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"JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN."

(By a friendly critic.)

DEAR EDITOR,-Every intelligent Methodist in the D minion is justly proud of the Canadian Methodist Magazine. Each successive number places its readers under fresh obligations. In conversation yesterday with a distinguished clergy man of another church, he dwelt emphatically on its literary and artistic excellence. For my own part, I am proud to belong to a religious Body which has the ability and the spirit to sustain such a periodical.

In view of this perfectly ex animo expression of opinion, there will be no misconception of my motive in calling attention to a slight lapsus on the part of the writer of the semi historical sketch in the January number, "Neville Trueman, the Pioneer 'Preacher.' The scene is in Upper Canada, on the banks of the famous Niagara. The central personage is the Rev. Neville Trueman, a young Methodist Itinerant born in the United States, but stationed in Canada. The date is July, 1812. Mr. Trueman is riding to his annual Conference, and (to quote,) under the inspiration of the beauty of the scene, the young preacher began to sing in a clear, sweet tenor voice that song of the ages which he had learned at his mother's knee among the green hills of Vermont—

Jerusalem the Golden With milk and honey blest, Beneath thy contemplation, Sink heart and voice opprest.'

Four additional stanzas are given as

This is a somewhat puzzling anathe first edition of the Celestial COUNTRY, but as the Doctor himself was not born until 1818, the date; is unimportant. It it be replied that young Trueman sang either the Latin ed them " at his mother's knee among the green hills of Vermont." Berthe end of the last century. Besides the Latin versification is so peculiar, "leonine and tailed rhyme, with lines in three parts," that even had the words been learned, it would have defied the vocal possibilities of the most musical Itinerant

The fact is that the poem, itself a vigorous satire on the ecclesiastical corruptions of the age, is of interest to us chiefly by reason of that part of it and animated manner, the surpassing own church services of the past months, beauty and blessedness of the heavenly land - Jerusalem above in antithesis to Rome below; and for our knowledge of, and interest in, this part we ty-five lines in his Sacred Latin Poetry. In the first edition of his Mediæval Hymns and Sequences, the latter published a translation of these lines, beginning with the well-known words:

"Brief life is here our portion, Brief sorrow, short-lived care.

The warm reception accorded this version led Dr. Neale to make a more exis also published separately, as the RHYTHM OF BERNAED OF MORLAIX ON

other Mediæval hymns on Heaven and this particular poem, when in a footnote he refers to "the original hymn of Bernard of Clugny" as "for generations one of the most familiar, thorough translations, in many lan-It is familiar now (thanks to Dr Neale) to all English-speaking people. By means of what prior veron was it familiar to them? A high authority referring to Bernard himself comparative forgetfulness, the genius of two English scholars has revived a portion of his works; and hereafter is name will be best known in that country, which may possibly possess his birth place." I regard it as clear that Rev. Neville Trueman must have sung. "Jerusalem the Golden" prolepsome revisor (Dr. Ryerson's "hymntimker") in the 6th, 8th and 10th "Walls" for "halls" in the 9th. line is probably a compositor's error. Jany, 14th, 1879.

WINDSOR CIRCUIT ITEMS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL The children of our Sunday School bave just given their quarterly Concert and Review Exercises. The prevalance of epidemic influenza with other causes obliged a postponement to this late date. Mr. Sterling who has filled the position of S perintendent since comparative youth and has grown gray in the service seemed to forget his epizoo in the happiness of sung by the devout and sympathetic the hour. The singing was of that type it be possible, we thought, that any of these happy young lives, with the memory chronism. I am not in possession of the first edition of the Celestial songs, will ever be found bard-visaged and bard hearted by long bondage to sin? To prevent such a possible atastrophe by fortitying with early piety, nd specially guarding at those critical years when chi chood is merging into youtho affords. original of Bernard of Cluni, or some much room for prayerful earnestness both earliert ranslation than Neale's, I doubt.
At any rate he could not have sung the verses given, nor could he have tearnmen of the congregation, b interested disciples in his B otherwise they might be tempted to feel nard's poem De Contemptu Mundi (f | toey had out grown school. The children. which the CELESTIAL COUNTRY is but all take an interest in supporting the a portion set off in the interest of mo- financial necessities of the work. They dern devotion) in the original, is one hold Bazaars and Fairs and Tea-meetings of the rarest of books. The learned among tremselves in yards and alleys, aut for of "the seven great hymns of and collect handsomely for the Mission the Mediaval Church," (N. Y. 1867.) ary cause. Tols year the Mediaval Church, ary cause by the school for an addition to ary cause. This year there has been states that "no copy of the De Con- the library and other purposes about temptu Mundi is known to be in the three hundred dollars. Upon all and United States." It could not have through all this work we need the conbeen very common in Vermont during stant efficacy of the Holy Spirit. Our Neville Trueman's boyhood towards Sabbath Schools are the nursery of the

HARD TIMES.

A committee of ladies has found it necessary this year to organize and syste matically endeavor to alleviate the temporal wants of many in our congregation. Windsor we venture to say never felt such financial pressure in all its previous his tory. The cheerful quiet and classic leisure of other days have changed into something resembling melancholy. The very atmosphere seems laden with depression We tan jed that during the week which describes, in the most glowing of United Prayer and in many of our Christian faith and hope burned cimly in this atmosphere of gloom. We must refer "the children of a King" to Hab. iii, 17, 18, Psalui xlti. Ours is as nothing compared with the trials of mechanics and are indebted to two scholars of our laborers in other places. If those who own day, Dean Trench and Doctor bave capital at their disposal could only thereto by publishing a cento of nine- employment they would carry into eternito perish.

institution of the modern church worker side of St. John. The church folk of that city of the loyalists seem to be in possession of the white stone Despite conflagrations, depressed shipbuilding tended translation from Bernard's and lumbering the money was forthcom-Latin, and hence the CELESTIAL COUN- ing at every one of the many ventures, TRY, as we have it in the later editions | Could any conjurer do better with as emof Mediaval Hymns and Sequences. It pty hat? We have not learned the art village. Twice during the year bave the adies of our church attempted a Tea THE CELESTIAL COUNTRY. I need not meeting and Fancy Sale with something describe what a treasure the CELES- ake the following result. With about TIAL COUNTRY has been to modern three hundred and fifty dollars worth of New English Wesleyan Hymn Book hundred dollars. This means that those and four to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. ing for a benevour of this about one half Portions of it appear in more than was secured for the Sunday School or the

and with a probable confusion between praiseworthy forts of these ladies this sum would not have been forth comingas our good people have not yet learned that it is cheaper in the end to contribute

the amount at once. EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS. Dr. Siewart kindly consented to visit Hantsport, Horton and Windsorduring the Xwas, bolicays to preach and address pub he meetings in advocacy of the claims of the Educational Society of our church. If there is any rest in change of employment our worthy Theological Tutor deserves able in the case, they were never outside all the rest that such labors at Christmas observes: "After seven centuries of tide could give bim, His visit to Windsor, one of his old circuits, was looked forward to with many pie surable anticipa tions, and its benefits are not to be measused by the mere immediate financial results. His clear and expansive address at the public meetings, has awakened thought and produced an intelligent apprecation of the objects of the Society which will bear fruit in after years. The tically.—It may be added that the sermon preacted by him was from Phil. verses quoted follow the variations of ii. 5 Christ was a perfect example for sermon preacted by him was from Phil. men; this example for men is perfect only on the assumption that He was God. Then came the practical application from which there was no escape wi hout doing vio-lence to the conscience. If such addresses and sermons could be given in all ou circuits a greatadvantage would be reached-for all that is required is that our people should be enughtened as to the real objects of this Society and the superlative importance of its objects in order that they should give it an adequate sup

NASHWAAK CIRCUIT. - During the Christmas season we held two musical concerts and literary entertainments, both of which were well attended, and very evangetist, all of them being from Dr. of simple melody such as only children held at the Bay was conducted by Miss his cunninguess, the wolf in his cunninguess, and attendants of the Red Cross Sonow boast of one of the finest buffile al treat of no mean order. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Dun an and G. W. Fisher. Choice readings and recitations were also furnished to the

> THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMN. BOOK.

cent General Assembly, to prepare a issue of that paper these interesting

sive field over which the committee has rection; in the fall of Jerusalem and in give him over to the police. The carter travelled we may mention that the old the end of the world; in heaven and in then interfered and advised Dean to give Neale. The former first drew notice devise liberal things in the way of finding U.P. book contains 468 Hymns; the hell; in the rapture of the angels and new, 368; the English Presbyterian in the torments of the lost. What a ty the blessings of many who were ready Book 520; the Church of Scotland field for us to copy. And if the Saviour book, 200, and the Free Church, 144. thus illustrated his sermons, why should The Free Church has a Committee at not we? Parable, allegory, metaphor, Under the pressure of the times, this present engaged in the work of revising were sanctified by him for our use. All and enlarging their Hymn book. In the apostles followed the example of our does not appear to flourish anywhere out these five books there are, say, 1000 Saviour-confining their illustrations different Hymns.\(^1\) About 640 of these to Jewish life, history and habits, or to occur in some one of the books. About the great facts of Bable history-with Territories, and that such laws are consti 170 occurs in some two of the five. the exception of Paul, who in Athens tutional This decision, which was given 72 in three; 62 in in four; 41 in five. used illustrations from Grecian poets in the case of R-ynolds, a Mormon of One Hymn occurs in all the five and in and sculpture, and in his Epistle to Utah, who had been tried and convicted our "Five Hymns" appended to the Titus an abusion to a Cretan author. in the Third Judical Court of Utah and "Psalms and Paraphrases." This one so well in our unsophisticated country is found in almost all Hymnals. It begins, "Blest morning whose first dawning rays. Behold the Son of God."

There is a considerable number of not be ascertained. To the Hymnolocontributes 85; Bonar 52; the Wis twenty hymnals in the English language. But does not the author of the

was secured for the Sunday School or the
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parsonage. A small sum went for exto collect a pound of honey.

sketch in the Magazine write loosely, general public. Yet were it not for the BISHOP, SiMPSON'S FIFTH LEC TURE.

(EXTRACT).

Every sermon should have illustrations. They are like pictures to the eve which rivet attention, and fasten the truth in the memory. Our Saviour

gave us most forcible examples of filustrations of various kinds. Part of these were from history; but what is remark- quras. of biblical or Jewish history. In biblical history we have his reference to the days of Noah, a type of the days of the Son of Man; of Jonah preaching to the Ninevites, and of their repent uce; of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the visit of the Queen of Sheba, and the glory of Solomon. In the tacts that died between the horns of the altar, the falling of the tower of Siloam, and the condition of the cit es of Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida. We have allusions to nature in the grain of corn falling into the earth and dying, and a new life springing therefrom; the grass which to-day is in beauty and to-morrow is cast in the oven; the lilly of the field, and the growth of the mustard seed; allusious to the sparrow in its littlegess, the hairs of our head in number, the redness of the evening sky as betokening tair weather, and that of morning as foreboding storm; allusion to the sheep, which now follow the voice of the shepherd and then wander into the mountains; to the fowls of the

successful. The musical part of the one chickens under the wing; to the tox in t. Petersburgh papers propose that nurpresided at the organ. Interesting ad- to the employment of men in their rural Dr. Schliemann is again in luck. He thresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Rand, occupations—the farmer in sowing his has lately unearthed five separate trea-Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Melville, Presbyte seed and gathering his harvest, the ian. Readings of a humorous character vine dresser in his vineyard, and the were given by Mr. Wiley, and speeches builder in his temple; the ruler bestow- were some bronze axes, as well as other by Messrs. Howe and Fairley. As a rerobes that dash over the frosty roads of holder, the faithful and unfaithful stew. bracelets, heads and bars of gold. N. The mus c of our village entertain- and, the rich man in his sumptious ment was kindly 40 mished by the very living, and his abundant harvesis that efficient Marysville choir. Miss Gibson can for new barns; the young man with presiding at the organ. This was a musi- his wealth and morality, and the beg- 11th inst. It contained the most comgar in his poverty and triendless death. plete Shakesperian collection in the world He turns to the employments of women, numbering 8000 volumes; comparatively and notices the leaven hid in three me igreat satisfaction of all present. The S. sures of meal, the careful housewife school library through his effort will be sweeping her floor and hin ring the piece cuse, a few days ago, in aid of the plan to considerably augmented. L. S. J. of money, the mite of the poor widow, relieve the University of that place, that. and the docinty of little condren. He also spe ks of the way wardness of the produgal and the spendthrift, and the yearning of a father's heart welcoming A Committee appointed by the re- his return; the tatted calt, the ring, the wedding garment; the very order of a man named Duncan received one of the sitting at feasts, the alabaster box of most severe sentences on record. Duncan Hymn-Book for the Dominion, met in rich pertume, and the love which had occupied the position of Secretary to Montreal. The editor of the Witness issued from hearts, once statul, now was a member, and gives in last week's torgiven. It is astonishing how wide the range, and of how many points the Saviour's teachings touch the common forging certificates, and embezzled the "The Committee's task was not con- small a compass. How sweeping and felt that the evidence against him was too cluded till 6 o'clock on Thursday the yet how minute his laws: the law of strong for any defence and pleaded guil-2ud. The list that has been prepared marriage and divorce; the law of filial tv. He was sentenced to penal servitude, during the past six months very care- obedience, and the reproof of ingratituly revised, Hymn by Hymn. Then tude; the law of forgiveness, of tasteach member of committee submitted a lings, of prayer, and of giving aims; Dean, lately from Irequois. Montreal, Ont. supplementary list, and these lists were the duty of man of reconciling difficulsubjected to a double revision. The ties and offences, of obedience to the result is a collection of say, 300 Hymns Government. His field of view sweeps of the choicest description. These are time and eternity, embraces supreme to be printed on slips, with the least love to God and the love of our tellowpossible delay, and to be sent to Pres men as ourselves; finds illustration in byteries. In order to show the exten- the grave, the judgment and the resur- no purse, but the woman threatened to

drum. "How dots the fit le ousy be im excellent Hymns whose authorship can- prove each shining hou?" It is answer hymns (under one number) to the New English Weslevan Hymn Book hundred dollars. This means that those obtain two and a quarter pounds of sugar | will not of course cease to exist, but, w leys 48; Montgo nery 44; Newton 38; from red clove. 7.500 000 flowers must be be rather augmented for the time boots Doddridge 36; Kelly 31; Cowper 26; sucked. There are about sizty flowers in removal, but such hideous sores cannot

There was a \$1.000,000 fire at St. Louis, Mo., on the 3rd instant, when the second Baptist Church was burned. It was the finest building in the city. The mercury was 12 below zero.

The Universal Postal Union was completed on the 1st January by the admission of Newfoundland, British colonies on the West coast of Atrica, the Gold Coast, Senegambia, Legos and Sterre Leone, Falkland Island and B. itish Hon-

Who is the "greatest woman in America?" An exchange, qu' ted by the Interior Journal, says it is Mrs. Mary Austin of Washington City, basing her claims to that distinction upon the fact that sho las bad forty four children-twins thir. teen times and triplets six times-on y eleven of which, however, were born alive. If that is the road which alone leads to the goal of true greatness, few women will. of Jewish history we have Zacharias care to travel it as far as the forty fourth. miles-post, even to be crowned the greatest woman in America."-Louisville Con-

St. Petersburg, Jany. 9-The plague caused a general panic in Astrakhan and Darabow. A correspondent of the Golos writes that the plague commenced in the village in the district Eustaevsk. Precautions against disease were at first neglected, as it was mistaken for typhus. When the weather became warmer people died like fires, and the dead lay unburie! in the streets. The infected distric's have been surrounded by troops. Communication with Moscow is stopped. General anxiety prevails throughout Russia. It is supposed that the deaths are more numerous than have been stated.

The plague has reached the Govern ment of Eazatofin. At Navatzin, 178 air which are ted out of God's store- deaths occurred. The mortality is estihouse, and the hen that gathered the mated at 10 per cent of the population.

sures, each composed of numerous bracelets, earrings and lumps of gold. Hig ratest "find" is a bronze vessel, in which going to a far land, the good house- tents, however consisted of gold earrings

> The Library of Birmingsam and the Midland Institute at Birmingham, containing 80,000 volumes, was burned on the

Dr. Newman said in a speech at Syra. there were 200,000 Methodists in New York State owning \$17.000,000 worth of church property, with 240,000 Sunday School Scholars, and 1,500 ministers.

In a Glasgow Circuit court last month the Greenock Railway Company for many years. It recently transpired that he had taken advantage of the trust reposed in him to sell large quantities of stock, lite of man, and yet contained in 80 proceeds to the extent of £11.000 He

> A Foolish young man named Robert' was walking along Notre Dame street, on Christmas eve, when a carter asked him if he wanted a sleigh. He replied in the negative, when immediately a female cannot him by the arm and asked him to return "that purse" he had just picked up. Dean protested that he had found the woman a couple of dollars and she would let the purse go. The silly fellow gave her a two dollar bill, and the next minute was anxiously enquiring. " when shall we three meet again?'-Witness.

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Lly exe-

Polygamy in the United States, it is to be hoped, has received its fuch blow The Supreme Court decided recently that Congress has the power to pass laws probibiting polygamous marriages in the again in the Supreme Court of that Territory, to which he had appealed, was expected by everybody. Now that the last privilege of law has been a lowe i to these Children often hear tor p e car conun- people, and that they have been fairly warne I, it appears desirable (that such a hideous anachronism as polygamy is in with scientific accuracy by M. A. S. this nineteenth century in the United Wilson estimates from his dira that, to country. The misery which it has canned