in a vacant church. This I have refused to do, but there is a special reason why I strongly desire to be settled, not quite unworthy, I hope," and a faint flush came to the probationer's face.

"I understand"-for it was natural to suppose that he was engaged, as many in his circumstness are, which grows into a pathetic tragedy as a girl waits for long years till her betrothed is approved in his work and can offer her a home-"and you have got your certi-

"A few, and it may be that I could secure more. Here is one which . . I value deeply; . . . count above gold. It's from Professor Carphin. You know what he has done, of course. "Hebrew scholar"—the probationer rose from his chair and paced the floor -"that is inadequate, quite inadequate; there are many Hebrew scholars, thank God! but Professor Carphin has gone deeper. Why, sir, he has made a race of scholars, and changed the face of theological thought in Scotland; he is the modern Erasmus of our land," and the probationer was very warm.

This is what he has written of me, and it is superfluous to say that from such a man this testimony is the highest praise: I ought hardly to show such words, but you will not misjudge me." "I beg to certify that Hiram Clunas, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, late Fellow of this college, is in my judgment fully competent to expound the Hebrew Scriptures after an accurate and spiritual fashion to any body of intelligent people.

*ZECHARIAH CARPHIN.

"D.D., LL.D. "Calvin College, Edinburgh." "Pardon me, it is my foolishness, but you notice 'fully'; this extremity of language is. I need not say, undeserved, but that Dr. Carphin should have written it is . . . a compensation for many little disappointments," and the probationer's voice trembled. it will not be of material service in the way of gaining a hearing,

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"This is from another kind of man, who is very . . . acceptable as a preacher and has much influence . . . in vacancies; it was an indiscretion, I fear, to have asked him for a certificate, as he has only seen me once, but when one is pressed he is not always wise"

"I have had the pleasure of knowing the Rev. Hiram Clunas for a considerable time, and have rauch satisfaction in recommending him to the favorable consideration of selecting committees of vacant congregations. He is a ripe scholar, a profound divine, an eloquent preacher, a faithful pastor, an experi-enced Christian, with an attractive and popular manner, and general knowledge of a varied and rich character. Any congregation securing Mr. Clunas is certain to increase both in number and finance, and I anticipate for this talented young minister a future of remarkable and rapid success.

"MacDUFF MacLEEAR, D.D." "Yes, it is a curious name, and I believe was, so to say, adopted. Originally he was James MacLeear-Mac-Leear is his own-and some years ago he inserted MacDuff, I am credibly informed, and now he has dropped his Christian name.

"The reason for this change, it is understood, is for the purpose of advertisement in the public prints, where, I am informed, ordinary names, such as James or John are . . . less striking. so that preachers who desire to appeal to the people use two surnames, as it were; it seems to me doubtful in ethics, but we must not be ready to judge a neighbor in such straits.

"No, this degree is not from Scots University, but from a seat of learning in a western state of America-Auroraville, I think it is called, but I am not Yes, he wrote a little book on sure. the 'Maidens of the Bible,' of a popular

"You agree with me that no one could use such testimony with . . . self-respect, and I have resolved to print no certificates or make any personal appeal; but I do not regret the effort I made, for it has gained me the professor's letter," and the probationer folded up the letter carefully and placed it in his desk. "I fear that you must think me harged with vain ambition, but . . .

it is not for my own sake." From time to time we spent an hour together, and he told me of his journeys, many and painful. "Of course I am not sent to supply in cities, for they require men of greater experience; my allotment is always in the country, and I like that

"When my station comes near I begin to look out of the window and see whether the district is level or hillyfor though climbing tries one a little. one has a fair view to refresh the soul, and I like woods better, because of the mystery and the rustling of the leaves. "Sometimes a farmer will meet me in kind as farmers—but mostly I walk, and that is nothing unless the discussion. be far and it be raining heavily. No, it ess the distance may be a weakness of the flesh, but I do not like a night walk, and yet to see the squares of light in the cottage windows flashing across a glen or breaking out of a wood is very pleasing." [To be Continued.]

WHAT PRISONERS EAT.

Quarterly Returns Showing What Was Consumed by 132 Prisoners in 8,084 Days.

Governor Robert Boston, of the county jail, has compiled the returns for the quarter ending March 31, showing that during the three months 48 prisoners if any, money left for streets, which were committed for indictable offenses, with a collective stay of 954 days. The prisoners committed for indictable ofenses numbered 84, with a collective stay of 2,130 days, making a total of 132 prisoners, with a total collective stay of 3,084 days. The average cost er day was 6 18-100 cents. The average cost of the preceding quarter was 6.4 cents. In the three months, 4,305 pounds of bread were consumed, 925 pounds of meat, 950 pounds of meal, 361/2 gallons of molasses, 30 bushels of potatoes, besides smaller quantities of carrots, onions, pepper, salt, etc. The jail is in a scrupulously clean condition, and most of the prisoners are able-bodied men. Glassford ontinues to improve.

Mr. Fred Porte and Miss Rosa Wilson were united in marriage at the residence of Mrs. Lewis, Water street, Aylmer, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Andrews officiating. newly married couple left by the even- in case they were needed. ing train for London.

Finance Committee Leave the Matter of School Debentures for the Council.

Division Over the Payment of Mayor Wilson's Special Constables.

Ald. Graham After the Manager of the Street Railway and Will Endeavor to Have Belt Line Cars Run the Other Way.

The finance committee of the city council held its regular meeting last night, when the usual batch of applications for remission of taxes was conthe committee decided to leave the question of debentures for school purposes to the council without any recommendation.

S. Martin, barber, applied for remission of taxes on the shop in Masonic Temple. Referred to the commissioner John Powers' application for exten-

sion of time to pay taxes was also referred to the inspector. The question of increasing the engineer's salary was again laid over, as were also grants to charities and the estimate of the board of health and city hospital.

The application of P. B. Richards for time to meet his arrearages in taxes was laid over.

Mrs. Beamish's petition for remission of \$16 25 taxes was filed. Mrs. McDaniels, Egerton street, ap-

plied for remission of \$24 63, three years' taxes. Filed. The application of John Orrange for remission of personal property tax was referred to the council, with a recommendation to grant the petition. W. Lancaster's claim for \$32 50 for boat hire and damage to boats was read. Ald. McCallum thought it would be a good idea to put in a contra account, as about one-quarter of Mr. Lancaster's rink in South London was on city property. The engineer reported that six oars were broken, all the boats damaged more or less, and their use had been ordered by the mayor.

The mayor said he didn't see how the city could get out of paying. Ald. O'Meara said it was the same old story, that if the city got anything from anybody where there was a chance to make them pay, they always had to do it and dearly, too. The requisition from the board of education asking that debentures be Proposal to Connect Strathroy a dogcart—and there are no men so passed for \$16,300, caused considerable

Ald. O'Meara said he had been told on good authority that there was plenty of room, and favored looking into it before reconsidering the matter, Ald. McPhillips said it was a large amount of money, and some inquiry should be made. He advocated a visit to the Collegiate Institute, and if increased accommodation was really necessary he was not opposed to it. Ald. Graham had heard similar stories, but on visiting the place last week he was surprised to see its crowded condition. He was opposed to having pupils housed up in the basement, and the garret would be much worse when the summer heat came.

Ald. McCallum's opinion of the matter was that from present appearances between one uncontrollable were all in a bad condition. Ald. Winnett pointed out that a fourroom school was asked for, and as the normal school would soon be built this would relieve the pressure to the extent of about 400 pupils.

The matter was laid over for the council to deal with. THOSE SPECIAL CONSTABLES. When the accounts came up, there was among them one for \$96 for special constables. Ald. McCallum considered this an unnecessary expenditure, and cited a case in South London, where there had been one employed who did nothing but have a good time. The Mayor-I'll tell you, Ald. Mc-

Callum, that it was a good thing there were constables in No. 7 division of No. 1, or there might not have been any votes polled at all. Ald, McCallum-From what I could learn of the affair it was the special constables who started the disturbance. He thought the election act provided for the appointment of constables only

Ald. O'Meara also thought that so

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many constables was a needless ex- Princess streets, and an acre of land The mayor said the constables were appointed, and with a good object. Aid. McCallum-Yes; we know what the object was.

The mayor said that before taking this action he had received a largelysigned petition asking for their appointment, and upon consulting the city solicitor as to power, he had been told that he (the mayor) had the power, and he had exercised it.

These words were hardly out of the mayor's mouth when Ald. Winnett said "Settled!" and it went Ald. McCallum then demanded a record of the yeas and nays on the ques-tion of payment. This led to further mittee of the town council, and submit discussion, in which Ald. McPhillips, a proposition to the ratepayers, if such Winnett and Mayor Wilson questioned the right of Ald. McCallum to ask for can be agreed upon.

Ald. McCallum said he didn't care a cent about anybody's opinion. If the bylaw governing the committee stated that they had the power that was sufficient for him. Ald. O'Meara, speaking from seventeen years' experience in committee work, said divisions were frequently

called for and recorded. The vote was taken. Yeas—The mayor, Ald. McPhillips, Winnett and sidered. This was an easy matter, but Graham. Nays-Ald. McCallum and O'Meara. Ald. McPhillips asked if the \$250 fines

collected in December of 1897 had been prid to the city. He understood the noney had been paid to the government, and he was not going to have the city robbed.

CAR SERVICE UNSATISFACTORY. Ald. Graham asked why the belt line cars had not been changed to run west on Central avenue instead of east, as arranged for in the agreement drawn up by the engineer. This seemed to be the one point unfulfilled. He wanted it inquired into, and would interview the engineer on the subject without any motion to that effect. He pointed out that people between Piccadilly street and Central avenue and Maitland and Wellington streets, were either obliged to walk much out of their way for a ear and then wait, or else walk down down, which many did before they would go all the way around Adelaide street. He could see no reason why ople in the northern portion should inconvenienced to provide Dundas street with a better service.

Ald. O'Meara agreed with Ald. Graham, while the other members thought service was good enough, to which Ald. Graham replied: "Well, if the members from wards 2 and 3 lived up there they would understand the position the people are placed in much

The matter was left with Ald. Graham and Winnett to investigate.

The Rumble of The Railways.

With the C. P. R. Considered.

Mr. Hays Declines to Make Any Statement Regarding Removal of the Company's Offices to Toronto.

Mr. Harcott, assistant superintendent of the eastern system of the G. T. R., has resigned his position, to accept a similar position on the C. P. R., with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, still

declines to make any statement regarding the rumored removal of the company's general offices to Toronto. The committee of the Trunk Line Association passenger committee are to meet in New York on April 11 or 12 not the 15th, as given out from Buffalo -to endeavor to end the rate war. Mayor Johnston, of Sarnia, has received a letter from General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R., saying that work on the roundhouse there will be commenced within the next 60 days. A new department has been created the Grand Trunk. Prof. McLeod, of McGill observatory, has been appointed to its head. He is to have full charge of the transmitting of time over the wires, as well as the company's

clocks and employes' watches. In response to the representations made by the deputation of business men who waited on Mr. Arthur White, local freight agent for the G. T. R., it has been decided by that company so adjust its commodity rates that there shall be no cause for complaint that Toronto has been discriminated against in favor of Montreal.

Mr. Hodson, of the Dominion agricultural department, has been notified by the C. P. R. and G. T. R. that they will give greatly reduced rates to Ontario exhibitors shipping stock to the Manitoba and western fairs. Mr. Hodson expects this will result in many prominent Ontario stock-raisers ex hibiting in the Prairie Province and the

Eastbound roads are having the largest business on record. For the last four weeks shipments of flour, milistuffs, grain and provisions from Chleago aggregate 622,805 tons, against 314,370 tons for the corresponding time last year. Shipments of flour, mill-stuffs and grain were 493,734 tons, against 191,133 tons for the same time last year. These figures are made from the reports issued by the board of

quirements of shippers owing to a shortage of cars, which extends practically over the entire system. traffic of all the western roads is constantly increasing, and were cars obtainable, three times the present amount of business could be handled. As an indication of how business is booming on the Burlington, it is stated by an official of that road that the gross earnings for the last half of the present month will exceed by \$450,000 those of the same period last year. tral Railway case, by which the subcontractors have been paid. Mr. Nugent, barrister, has received in settle-ment of clients' claims \$112,829 from Mr. Delap, the English gentleman who in 1889 advanced a large amount of money on the security of the com-pany's stock, etc., and also for the construction of the road. The litigation has extended over seven years. On Friday evening last a well-attended public meeting was held in the firemen's hall, Strathroy, to consider a proposal from a syndicate of gentlemen to build a branch railway from Strathroy to connect with the C. P. R. at Caradoc station. Mayor Armstrong occupied the chair. Mr. Cameron drew attention to the efforts put forth for a number of years by certain prominent citizens of Strathroy to secure increased railway facilities for the run through to Winnipeg on these One and One-Third Fare or Round Trip. position to present a proposal from a syndicate of gentlemen to construct and April.

on which to erect a station. Besides this, they would require exemption from taxation for a stated number of years and the right of way along the Mount Brydges road in the township of Caradec, from the C. P. R. to the corporation limits. If the arrangements could be perfected without delay the company would agree to have the work completed by the first of June or July next. The meeting appointed Messrs. S. M. Smyth. J. C. Scott. R. Pincombe, John Ivor, T. N. Dunn, Chas. Grist, F. Brookes, W. H. Murray, James Butler, E. D. Evans and W. Geddes, a committee to act in conjunction with the industrial com-

COVENT GARDEN MARKET.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: An article appears in yesterday's issue of your paper, giving particulars concerning tenants of the Covent Garden Market, in which I find several statements which require refuting. The article says that the total rents charged to tenants is \$121 50 per month, and that the city, being a very generous landlord, allows a rebate of 20 per cent off this amount to the tenants if rent is paid promptly. The fact is that the gross amount of rent charged by the city is \$151 90, off which a rebate of 20 per cent is allowed on rent paid one month in advance. This rebate is generally taken advantage of, and leaves the amount actually paid to the city \$121 50 per month, instead of \$97 20, as stated in your report. It is also stated that the city gives the tenants free gas. The fact is, each tenant pays his own gas bill. Your informant says nothing about taxes, but an inquiry into this will reveal the fact that the ten-ants are taxed "up to the limit." Yours

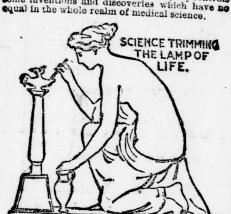
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