

its inhabitants, sold as many more to be slaves, and ordered that whoever was found with the book of the law should be put to death; and every book that could be discovered was burned. Under these circumstances, is it not remarkable that this book of the Jews should have been preserved, and that not a single book of the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, or the Phoenicians, the most flourishing and civilized nations which lived at that time, should have reached us?

'It is indeed remarkable,' said Claude Hamilton.

'God took care of the Bible,' suggested Frank.

'That is the right and only way of accounting for it,' said Mr. Campbell.

'Is it true,' asked Philip Doyle, 'that a Bible in the reign of King James cost seventy pounds?'

'Perfectly true. We are also told by Top-lady, that time was when the word of the Lord was so precious in the land, that a farmer in the reign of Henry VIII. gave a cart-load of hay for one leaf of the epistle of St. James in English.'

'Is it possible?' exclaimed Howard.

'Yes; it appears strange now, when Bibles are so cheap that few, we should think, need be without one in their homes. But it is growing late.'

'Now for black Monday, and hard lessons,' said Howard to Frank, as they went up stairs to bed.

'I have often thought,' replied Frank, 'how nice it would be to have no Monday morning. But we must wait till we get to heaven for that.'

'How do you know that you will ever get to heaven, little one?' asked one of the boys jestingly.

'How do I know? O Herbert! do you not believe in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? But you only say this to tease me.'

'You are a strange little fellow, Netherton,' exclaimed Herbert, touched by the earnestness with which he had spoken. 'Good-night.'

'Good-night,' replied Frank. His little heart was full. 'How do I know?' thought he, as he knelt down beside the bed, forgetting that he was not alone. 'Dear Lord Jesus! because I believe and trust in thee. O, how sweet it is to believe and trust!'

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The second of a series of Weekly Public Temperance Meetings, under the auspices of the Temperance Reformation Society, will be held in their Hall, Temperance Street, on Friday evening, February 9, 1866. Rev. Jno. Potts and other gentlemen will deliver addresses. An efficient choir will be in attendance. Chair taken at 7.30 p. m.

PUBLIC MEETING CHESTER TEMPLE I. O. G. T.

This Temple had a very successful Temperance meeting on Wednesday last in their Hall, which was well filled by an orderly and attentive audience. Brother W. Hamilton was called to the Chair, and the meeting having been duly opened by singing and prayer, he addressed the audience at considerable length, and was followed by J. Nasmith, E. M. Morphy,

and Bro. M. Nasmith, who severally endeavoured to make the blessings of Temperance appreciated and the evils of intemperance shunned by their hearers. Singing and recitation gave a life and interest to this meeting, at the close of which twenty-three came forward and signed the pledge. The revival in Leslieville and Chester will, we trust, extend to the City, and we believe there are very hopeful indications that such will be the case.

JESSE KETCHUM LODGE, B. O. G. T.

The following is a list of the Officers of the above Lodge for the present term:—

- Chief..... Bro. H. Roberts.
- Vice..... Sist. E. J. Williams.
- Sec'y Bro. J. Bastedo.
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- Asst. Sec'y " C. A. Leech.
- Dep. Mar. " H. Dyson.
- Past Chief..... Bro. F. Leech.

This Lodge meets regularly every Friday evening in the Coldstream Hall, Brock Street. Bro. J. J. Williams is Provincial Deputy.

CONCERT.

The Concert of Chester Temple to defray expenses of fitting up the new Hall, took place last evening and was most successful. Particulars next week.

TEMPERANCE REFORMATION SOCIETY.

Last Friday evening the Temperance Hall was pretty well filled on the occasion of the first of a series of public meetings under the auspices of the Temperance Reformation Society. Henry Lloyd, Esq., occupied the Chair. The meeting was opened by prayer by Mr. P. Stewart. An excellent choir under the direction of Miss Wallis performed several pieces of music during the evening. Rev. Hoyes Lloyd, Rev. D. Pomeroy, Messrs. Morphy,