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OF THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

AN PRO LE B. MACKAY, MONTERAL.

great enemy of God was the prince this world. He had been in posseion for thousands of years; and he is determined, if possible, to keep seesion. By craft and deceit the old wiring all the past ages, he had no difficulty in doing so. He was like a rightful Lord. Well may we cry!! Lord Jesus! Come quickly."

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Kingdom of God be established on earth. There and then Jesus overcame and disagnied the strong man, and went

hour of the great excellice was come, He cried "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out." When He ascended to the right hand of God the Father, receiving all power in Heaven and earth, He commanded His disciples to go into all the world with His Gospel, to attack the chadel of Satan everywhere in His all-powerful nime, Diat thus ten thousand times ten thousand. out of every kindred and tongue and nation, should be brought into the Kingdom of Grace. And still further He has told us that He is coming back nuickly to establish the Kingdom of Glory.

The day of His millennial power and majesty is still | before, us, when He shall reign from the fiver to the ends of the earth ; when the glory of the Lord shall be revealed; and all flesh shall see it together; when all men everywhere AN VAY, A. S. MACKAY, NONTERAL.

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Him blessed in Him and shall ball Him blessed: When the day of that Kingdom of Glory dawns, the present brince of the world—the vile and cruel bd on earth. It was no easy task, for usurper, whose evil reign has lasted so long—will be cast forth with all his emissaries and agents! Then the triumph won at the Cross will be openly manifested. Then the kingdom of Satan will be utterly destroyed. What a glorious day will that he ! The

REV. JOHN M'NEILI

AVE have much pleasure in reproduc is likely to sake the same hank as a preacher duting the coming half century

to liscover where the preacher got his cluded all endeayour after academic Kate McNeill, who, if lacking ther brother's humour, has all his pathos. Abother member of the family is about

that Spurgeon has occupied in the past | to fludy for the ministry,

facility of utfering "anell" sayings, distinction, Eyercourse, ous, he entered and disainted the strong man, and went from that wilderness to spoil him of from that wilderness to spoil him of his goods. Every miracle of mercy, berutoth last a portrait and biographical every word of love, every sinner saved is a trophy of Jesus' triumph. The mother, whose maiden name was high many of the his goods. Every miracle of mercy, berutoth last a portrait and biographical every word of love, every sinner saved is a trophy of Jesus' triumph. The mother, whose maiden name was intomatrimon, during the last year of his few years ago, leave the first of the first of the him of the first of the him of the mother, whose maiden name was intomatrimon, during the last year of his few years ago, leave the first our feulum. In Edinburgh. His next saved sketch of Rev. John McNeill, late of the him of a noble Christian life. The hope was techotal, he attended the University for one tisk Spurgeon's war, with the bottle. There appears to be it poetic strain in the same his family by mission work. On receiving Prespyterial licence to preach the Gospel, he was at once invited to become the minister of the Barony The mother, whose maiden name was intomatrimon, during the last year of his to become the minister of the Barony Free church, Glasgow, a church with a thousand members. Thinking the charge too great for a young minister, he declined it, notwithstanding a tempting stipend. Soon afterwards he was called by the McCrie Roxburgh congregation in Edinburgh. It was a small body, made up of two decayed Free Church congregations in a poor district of the city. Accepting the call he was ordained in the summer of 1886.

ences amile and of his extraordinary in-conventionality in the pulpit, shook their starvation. The people of Chefook beads and wrote him anonymous let done all they could for them and heads, and wrote him anonymous let era: Others went to bear him for heads, and wrote him anonymous let; done all they could for themselves, and came, under the spell britain and America for raise. Not an exmest preacher who believed he had a diving message to man and was not particular about the way of delivering it; provided her got it; into their heads and heats.

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heads and pearts.

The church, which is seated for six the roots the out of hundred soon became insufficient for crop is rather pide the crowds that reported to it you the As we were told the crowds that reported to it so the avening service has during the past fifteen months, been held in a critical the suddences numbering from the so five thousand of the works and the works are the south t Wechstaday evening congregations fill the church. Opinions differ as to the chieffullon of the circus gathering, but

Mission Work

LETTER FROM RZV. DR. SMITH CREAT SUPPERING AND DISTREMS и порум.,

DR. SHITH writes from Chefoo ander date Dec. 24th:

Mr. McGillivray started inland cart over a week ago.

There is terrible destitution and fering in many parts. In some vinces it is the chronic trouble result of the Yellow River, overs In other Provinces and more especi in Shan Turing it is occasioned by failure of the crops. The Spring wheat crop which he reaped general about the first of June was much be si sall body, made up of two decayed Free Church congregations in a poor district of the city. Accepting the call he was ordained in the summer of 1886. His success has been phenomenal. Scotsmen dearly love a sermon, and when it was announced that a second Spurgeon had appeared in an Edinburgh pulpit, there was a rush to heaf him. Grave people, hearing of the odd sayings that made his audit ences smile and of his extraordinary uncertainty and the point of people at the point.

ment was doing all for the fluoded reg

a would make Him the king of the rience, no knowledge makes Satan any bole earth. And the conditions he better, but rather worse. At the end nd kind. How much easier for that weary man to prostrate Himself before false prophet are. And that this can-Latan than to tread the trying path that not mean annihilation, is plain from the hav before Him. Could all the earth fact that though a thousand years have e His, without His becoming a home | passed since they were cast in the beast iless wanderer, a man of sorrows, desalsed and rejected, and acquainted with grief. Was it possible to avoid the and branch, the awful words are added. gony of Gethsemane, the mockery. r and the spitting, and the buffeting, and the scourging, the crown of thorns, and Tille cruel cross? "Yes!" said the mpter, "Fall down and worship me. and all the kingdoms of the earth will thine." Yes, and they would be tan's too—held by one who acknowplayed him supreme. Thus the Kingmon of Grace could never be extended a single heart, and the Kingdom of weeping world... The strong man armed would still have been in possession of Adam, would have been kept in the

But if Satan is a strong man Jesus is stronger. Full of love to God and in ready to endury the cross and spise the shame, He replied to the upfer, "Get thee behind Me, Saian, it is written, Thou shalt worship the ed thy God, and Him only, shalt

This is the glosson feet which Christ and His Church of his boary skill had anght, earth and the Heaven are waiting Him to his feeting In Paradise, Never after that will Satan's kingdom while large promises to our first be established. At the end of the thou-shelling, them they would be as sand years he will be loosed out of his prison for a little season, but never and said very kind and thoughtful again will be ascend the throne. He his highest interests. In the wil- will show by his deeds that he is still erness alog he followed the same plan the same liar and murderer, the same and made large promises to Jesus. He enemy of God and man, that he was eid not say to that poor and weary, hun- from the beginning. Men tell us that ty and thirsty carpenter that he would punishment must be remedial, but this ake Him a god; but he did say that is false. No punishment, no experoposed were very easy, as easy as eat- of that thousand years of bondage his by the forbidden fruit. Again he promalignity is as awful as ever. He is and brimstone where the beast and the

> They shall be tormented day and night, for ever and ever." Then the Jay of undimmed glory will dawn on the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Then shall these words be fulfilled which were spoken by a great voice out of heaven, "Behold the labernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His has put his hand? For the railway versation with his mother. When he people, and God hisself shall be with porter of Inverting and the Reinhard trail has been be them, and or their, God. And God

and the false prophet are still there.

And, as if to cut up such a thought rook

them, and by these, God. And God shall wipe away, all itears from their shall have been in possession of world; and his goods, all the seed dam, would have been kept in the ce of undisturbed ownership.

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mountain and see, wood and gien then the train draws the at a little station and a strong and cheery voice cries, (Inverkip) Tickets ready, Presently the carriage i door is opened and a burly youth notices sighteen, in official corduroy and buttons, and with a frank the ministry of Rev. Peter Douglas, he and smiling countenance, relieves us of our passport to Wemyss Bay. As the his attitude towards God. His coave glance at that happy boy I then we acourse of open sin. He lately is marked look down the hillside at a few cottages that he was a "converted decear mail embesomed lamong trees, and there is a kind haid to convert like was a mirrored in our mind the humble said about mineteen when this eccured uneventful car er of a village rallway; and with the courage that is to marked

Sabbath evening in the city of Edin' Lord's side. Ever giving emisfaction burgh, in the tropical summer of 1887. to his employers, the was cash; in the We are in the midst of an immense year 1875, to take charge of the Comthroughin a feireus, one of the city's pany's town office at the east end of largest public buildings. The crowded princes street. In a few weeks he saw passages! and expediant looks plainly reason to give up his post, but at once tell that the gattering is unusual. Very got a clerkship in the North British quietly there steps on the platform a Railway Offices across the street powerfully, built, man in the prime of Since his conversion he had been in life, with a face speaking of health and the habit of a dressing religious meet.

years ago, he settled in Houston, where to say that his mother and he were he married, and in whose quartes he always "great releads." gaided his Hivelihood; I 'Ay healty, and enanter with a humour that; smacks of both Scotia and Brin. It is not difficult

out the state of the said acres for the said acres him. After, three years, in this humble booking office at Grenock. Spending every Sabbath under the parental roof Free thur, a of Inverkip; and under became conscious of a great change in wheels move again twe get; another slop, however, had not been preceded b a feature of his character, he at once Fifteen; years pass away. It, is, a stood op and testified to being ba the

good nature. 'The clerical collar that ings, and now he threw himself heartly surmounts the tightly buttoned surfout into the work of the Young Men's proclaims his calling, and the open Christian Association. His capacity Bible his purpose. As he surveys the for public speaking soon became apparays audience he strokes his beard, his brit, and many friends in the city urged brow furrows, and overspreading his into study for the ministry. Followcountenance is a look not free from ing their advice he relinquished railway pain. Does he hear, the hum of bees charking, and, in the autumn of 1877, and see the blue smoke curl samong entered the University. It was a bold village woods. Does his heart tremble at the blue should be ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of its as he thinks of the ploughto which he had any cloubts of the ploughton the had any cloubts of the ploughton the had any cloubts of the ploughton the had any cloubts of porter of Inverkipland, the Edinburgh, told her what the bad done, there lips nieacher are one and the same of the edinburgh, and her countenance betrayed It was at Houston; in village of Ren summal emotion. Then came words frewshire, on July 7th, 1854 that John he can never forget, I have never McNell first saw the light. His father, told you, but I meant you for that be who is now spending the evening of his fore I new your face. There are many life in Glasgow, is a native of the county Hannaha; but how few can let their of Antrius, but comes, of a Scottish sons lawelf the Lord's really with stock; Crossing the Channel forty marked emphasis Mr. McNeill is wont

> connection with Free St. Berburd's aisles were crammed and church-work which/sof course, pre- had to be turned away.

was he would probably band you the Shorter Catechism . But his sermons are not Shorter Catechism and this year in connection will water?; he deals with the whole length and brucdth of Bible history, biography, occupation, he was promoted to the and precept. While not abjuring text preachling, he likes to take up an Old Testament story or one of Christ's mira he worshipped with the family in the cles, and deal with it on the plan of the natural divisions of the narrator. Dwelling largely as he does on the Divinity of our Lord, he is nevertheless in full sympathy with those who lay stress on his humanity, and he displays facturing town not far from L wonderful power in illustrating how This one is self-supporting, and in He was "bone of our pone and flesh

of our flesh." A man of splendid physique, he used to indulge in all mainly sports, such and loaned by him to Mr. McAll as, swimming (he once swam three miles at a stretch), throwing the ham: mer, and tossing the caber. Even yet | be could give you a valuable hint as to putting the stone, and might name the Australian cricketers as easily as the twelve Apostles. To alcohol and tobacco he has always been a stranger, He possesses that mysterious magnetism which gives a man power over his fellows, he unites in his character the shrewdness and humour for the Scot with the emotionalism and generous im-

pulse of the Irishman. London has coveted Mr. McNeill, Highgate Presbyterian congregation haring given him a call which he declined, though not without hesitation. Soon afterwards the Free Church offered him the post of their evangelist for Scotland at a large salary. This, too, he declined, partly for domestic reasons, and partly because of his opinion that Scotland can be evangelized to a great extent in Edinburgh, whither the flower of Scottish vouth resort for education and professional training:

Mr. McNeill has a happy home, and three little rogues exercise him in the Orden, Miss McCallum, Miss M. Wilkes, Miss Carry. It is the intention of Mr. McAll to hold daily examples joys and sorrows of fatherhood.

Mr. McNeill's popularity in London has been attested by the large congregations which assembled in Mr. Spurseon's tabernacie on Sunday, s7th ult In the morning, when he preached Three years were spent at the Arts front Matt. viii. 1-4, the building was manly man this father uniting in him the classes; and during all that time by filled; and at night, when the story of strong religious conviction, of the Cov. supported himself by mission work in 2 and the classes is an experted himself by mission work in 2 and the conviction. supported himself by mission work in Zachheus was the subject, even the

Presidenti la ma annual report it is diased stations, have been opened sion, making Y20, stations in ME the many agencies employed by Mission, were specially mentioned free, dispensaries and the mission boats. Of the former, there, are two Paris, under the care of Dr. Acder They are open four times a week; persons, and sometimes moren treated each time. Medicine is g free. A third is at St. Etienne, a m nection with it is a night asylum way arers. There are two mission boats, owned by a private gentle do grand service in the seaport to and along the canals. French appear tion of the McAll work is shown, fact, that the Protestants of Riff have contributed 20,000 francs for construction of two halls for ma purposes. The plan adopted to estar lish those persons converted in mission halls in Church fellowship, resulted in the formation of 🕍 churches-one French Reformed Open Baptist, and two Free Chil The work done by the Canadian Ask iliary is encouraging, and the interest is spreading. Membership, 208, inch ding seven life-members. In the Total surer's annual report, she states to \$1,068 have been received, \$4 which was forwarded, in June later Paris. The following officers elected:—President, Mrs. Edwards Vice-Presidents, Mrs. V. which was forwarded, in June la Finch, Mrs. S. C. Duncan Clark, MacVicar, Mrs. Howitt, Miss C. Secretary, Miss McCarty; Tree Miss Caven: Executive Comm Mrs. John, Kerr, Mrs. Aikehs

PRAYER is the spring of secret of emancipation from the Cummings:

Litster, Mrs. James Gooderham,

James Campbell, Miss Inglis,

services during the Paris Exposit

two of the entrances in the

Rapp, and at the Trocadero.