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The picture which an English corres- pondent drew from life the other day, of "he Jersey Lily," now in old age, neg- lected by her former friends and deserted by her own family, is a mournful com- mentary upon a pleasure seeking career. We are told that among other causes for sorrow she is no longer successful in her gambling at the races. What a contrast might be painted, after the style of Hog- arth, between the short reign of one once famous for her beauty, and these long years of loneliness and possible want in her declining years. "She that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth" This is not "gilded misery" but misery with the gilding off.

## YOUTHFUL INTEREST IN MISSIONS.

Regret is often expressed that young men are not more interested in the mis- sion work of the church. The reason is obvious, namely, that the subject of mis- sions seldom occupies its proper place in the Sabbath School. A good Mission Band is extremely useful; but even a suc- cessful Band does not make numerical comparison with the Sabbath School. At the recent meeting of the W. F. M. S. of London Presbytery, the advantage of interesting boys and girls from their earliest years was conceded by all. There is here an important suggestion for man- agers of mission efforts, and also for those who are at the forefront of S. S. work.

## CALUMNIOUS JUDGEMENTS.

It is not pleasant to be the object of calumnious judgements, but it ought to be easier for a follower of Jesus Christ than for one whose outlook is bounded only by thoughts and forecasts of an earthly character. Christ was unjustly judged, why should not we also be some- times unjustly judged? As the two start- ling lines of that superb hymn, "Jerusalem On High," puts it,

There dwells my Lord, my King,  
Judged here unfit to live!

## YOUR DUTY AND A LITTLE MORE.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in an address be- fore a graduating class in New York, gave some excellent advice to the young men on how to attain success in life. Among other good things, he said;

"There are several classes of young men. Those who do not all do their duty; there are those who profess to do their duty; and there is a third class, far better than the other two, that do their duty and a little more.

"There are many great pianists, but Paderewski is at the head because he does a little more than the others. There are hundreds of race horses, but it is those who go a few seconds faster than the others that acquire renown. So it is in the sailing of yachts. It is the little more that wins. So it is with the young and old men who do a little more than their duty.

"No one can cheat a young man out of success in life. You young lads have begun well. Keep on. Don't worry about the future. Do your duty and a little more, and the future will take care of itself."

## DISREPUTABLE ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr Edward Bok is after the sellers and advertisers of patent medicines. That there are a number of excell- t proprietary medicines on the shop shelves no one will deny; but equally true is it that much of the fulsome advertising of medicines which are warranted to cure everything down to a wooden leg, has to do with frauds and fakes. The gullibility of vast numbers of people is almost be- yond belief; the foolish and their money are soon parted. It cannot be denied that many newspapers, considered reput- able, lend themselves to advertisements of a kind not fit to go into Canadian homes—advertisements often of an in- delicate, not to say indecent, character; also advertisements purporting to tell young girls how to procure rich husbands; and the like.

Perhaps one of the most disgraceful of this modern type of advertisement is to be found in last Saturday's issue of one of the leading newspapers of Canada. With large headings the New Yorker speaks of himself as follows: "In the Shadow of Death This Man Works Won- ders;" "Gifted With Marvellous Powers he Heals Hundreds;" and then the long reading notice advertisement, dated from New York, and marked "Special Corres- pondence," goes on to print some made- up letters from "alleged clergymen to the effect that the advertising Yankee must be especially endowed for healing by the Spirit of God. All this benefit is profess- edly free; but the silly people who write the cute Yankee, are not long in finding out that he is not unmindful of dollars and cents. It is a pity any newspaper publisher should for the sake of thirty or any other number of pieces of silver print such a blasphemous advertisement. A hundred vigorous protests from subscrib- ers would be timely.

## ORDER.

Elizabeth Emery in "The House Beautiful," urges that under the head of vital things, order should be written in large capitals. No house is beautiful if its laws are disregarded. The order that faints at the sight of a speck of dust, the order that locates every chair and table by a chalk mark, the order that cannot tolerate a misplaced book, is not to be thus written. This order is not vital. It was once called good housekeeping, but is not considered good home making, and never can be. It has wrecked homes quite as successfully as the saloon. The order that makes for restfulness and com- fort is vital. It cannot exist in crowded rooms. Furniture is made to be used, and books are made to be read. If the disarranging of a chair or the misplacing of a book upsets the order of a room, something is wrong, and the "something" is its crowded condition. Get rid of the superfluous. Most rooms have too many pieces of furniture, and all rooms have too many things. Simplicity of arrange- ment is so bound up with order and the absence of the superfluous, that it can- not well be separated. A few pictures chosen to accord with the room, books that are placed within the reach of those who use them, lamps that are located where they are needed, flowers that are arrang- ed with a Japanese feeling for the value of the leaf and stem, are expressions of a love for a simple arrangement. Beauty no less than comfort is dependent upon this vital principle.

## IMPORTANT CONVENTIONS IN BRITAIN.

Among the notable religious meetings recently held in the United Kingdom, one selects for mention the Congrega- tional Union at Cardiff, Wales; the Scottish National Sabbath School Union at Aberdeen, Scotland; the Baptist Union Assembly at Bristol, England, and the Christian Convention at Dublin, Ire- land. The Congregationalists spent no little part of their time in considering the relation of the non-conformist churches to the new Education Act, a very live issue in Wales where both civil and re- ligious authorities are in open rebell on against the provisions of the bill; but they also made a decided step toward the ideal of Dr. Joseph Parker in substitut- ing the Congregational Union (Associ- ation we would call it in America) for the local church so far as relates to admitting candidates to the ministry. Heretofore any layman admitted to the ministry by the action of any local church, however feeble or unevangelical, was perforce clothed with ministerial authority in all the Congregational churches of the realm. It stands now that any man who wishes recognition by the church at large must submit to examination and ordina- tion by the denomination rather than by the parish. The Sabbath School Conven- tion at Aberdeen was presided over by the Earl of Aberdeen, who spoke heartily in favor of the movement for Teacher's Training Classes, to a study of which classes the Convention was largely de- voted. Among the prominent speakers