Plucking the Ears of Corn.

The first strack on our Lord in Galilee areas from the circumstance that, in passing through the corn it, its on the Sabbath day, His disciples, who were softening from day, His disciples, who were soliering from honger, pincked the ears of form, indied them in the pairos of their hands, blow away the cheft and ste. Undoubted; this was as very high offenct—even a capital offenct—in the eyes of the Legalists. Treap and to mash on the Sabbata were of course torbidden by one of the abhoth, or course forbidden by one of the abhoth, or primary rules; but the Rabbis had decided that to pluck corn was to be construed as reaping, and to rub it as threshing; even to walk on grass was forbidden, because that too was a species of threshing; and not so much as a fruit must be plucked from a trea. All these letter sate water and not so much as a fruit must be plucked from a tree. All these latter acts were violations of the toldoth, or "derivative rules." Perhaps these apying Pnarisees had followed Jesus on this Sabbath day to watch whether He would go more than the proceribed techum ha-Shabbeth, or Sabbath's day journey of two thousand enbits; but here they had been fortunate arouted to light upon a far more helmous enough to light upon a far more heinous and flagrant scandal—an act of the disciples which, strictly technically speaking, rendered them liable to death by stoning. Jesus Himself had not indeed shared in the offence. It we may press the somewhat peculiar expression of St. Mark, He was walking along through the corn fields by the ordinary path, bearing His hunger as best He might, while the disciples were pushing for themselves a road turough the standing corn by plucking the ears as they went along. Now there was no harm whatever in plucking the ears; that was not only sanctioned by custom, but even distinctly permitted by the Mosaic law. But the heinous fact was that this should be done on a Sabbath! Instantly the Pharisees are around our Lord, pointing to the disciples with the angry question, "See why do they"—with a contemptaces gesture towards the disciples—"do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?" Farrar's "Life of Christ."

Prayer for China.

The Conference of Protestant mission-aries, held at Shanghai, in May last, and composed of "one hundred and twenty missionaries from almost every religious denomination in Europe and America," unanimously appointed the first Sabbath in October of the present year as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the millions of China and the revival of the work of our Lord in that vast Empire. They earnestly request all the churches of Europe and America to unite with them in such supplication on that day. The character of the men who send to us 'his petition commends it to our attention. It will be a great and unnaual Christian privilege to unite with these veteran missionaries, with such a body of self-denying Christian laborers, in special

prayer.
It is not our prerogative to indicate the form of the prayer-meetings; it belongs to the pactors and churches to arrange such matters. We only express our hope that on the morning of the first Sabbath in Oc-tober every member of our Reformed Charch, in his private devotions will spe-cially plead for the four hundred millions of China, and that mayer for them will also of China, and that prayer for them will also assend from every family altar on that morning. Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will call and send to Obina men full of the mind that is in Christ, that He will sustain and bless the dear brethren now there, that He will baptize the native churches with His Holy Spirit, and that He will cause His word to run and be glorified in every part of the great empire.

Work.

Dr. Charles Hodgesays.—"When a man joins a particular church he is bound to identify himself with it; he must attend its services and co-operate in its measures." This is sound advice, and we could but wish it was always taken. We see no reason why any man should imagine himself to be why any man should imagine himself to be a bee, and go wandering from flower to flower. The old proverb that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," applies with great force to many a professed Christian. The prayer-meeting has to be sustained. The Sabbath school must not go down. How is this to be accomplished, unless some are willing to work? A Boston paper says a business man of this city, a member of the church, is in the habit of lunching down A few days since, as he was seated at the table in a restaurant where he was no stranger, the proprietor accosted him with-

"Do you see any change here?"
"No."

"Why, don't you notice that my bar is

gone?"
"Well," said the wondering disciple, after staring a moment, "what is that for?"
"Why, you see, I've been down to the Tabernacle lately, and I've made up my mind that I can't afford this business any longer, so I've turned round."

And then taking a card from his pocket he showed a list of men he was praying for, and told earnestly of the work he was now doing. Then with the eagerness and confidence of new-born enthusiasm, he said-

Now tell me what you are doing. No answer. The protessed disciple was'nt doing any thing, but the question sent an astonished man home to ask God to show him his work.

THE Ohatterbox gives a list of 896 words made from the letters that form the word Constantinople.

Mr. Spurgeon, writing to the editor of Messiah's Herald, says:—"The more I read the Scriptures as to the future, the less I am able to dogmatise. I see conversion of the world, and the personal pre-millennial reign, and the sudden coming and the judgment, and several other grand points, but I cannot put them into order, nor has any one else done so yet. I believe every pro-phetical work I have ever seen—and I have read very many—to be wrong in some points. I feel more at home in preaching Christ crucified than upon any other theme, and I do believe He will draw all men unto

Missionary Notes.

Dr. Morrar, the veteran Ahiean misstellary, expresses his opinion that the South Africa to the British possessions will be of incalculable benefit to the native, and the a driers.

One of the committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society writes:-" More than 80,000 Bibles and portions of the Scriptures have been bought lately by the soldiers of the Russian armies since they crucaed the Pruth. Large editions have been required, and the books were sent from Vicina, Odessa, St. Petersburg, and Loudon, necessarily at very high rates for carriage and involving an expense of about £8,000.

Missionary work in Amos, China, is yielding good fruit. In 1807 the Ref rized (Dutch) Uhnroh had three courses and 859 communicants in that city, and the Engush Presbyterian Curron three churches and 267 communicants. The Reformed Church no w has seven churches and 591 communicaute; and the English Presbyterian Church eight churches and 658 communicante; showing an aggregate increase in ten years of nine churches and 628 commu-nicants.

THE Rev. O. M. Green, of the American Presbyterian Mission at Tokio, Japau, writes of a visit, in company with a native nicentiate, to Omori, a town twen'y five miles northeast of Tokio. They found a a number of candidates for baptism, who were well acquainted with the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures, having used the Japanese Gospels and tracts cent them intelligently. Twelve adults and two children were baptized and a church was organized, with an elder and two doacons. At Hoden two persons were haptized and two deacons ordained. These two churches, which have such a good outlook, are the fruits of the labour of two native licentlates.

In the report of the Baptist Missionary Union just published is the following paragraph referring to the German Churches:
"Antinomiau views of the most radical kind have ponetrated some of the Churches and caused disturbances, partly in consequence of the visit of Pearsoll Smith to Germany. The Baptist Church in Berlin has lost more than sixty members through this heresy, which throws overboard prayer, the Lord's Day, church organisation, tem perance, together with the confession of sm as no longe, necessary for the perfect Christian." That is the danger that the extreme of "entire sanctification" is liable to run into.

THE Wn Chang Mission of the London Missionary Society, in North China, which was begun eleven years age, had met with so little success a year ago that its abandonment was seriously considered. It had then forty-seven baptised members, of whom half had left for other parts of the country and some had relapsed into hea thenism. The attendance on public worship was small and the missionaries were discouraged. The past year, however, has witnessed a decided change for the better, nincteen new members have been received. The older members were the means of bringing this revival abont. In most cases the new converts are relatives or friends of the older members.

British and Foreign Yotes.

Paris bricklayers earn \$1.80 per day of twelve hours.

PROF. HALL, the discoverer of two of Mars' satellites, was once a carpenter. A MINISTER may not enter Girard College,

but the Chr etian lay-teacher can, and does.

THE Chinese in California call those who treat them kindly and justly "Heart-men." MR. BERGH is looking after the comfort

of the cattle now shipped in great numbers to Europe. Dr. Reynolds, the Red-Ribbon Reform.

er, is to practical that reformed men name him "Old Business."

THE revised translation of the Bible in the Kaffir language has been completed to the end of the second Book of Kings.

FATHER GAVAZZI, of the Free Church of Italy, is preaching in Ireland, and taking up offections for the evangelical college in Rome.

THE death is appounced of Mr. Henry Rogers, late Principal of the Lancashire Independent College, Manchester, and author of "The Eclipse of Faith."

THE Municipal Council of Paris for the second time has refused a credit of 65,000f. for the augmentation of the salaries of the Protestant ministers in Paris.

Roman beggars have been gathered into an asylum provided for them by the city, so that travellers will not be annoyed by them as formerly.

DARWIN's father and grandfather were atheists. The grandfather had a sea en-graven with the legend, "Omnia ex conolis"-everything comes from shellfish.

Ir is stated that if the judgment of the Court of Appeal should be in favor of the Rev. Arthur Tooth, vicar of St. James's, Hatcham, he will immediately resign the living.

VIRGINIA abounds in coal and iron, and some of her people who understand the art of ship-bull ing, hope that before many years the James river may be sined with shipyards.

THE Roman Catholic bishops in this country are taking steps for revising and modernizing the Dougy version of the Bible now in use, and its idiomatic Latin style is to be Anglicised by English scholars.

THE Bishop of Lincoln has written to a olergyman in his diocese who had refused to church a woman after childbirth because she was a Diesenter, his lordship disapproving of the course he had adopted.

THE late Peter Drummond of Scotland, founder of the Stirling Tract Enterprise, conveyed the whole property to trustees for the purpose of maintaining and extend-ing it as a permanent syangelistic agency.

THE Queen of the United Kingdom and Empress of India receives £885,000 a year from her people, £40,090 more from the Duchy of Lancaster, and not less than £200,000 from her investments, or \$8,125,-000 a year.

THE Papal Nuncio at Madrid have celved instructions to process against ore or scious of the Italian church and horpinst at Madrid to the Italian Government, but to do as without breaking off relations with tim-Spanish Government.

THE MESSChusetts Society for the Prerention of Gracity to Animals will pay a prize of \$500 to the person or persons who shard do most to lessen the sufferings of animals in transportation by rail during the year which wait end July 1, 1878.

A wealthy lady has paid Mr. Frank B Carpenter \$25,000 for his moture "Bigning the Produmation of Emancipation." It is and that the pareinser proposes to present a to the Government for permanent exhi bition in the national Capitol,

MR. AKERMAN, a member of the Legislative Council in Natal, in South Africa, etates that a large portion of magnetorial duties consists in settling disputes about mortgeges or lien on Kashir women arising out of the payment of cattle for them-

Considerable quantities of sassafras root are cent by the German steamers from Baltimore to Europs. It is largely used for medicinal purposes abroad, entering to a considerable extent into the prescriptions of German physicians for feeble patients.

THE Toledo Blade says: "Those moons of Mars are not big enough for a cornfield for some Illinois farmers, and one's year is only eight home long. Think of having to plough, get in one s crops, cultivate, Lather and thrash them incide of eight hours."

A very large new convent, which, with the grounds, will cover upwards of an acre, is about to be erected in Camberwell, Londop. The site for the new structure is Myatt road, opposite the Camberwell railwry station.

DURING the late illness of the telegraph operator at Martinville, Miss., on the Jack son Railroad, Mollie Short, ten years of age, managed the office entirely, sent messages and trains, and received orders for conductors from the train despatcher's office.

A CHAPLAIN to minister to the canal population near Litchfield has just been appointed, and his caugh boat is to contain a day room, opening into a bed room beyond, a cabin for public worship, and tmy quarters for the man and boy navigating the boat, and stable for the pony in the bows.

M. Horlin, a Protestant clergyman in Denmark, who protested from his pulpit against a Royal decree putting into force the Provisional Law Budget, has just been tried for high treason, and sentenced by the Eccleriastical Tribunal to discusseal from his office, eight months' hard labor, and the costs of the prosecution.

THE Establishment has 848 churches in London, an increase of 228 in the past decade. O these, 39 celebrate daily communior, against 11 in 1867; 340 have surphoed choirs, against 114 in 1867; 85 have encharistic vestments, against 14 in 1867; and 16 use incense, whereas only eight used it ten years ago. Thirty nine have candles

GREAT excitement has been caused among the Parsee community of Bombay by ru mors to the effect that, in accordance with an old Z roastrian superstition, that any man escaping from a Tower of Silence must be murdered, otherwise he will create a pestilence. A Parsee who had recovered consciousness in Tower No. 1, on Malabar Hill, Bombay, was killed by the corpse-

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