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7 p.m. Rev. D. S. Jones.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. J. B. Howard.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. J. H. Robinson.
7 p.m. Rev. D. D. Currie.

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Thursday, Sept. 17 - 8 p.m. Rev. James Graham.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Stewart.
7 p.m. Rev. J. McAllister.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. E. Holmes.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. J. A. Williams.
7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey.

ELM STREET.

Thursday, Sept. 17 - 8 p.m. Rev. Joseph Hart.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 11 a.m. Rev. H. Pope, Jun.
7 p.m. Rev. William Tisdal.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. John Primes.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Rice.
7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Nelles.

CARLTON STREET.

Thursday, Sept. 17 - 8 p.m. Rev. Richard Smith.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 11 a.m. Rev. A. W. Nicholson.
7 p.m. Rev. J. E. Gundy.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. C. E. Fry, M.A.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. N. Harrison, M.A.
7 p.m. Rev. E. Kershaw.

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Thursday, Sept. 17 - 8 p.m. Rev. W. Hall, M.A.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 11 a.m. Rev. M. Murray.
7 p.m. Rev. W. Wilkins.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. William McMillan.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. H. H. H. H.
7 p.m. Rev. Alexander Sutherland.

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Thursday, Sept. 17 - 8 p.m. Rev. D. D. Rolton.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 11 a.m. Rev. W. Williams.
7 p.m. Rev. R. A. Tenipie.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. J. W. Sparling, R.D.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. H. McKoy.
7 p.m. Rev. George Brown.

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7 p.m. Rev. Leonard Gault.
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 8 p.m. Rev. Charles Fish.
Saturday, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. E. B. Harper, M.A.
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7 p.m. Rev. G. Buchanan.
Wednesday, Sept. 23 - 8 p.m. Rev. James Provan.
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 11 a.m. Rev. R. Fowler, M.D.
7 p.m. Rev. E. Clement.

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7 p.m. Rev. H. Bland.
Sabbath, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. R. Willing.
7 p.m. Rev. W. Stephenson.

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7 p.m. Rev. D. C. McDowell.
Sabbath, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. J. G. Land.
7 p.m. Rev. J. W. McCollum.

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7 p.m. Rev. J. England.
Sabbath, Sept. 27 - 11 a.m. Rev. W. Hammond.
7 p.m. Rev. R. M. Hammond.

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Poetry.

TRUST IN GOD.

BY JOHN MACDONALD.

Call it not faith to trust in God,
When ample is your store,
And who to barns already filled,
The Lord is adding more.

Call it not faith to give your tenth,
While yet nine-tenths remain,
And while your offering to the Lord
Is felt not from your gain.

Tri when the fig-tree blossoms not,
Nor fruit is in the vine,
The labour of the olive fails,
Nor corn is there nor wine.

Tri when the flock falls from the field,
Nor herd is in the stall,
To trust in God then, that is faith!
The strongest faith of all.

—Christian Guardian.

Literary and Religious.

The Old Parson.

Most of us who go to church to-morrow, if we are where we can have the chance of choice as during the winter months, will choose to hear the man in our sect who ranks highest as preacher: the strongest logician or the master of the emotional nature, or the eager pleader for Christ who has entered deepest into the joy and pain, the sins and temptations of men about him in his everyday life, and who can so bring them closest to that Elder Brother and Helper. Nowadays in towns the crowd follows, and the high salary is given to learning and eloquence, sustained, as is taken for granted, by corresponding piety. The dull young fellow who goes into the ministry, no matter from what earnest motive, and betrays his dullness, soon drops quietly into some obscure pulpit where the congregation is small and the struggle against starvation hard, and there wears out the rest of his days, uncertain whether he indeed ever had a heavenly voice calling him to his work, so doubtful are his fellow men about it, and so meager are the fruits of his labor. Yet, in his devotion to that work, in the ardor, the pain, and passion of his love for his God, he is akin perhaps to some of those famed old fathers of the Church of whom the world have not held to be worthy. He may have, too, what they had not, a strange nearness to all other men, kindred blood, magnetism, call it what you please, but a something of strength and tenderness which they lack and which fits him more than any other to stand at their bedside in death, to bring their innocent children into the Church of Christ, to carry God's blessing into the best hours of their lives. But he has no knack at turning a period readily, and in city congregations the pastor is not expected to become even a personal acquaintance with his flock, it being a sheer impossibility for him to visit or return visits with the great mass of human beings to whom he deals out vital truths Sunday after Sunday.

Yet some nearing middle age can remember old-fashioned pastors whose duties were as numerous and important as those of the Sunday adviser of any city congregation, yet whose place the dull young man might well have filled. Going slowly through the dusty streets to-morrow in the glare of the August sunshine, the sound of the bells—for church going bells are all alike carrying a Sunday greeting all through our lives—may bring back to us the little villages and queer old towns where these old men lived and worked. There is a Spanish bell over a little chapel down in the city which has the precise tone of one which swung over a cool old church in a manufacturing town which we once knew. With the first ring of it come back the rows of faded green seats, the rows of wooden pillars, gray for want of paint; the trees on the hill without; the bald old warden chanting the Gloria in a cracked voice, that drowned choir and organ, and the old preacher in the pulpit. A man of most weak and insignificant presence there, short, fustian in his gestures, with a piping feminine voice and the mannerisms in accent of a great English college, retained since boyhood. There was the same weakness in the matter as in the manner of his sermons, too, the same pitiful consciousness of weakness and straining for effect. The older members of the congregation dozed compositely until the sermon was over; the young men and women smiled with complacent superiority at the poor little metaphors, or looked stealthily at each other.

But outside of the pulpit the old man took upon himself a new character. As he went up and down the streets of the smoky town—his fat neat little figure attired in spotless black, his gold-headed cane carried behind him, the white hair and black eyebrows making a framing for his mild, round face, under its broad-rimmed hat—the coarsest and most brutal, as well as the wisest, stood aside respectfully to make way for "the old Parson." He had christened and married the oldest members of his flock, so that it was natural they and their children should regard him lovingly as a father; but outsiders, the men who never go to church, the women thrust without the camp by other women, knew him for their best friend. It

was he who was the only visitor at the jail and the almshouse; every day his boyish, gentle face was seen at the door of some rum-shop or house of worse infamy; it was "Parson" who took Bill Horn home, they said, in one of his fits of delirium tremens, nursed, tended, kept him in his own house for months, and sent him out a sobered man for life. "Weak as water," Bill, who was a shrewd fellow, said, "but the Lord goes with him steady." The little plump, cheery soul had the pluck, too, without which Bill and his class are not easily held. When the great Whyte murder took place, and the hanging followed, at which it was known a rescue would be attempted by the friends of the prisoner, the Parson was the only clergyman who would go with him to the gallows; and sat on the cart beside him unmoved, while the bullets flew thick around, comforting the terror-stricken wretch.

Afterward the cholera came; one-half the inhabitants of the town were dying or dead, and all who were able to leave it fled for their lives; but when not a priest of any Church was heard, the little man went quietly and cheerfully from one plague-stricken house to another, at once doctor and nurse—sometimes, it was said, burying the dead with his own hand.

Men do not forget such sermons. The old church, with its faded seats and tarnished pillars, years since was razed to the ground; the bell, like many an eloquent, loud-sounding word, is hushed and forgotten; the gray-haired parson long ago dropped into silence; but his memory lingers in the old town still, a living presence, hopeful, tender Christ-like.—N. Y. Tribune.

Marriage as a Means of Grace.

There is no relationship or sphere on earth that can be made to minister to the good of the soul so much as this—filling it with all sacred light and power, purity and peace. And there is none too, let me say, that can be made so instrumental to blast and ruin the immortal nature. Many a husband's soul has been wrenched by a vain, worldly, or heartless wife—many a wife's by a coarse, sensual, brutal husband. Marriage is a rock of danger as well as of safety.

What shall I say, then, in view of these considerations, but this, that the home is never truly home except as the marriage union is sanctified by God, and the whole domestic life is ruled and blessed by the law of the spirit of Jesus Christ! This alone it is that surely exalts and redeems. I care not how bright and beautiful may seem the future that now opens itself to affianced hearts, nor how fine the mansion or elegant the appointments which they may call their own, or how refined their tastes, how choice their associations, or how abundant their stores—there is no immunity from peril, no realization of the highest bliss, unless the Lord of life and glory abide in the house, its ever welcome and cherished guest and friend. A shadow rests upon every family circle where His name is not known, where there is no open or secret voice of prayer, and where is not inculcated with sedulous care the profoundest reverence for God, for Christ, for Scripture; for the institutions, and observances of our holy religion; and for the mighty heavenly truths, principles, and realities that outlast perishable and fleeting things of earth and time. This alone it is, I repeat, that truly exalts and redeems, purifying love and strengthening trust, eliminating every discordant element, and perfecting every sacred tie, creating in each soul a deeper, tenderer interest for the lasting good of the other, lessening the crosses, and glorifying the daily cares of life, giving a juster significance to its marriage union, and a loftier elevation to its manifold experience and allotments, and diffusing everywhere a gracious atmosphere of "sweetness and light."

Without question, the wife is more apt than the husband to be interested in these great spiritual concerns, and to feel how necessary is religion to the right order, the supreme beauty, and the real safety and welfare of the home; and I know how often her aspirations and desires are balked by the chilling indifference or the positive discouragement of a worldly-minded husband. But it is his to learn that not to her alone comes the imperative call of Christ that he should consecrate himself to the service of God. He may not, as many do, lay the flattering unction to his soul that religion is something which it is very well for woman to concern herself about, but not for strong, active busy men of the world. Aye, it is because—he is daily plunged into that great world of stir, toil, care, and temptation, that he needs all the more the safeguards and inspirations of the Christian faith, and all the influences and encouragements which a Christian home may give him. Marriage has a mission to fulfil for his spiritual well-being, even more than for his bodily comfort, social advantage, and earthly prosperity. How to make it most subservient to his blessedness may well be his study and care. Nay, how to make it subservient to the growth of husband and wife alike, in grace and in knowledge, is the one great practical problem for both of them together to solve. Here, also, is the demand for mutual service. Neither soul lives for itself alone. Each is the keeper, in no small degree, of the other, and will be held largely