

About one hundred and fifty years after Christ's ascension, an aged Christian named Polycarp was brought to trial before the Roman governor, and condemned to death for his belief in Christ. At the last friends came to him and said, "Only deny Christ, only say that you will not serve Him, and you shall be set free." But Polycarp answered, "Eighty and six years have I served my Lord, and He has never forsaken me; how, then, shall I deny Him now?" And bravely and gladly the old man met his painful death.

Our Heavenly Father watches over each one of us with an unchanging love, and takes care even of those who seldom or never think of that love, or thank Him for it. But how much more does He bless those who, knowing and feeling that He is their Father and the giver of all good, thank Him for all His mercies to them, and show their thankfulness by trying to please Him. To those who have "set their love upon Him," God has promised His ever-ready help.

If they are in trouble—whatever that trouble may be, whether great or small—and call upon Him, He will hear them and answer them. He will be with them in their trouble, as He was with His people of old, and will give them strength to bear and to do whatever may come upon them, and He will give them the wonderful happiness of feeling that they are His, and that whatever happens to them they are "safe under His feathers."

God is with you, and has been with you ever since you were born. Pray to Him day by day that He will still be with you, and keep you from evil and from grieving His Holy Spirit; only do not forget to thank Him for having thus blessed and helped you already, for truly a "joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful."

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THE Rev. George Sprott, the delegate from the Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion in and out of union, addressed a meeting of ministers and laymen in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the 18th inst., anent church matters. Mr. Sprott visited Winnipeg in the interests of the church.

## Miss Arnott's School at Jaffa.

The following letter to the Rev. J. Alison, from Miss Walker Arnott, who has been on a visit to her sister at Jaffa, will be read with interest. The work there continues to prosper:—

"Everything is going on here in the usual quiet routine. School work is always a routine, and this winter has passed very uneventfully to those in the house. There have been occasionally little illnesses amongst the children, but very little comparatively for such a large household. I think my sister would need another assistant from home. Miss Smith is becoming a very efficient helper, and is a great comfort to my sister, but there is far more to do than she can possibly overtake. It would be well to have one who is a good arithmetician, and could keep the accounts; also good at different kinds of needlework and cutting-out. It would also be of advantage if she knew the training-school system for young children. When I return home I must try to find a suitable person; but my sister would rather go on as she is doing at present than get one not thoroughly qualified. There are at present 58 girls in the house.

. . . You may have heard that Miss Mangan started a medical mission, and also a mothers' meeting or sewing-class, at a house in the town. A poor man, Khalufa, a Greek Christian, came to the medical mission meeting one day. He had heart disease and dropsy, brought on from intemperance, and his case was pronounced hopeless. He heard the Gospel first from Miss M. at the meeting, and when too ill to come, she went daily to see him. He was as ignorant as a child, and when he quite understood the Gospel message he came to Christ with all the simplicity of a child. His delight was great when he found he required no meditator but the one—the Man Christ Jesus. When he was dying he would not send for the priest, but asked for Mr. Hall, who, with M. Marad, went to visit him several times, and gave him the Communion. He openly professed Protestantism before all his friends and told them all how happy he was. The night he died he was often laughing