've been laughing at work while others sigh; Let those laugh who win!"

Sweet rain, soft rain, what are you doing : 'I'm urging the corn to fill out its cells; I'm helping the Lily to fill out its bells;

Is that worth pursuing?" Redbreast, readbreast what have you done? Ive been watching the nest where my fledglings lie;
I've sung them to sleep with a lullaby By-and-by I shall watch them to fly,

Up and away every one !" Honey-bee, honey-bee, where are you going To fill my basket with precious pelf; To toil for my neighbours as myself; To find out the sweetest flower that grows, Be it a this le or be it a rose—
A secret worth the knowing:

Each content with the work to be done, Ever the same from sun to sun; Shall you and I be taught to work, By the bee and the bird that scorn to shirk?

MISSIONARY MEETING GRAF-TON STREET CHURCH.

The annual public missionary meeting held in the Methodist Church, Grafton St. was eminently successful. The congregation considering the political attractions of the evening was very encouraging, and showed that the interest in mission work is far from waning with the good people of Halifax South. The chair was occupied by E. Lloyd, Esq., who introduced the subject of missions with an eloquent speech, and presided with affability and grace. He paid a passing tribute of deep respect to the work of the parent body from which we in these Maritime Provinces had been so lately severed, before bringing into prominent notice our present work in our Dominion and in Japan. The Report of the Society was presented by Rev. J. Read, pastor of the church, showing in a comprehensive manner, the extent of the work in connection with each branch, Domestic, Indian, French and German, and Japanese, showing also the increasing necessities and the emergency arising from the expenditure of last year overbalancing the receipts. The Report also showed that Grafton St. Church stood third among all the Methodist Churches of Canada in the amount of-its contributions to the Society.

The first address was delivered by W. H. Gibbs, Esq., of Oshawa, Ont., one of the deputation from the central committee. He spoke with much earnestness upon the duty of the Church to dist Church of Canada was looking on meet the demands of the work by devis- with anxious interest. We might be ing liberal things. They were not begging, they were asking the people of God to meet a just liability. The men who were dependent upon the success tation this year, that the Church of of these appeals were already in the Canada meant business. We were met field, working in faith and relying on above all in the presence of the Master. the sympathy of the Church which sent | We were about the king's business. them. The speaker brought forward | What had been done last year? He many interesting details of actual mis- found that, though these churches in sionary life and toil among the Indians Nova Scotia contributed liberally, a of Victoria and the great North West, still larger amount had been granted which graphically delineated the privathan we gave. More than a thousand tions these men of God cheerfully en- dollars granted from the General Board dured to save the souls of the perishing to this Province than had been raised and raise the degraded. Ease, com- here. That was good business in one fort, society, health, life, even all laid way, we ought to get rich before long on the altar by the missionary and by upon that principle. Once in New his devoted wife, who long accustomed York when gold was very high he found to every ministration and educated re- that exchange of British gold for Unifinement might seem ill prepared for ted States currency gave him such a such a change. Nothing but the love pile of notes that if he could have kept of God was equal to the sacrifice.

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Rev. Wm. Williams, Secretary of the with the West were continued these London Conference, and also a member churches would in time get to be rich. of the deputation. He began by hu- Well he was glad that union with the mourously referring to the difficulties Western Churches had not impoverisha stranger meets with in anticipating ed us. the wishes and requirements of his audience, and said he would follow the over the receipts of this Conference suggestion of a resident of Halifax and | mean? There was a most serious asas he could the nature and extent of the looked at. It meant that the churches Society's operations. He described the in this Eastern Conference was not Domestic missions, he shewed that in meeting the claims of their local work, their incipency they were literally home and that they were doing nothing to the missions; preaching and praying and support of what were distinctly the

referred to the barriers raised by Romish power among the French in persistent perscution and opposition, and the exclusiveness thrown around the Germans by national and religious antipathies and closed with an eloquent appeal to Christian brotherly kindness.

The last address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Burns of Fort Massey Presbyterian Church. He very playfully referred to his many Methodist associa-I'm swelling the torrent and brimming tions, and pathetically recalled his emotions when standing by the tomb of John Wesley and touched by the mefounder. He brought into strong contrast with the few thousands spent in evangelical work, the billions and milliions of dollars spent annually for noxious purposes, war, liquor, tobacco, theatres. A little rill trickling heavenward while the great Niagara of iniquity was rushing perpetually hell-ward.

The meeting lasted till 10.30 o'clcck, and kept its interest unabated to the end. Each speech was characterized by that eloquence which is born of enthusiasm-and that enthusiasm instead of relaxing only accumulated as the hours rolled on, and seemed to culminate in the impassioned utterances of Dr. Burns. It is hardly necessary to say that the collection formed the dimax to all that was said by the golden amen. and some of the contributors were princes in their munificence.

BRUNSWICK ST. MISSIONARY MEETING

THE SPEECH OF THE REV. GEO. M. GRANT was one of those genial, forcible, and thoroughly practical speeches, which have made the wide and well-deserved reputation of the popular and laborious pastor of St. Matthew's Church. That meeting, he said, meant business. We were summoned for business of the most important kind. It was the whole work of the Church of God, who were there surely the whole membership of the church. He wished they could call the roll. In whose presence were they met? Who were looking down upon the gathering of that evening? The whole Church of Christ was concerned to know if that church of Brunswick street did its duty. The Methoassured that when such deputations as were sent down from Ontario last year, and now again a most influential depu-

on with exchange he should soon have The next address was given by the been a rich man. If these transactions

But what did that surplus of grant place before the congregation as nearly pect of the question to be honestlys exhorting from house to house. He missions of the church. Nothing for gave his early experiences as a home French and German missions, nothing missionary in the Owen Sound District for Labrador, nothing for the great twenty-two years ago when a very North-west, nothing for Japan. Had young man he entered npon the work. the church then done its duty? There He brought out boldly the destitution had been generous gifts. There had of the people and the difficulties to be been munificent contributions. But encountered. In like manner the other the full measure of obligation had not missions were taken up. He especially | yet been met.

This then was the business of the meeting. How much doest thou? What were they prepared to do? He ought to ask for double. He knew times were hard. But he admired the principle acted upon by a business man who in consequence of heavy losses, had doubled his subscription. He had been taught that riches took wings, and, while the ability to give still remained, he wished to do his tutmost. How could their contributions be doubled: Well, as he meant business, he could go a little into detail. He found that mories of his life. He gave a warm the expenses of a young man for cigars tribute to the missionary zeal of the was annually \$38. A young man had Methodist Church, and told his audi- come to him to take the Temperance ence if they were not thoroughly and pledge. He found that, though claimpractically missionary in sentiment and | ing to have been a moderate drinker, life they were not true to their spiritual yet \$75 a year had gone for the gratifiparentage. It lay in the Methodist cation of that appetite. Christian blood to be missionary. He reminded women were admonished by the Apostle for her own unexceptionable pious deportthem how much they owed both to their Peter not to put on gold and costly ap-Heavenly founder and to their earthly parel. Taking a moderate average, at least \$125 might be saved from the superfluities of life. Well, possibly, they might say that they did not smoke cigars, or drink wine, nor indulge any taste for expensive jewellery. But surely they would be willing to do as much for Christ as others did for mere

> much Jesus had done for us? But none of the ransomed ever knew How deep were the waters crossed," &c.

gratification of sense and appetite. He

was almost ashamed to press the ques-

was asked. Could we ever tell how

Reference had been made to the selfdenial of the men who had gone forth to the mission work of the church. He had seen something of their work. Was not the heroic McDougall a legitimate successor of the Apostle Paul in his abundant labors and the privations which he had nobly endured in the prosecution of his work. These men were laying the foundations of empire. They were extending the boundaries of civilization. They were gathering wandering tribes into industrious communities. They were organizing churches and planting schools. They were doing the pioneer work of the church. Ought they to be told that we at home were so indifferent in regard to their work that grudgingly we gave to their support? They ought to be honest in this work of contribution. Think of obligation, think of the claims of Christ, think of destitute ones, think of isolated labourers in the field and then give according to their several ability. The last address of the meeting was a brief but effective one from

J. B. MORROW, ESQ.

He referred to his recent visit to Cobourg as a member of the Central Board. He had thus become more intimately acquainted with the operations of the society. Since his return he had been feeling keenly in regard to the great interest involved. It ought to be understood that the support of all our missionaries, from Newfoundland to distant Japan, for this current year, was to come from the efforts they were now making. They did not ask for help to meet a contingency but only for the necessary means for carrying on their work. The liberal and generously increased contributions, of the meetings | will be the sincere prayer of their many now being keld, would make the differ- Christian friends, both here and elseence te their missionaries, and more where. especially to their ministers upon dependent circuits, many of them the venerable senior ministers of their church, between privation and discouragement and their comfort and success in their work. On behalf of the church, as specially deputed, Mr. Morrow ex-Deputation a most cordial welcome and the assurance of appreciation with which their efforts so far had been received. The resolution was seconded by the President, Mr. Nicolson.

Financially the meeting has been a ly fifty per cent. increase upon the previous year. Taking into account the erection and support of three mission churches, on which nothing is asked from the society, involving an expenditure greater than the amount of direction contribution, for which no credit is given in the Report, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

The boiler of a locomotive at Providence. R. I., exploded, and several persons were

OBITUARY. EVA ST. CLAIR LOCKHART.

Eva St. Clair, the youngest daughter of

Alexander, Lockhart, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick, was born at St. Martins, in the same Province, in the year 1858, and exchanged mortality for life, at the early age of 23, on the 15th October, 1875.

The young lady whose lamented death we thus record, in addition to an engaging person, and naturally refined manners, was distinguished for such sweetness of disposition, and other social qualities of a high order, as rendered her a great favorite at home, and secured for her the admiration and esteem of a wide circle ef friends. Born and educated in a social atmosphere, where the reality and obligations of a personal and living Christianity were intelligently recognized, and con sistently exemplified. Miss Lockhart, from her early childhood, was remarkable ment, and her outspoken respect for true religion as witnessed in the conduct of others. From conversation with her upon the sabject of her conversion to God, the writer of this brief sketch, confidently believes that, although she had never made a public profession of religion, she had been for some time the subject of a saving clange of heart. About three years ago her health began to decline, and too soon it became painfully apparent to her friends, that disease of a serious and alarming tion. Think for whom the sacrifice character had selected her for its victim. Everything was done for her that promised to be of any service in arresting the progress of her disorder-but all without any lasting avail. At times her sufferings were very severe and distressing, yet no word of complaint or impatience ever escayed her lips. By those who knew her best, she was regarded as the very personification of unselfishness, and disinterested regard for the welfare and comfort of others. Her sorrowing friends recall with grateful wonder, many instances in which this beautiful trait in her character manifested itself during her prolonged affliction. A week previous to her death she was seized with congestion of the lungs, under which she very rapidly sank. But she was happily prepared for the solemn change which at last so suddenly came. Her replies to her pastor's enquiries respecting her religious state under these trying circumstances, were most satisfactory and ussuring. She said she had peace with God. Jesus was her Saviour-He was with her-His promises were precious to her. She was not afraid to die-and knew she had a home in heaven. A few hours before her departure, at her request, the ordinance of Baptism was administered to her. The occasion was one of peculiar impressiveness to all who witnessed it, and of special spiritual refreshment to the dving believer. Shortly afterwards she took leave for the last time of her dear parents, and brothers and sisters, addressing them one by one in the most appropriate and affecting manner, and request ing them all to meet her in beaven. Then a mother's pleading voice was heard, interceeding with the good Shepherd, that as He was taking the dear lamb to his fold, he would mercifully spare her the suffering she so much dreaded. A few minutes only pass, when that prayer is | for its incorporation passed the Legislaanswered, and without a sigh or tremor. Eva's released spirit winged its flight to

the home of the good. May the dear family so sorely chastened by the bereavement, continue to experience those divine consolations already afforded to them, and may this sorrow be so sanctified to the spiritual benefit of each one of them, that in due time they

St. John, N. B., Nov. 15, 1875.

---MRS. J. B. EASTERBROOK

Died on Saturday, October 16th, of puerpural fever, Mary Annabella, the beloved wife of Mr. John B. Easterbrook, of Pouch Cove, Newfoundland, aged 33 tended to the members of the Ontario years. Sister Easterbrook was early the subject of converting grace, having been born again at the age of thirteen, under the ministry of the Rev. John Phinney. The fire then kindled never died out. Married at the age of twenty, she was, in the highest sense of the word, a "helpmete" for her husband, and a tender success. The subscriptions, as far as mother to the children God entrusted to received at the meeting, averaged near- her care. Outside the home circle she willing to help and to sympathise in sickness and sorrow. In the church she is missed;—as assistant leader of her hushelper in the praise and prayer of more tions by the will of God."

Weeks before her illness she seemed to have a presentiment that she would not live, and told her friends of her impressions. When God laid her bye she was patient, unmurmuring, submissive,-willing to live if God should spare her, willing 000 volumes; but the intrinsic value of

foo, if He took her, to leave her husband and her six little ones to His promised protection. Jesus was precious, she said. and she had not a doubt or a fear.

Not a cloud did arise to darken the skies Or hide for a moment her God from her eyes. And so she died, resting in faith upon her Saviour, and in hope her stricken husband and sorrowing friends laid her away in the little country churchyard, "till the day break, and the shadows flee away." G. J. B.

DIED at Granville, Annapolis County, on the 5th November, 1875.

HENRIETTA ELIZA BATH,

the youthful and beloved daughter of the late Samuel Bath, and of Harriet Bath vet living. Born on the 4th of March, 1855, Henrietta passed through the years of childhood surrounded by the influences of the Christian family. When yet very young, her father, long noted for his zealous devotion to the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, was removed to heaven's higher plane of service. The circumstances of his departure were such as throw a hollowed light upon the subsequent years. These have been enriched and chastened by love's words which were never forgotten. As the child passed over the floor of the death room, the father said, "Oh Baby, if I could only take you with me!" The words were remembered in heaven as well as on earth, and tho "the mills of God grind slowly," and years were suffered to elapse, yet the father's wish, so like Christ's, to have his beloved with him, is now fulfilled.

Under the ministrations of Rev. W. H. Heartz, in 1871, Henrietta was converted to God. The work of grace was evidently quiet and deep. Constitutionally reticent. her testimonies were more lived than spoken. During the last winter, it was the pastor's privilege to meet with her every day, for some weeks, and he thus enjoyed every opportunity for religious conversation, and for marking the sweet clinging of her spirit to Christ.

Henrietta suffered for years the will of God. To heart disease of long standing were eventually added consumption and spinal affection. The last months of life were filled with intense physical anguish. They were equally filled with spiritual peace. The strange beauty of consecrated suffering and heavenly patience shone into the eyes of every visitor. Christ, the altogether lovely, was glorified in her. Her last utterances breathed the vision that was opening up before her.

Our beloved Father Davies, already connected with the bereaved family by the tenderest of pastoralties and reminiscences, preached to the large assembly which met at the funeral on Sabbath morning the 7th inst. The widowed mother remains, enrobed in the sympathies of friends, waiting for the life to come. A. STEWART DESBRISAY.

November, 1875.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY

This institution owes its existence to the noble bequest of its founder. John Jacob Astor, who in a codicil to his will. appropriated the sum of \$400,000 for its establishment and maintenance. An act ture of New York in 1849 constituting the following named persons (previously received by Mr. Astor) as a Board of Trustees; namely, Washington Irving, Wm. B. Astor, D. Lord, Jr., J. G. King, J. G. Coggswell, Fitz Greene Halleck, S. B. Ruggles, S. Ward, C. A. Bristed, and the Mayor of New York, ex afficio.

The will of Mr. Astor was proved on the may all overtake the loved one in glory, 12th of April and on the 12th of May following the trustees held their first meeting, accepted their office, and confirmed Mr. Astor's previous appointment of J. G. Coggswell, one of their number superintendent of the library. According to the provisions of the bequest \$75,000 was the sum authorised to be applied for the erection of the building, \$120,000 for the purchase of books, and the residue of the \$400.000 to be invested in real estate on bond and mortgage the interest of which was to be applied to defray the expenses of maintaining the library.

In October, 1848, Mr. Cogswell was sent to Europe for the purchase of books. Meanwhile the trustees had selected the site and the plan of Mr. Saelter, the architect for the library edifice, which measuses sixty-five feet front by one hundred and twenty feet deep, and is in the Florentine style. This building now was honoured as a kind neighbour, always known as the south library, was open to the public February 1, 1854, with about 80,000 volumns, comprehending the several departments of knowledge. On the 1st band's class, and a willing and efficient of September. 1859, the new or north build ing was completed when the entire instipublic services.—" she served her genera- tution, wholly rearranged, was re-opened. The north hall with the ground on which it stands, is the gift of Mr. Wm. B. Astor, who has also made other large donations to the institution, amounting to over \$300-000. The number of books now in the Astor Library amounts to upward of 150-

BEREAN NOTES.

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States.-Harpers Weekly.

LESSON X. John JESUS AND MARY. HOME READINGS.

MONDAY-John 20, 11-18. TUESDAY -- John 20, 1-10, WEDNESDAY -- Mark 16, 1.1 THUESDAY-Acts 13 23 37 FRIDAY-1 Cor. 15, 1 20. SATURDAY -Psa. 16, 1-11 SUNDAY-Rev. 1, 4-29

TOPIC: The Risen Christ Com a Weeping Disciple. GOLDEN TEXT: Now when Je risen early the first day of the v appeared first to Mary Magdalene.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Our last lesson presented Jesus Cross. Its final statement was: he bowed his head and give up the This event occurred Friday. Ma A. D. 29. (See Chronological SUNDAY-SCHOOL JOURNAL, 1875 199. On the following Sunday, M. the events of this lesson took place scene was some unknown spot nea gotha. Between the last lesson a we must insert the events connected the burial of Jesus, the sealing stone, the setting of the guard, his from the tomb, the coming of the to the sepulchre and their surpri coming of Peter and John, to whon had carried word, and, finally, the of Mary after Peter, John, and the had all left, at which time she m Lord, as this lesson shows. In this view between Jesus and Mary we se risen Christ comforting a weep ng di The fact of his appearance to Mar the priority of this to other appear are both asserted in the GOLDEN " Now when Jesus was risen," etc. OUTLINE We see: 1. MARY LOOKING JESUS; 2. MARY TALKING WITH J. 3. MARY TELLING OF JESUS. Before tempting to teach this lesson, tea should become imbued with the spi the occasion. The sorrow for his d the active love coming to complet burial rites; the lurking fear of his foes; the burial hopes; the vague of the hasty message; the anxious re the solitude at the grave; and the wonderful interview. May each to be as near to Jesus in this day's wo was Mary according to the lesson.

See LESSON COMPEND. FREE HANDBOOK. White garments, 472; sepulchers, 501; Rabboni, 699. Fos CYCLOPEDIA OF PROSE ILLUSTRATI 2701, 2606, 717, 5034, 5041.

Where in this lesson do we see-1. That Christ has special hono those who seek him earliest and 2. That the resurrection of Jesus a matter of joyful interest even to an

OUTLINES, NOTES, AND LESSON 1. OUTLINES.

1. Jesus sought by those who love 2. Jesus found by those who seek 3. Jesus praised by those who find 1. Sowing in tears; 2. Reaping in 1. Anxious seeking; 2. Joyous fine 1. Sorrow without Jesus; 2. Joy Jesus. 1. Mary disconsolate: 2. comforted. 1. Mary with the angel Mary with the Lord: 3. Mary with disciples.

2. Notes.

THE MARYS. 1. Mary, the moth Jesus; 2. Mary, wife of Cleophas, sister, or cousin, of Jesus' mothe Mary Magdalene, the one of our le Spoken of by the poet as the one who " -While apostles shrunk, could dan

Last at the cross, and earliest a grave.

4. Mary, sister of Lazarus; 5. Mary mother of Mark, Acts 12, 12; 6. saluted by Paul, Rom. 16. 6.

THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS. Th der of Jesus' appearances after his r rection, and the authorities therefor, be succintly stated as follows: Mary Magdalene-John and Mark; the other women-Matthew; 3. To -Luke and Paul. (1 Cor. 15, 3-8;) two disciples-Luke and Mark; 5. T ten, Thomas absent-Mark, Luke. . and Paul; 6. To the eleven-John; the seven at Galilee-John; 8. To apostles and five hundred others ... Matt Mark, and Paul; 9. To James-Paul To the apostles-Luke, Acts, and I 11. At the ascension-Mark and L and some add. 12. To Paul-1 Cor. Strong's Harmony gives a slightly d ent order

MARY STOOD WITHOUT WEEPING. verse 11. She had been there before had run to tell Peter and John : they come, and, like the women, had again, and Mary now is there alone. SHE WEPT, SHE STOOPED DOWN, LOOKED INTO THE SEPULCHER. lingering and looking at the place w the Lord lav.

Two ANGELS, verse 12. Heb. 1. 4, they not all ministering spirits?" Matt. 4. 11. "Behold, angels came," The party of women.....saw, outside the tomb, an angel sitting