THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA.

Disappointed

A little girl who had been sent to school for the first time, on her return confessed to her mother that she did not like it. On being asked why she had so soon taken a dislike to it, she exclaimed :

"The teacher put me on a chair, and told me to sit there for the present; and I sat and sat, but she never gave me any present."

The Wrong Direction

A self-conscious and egotistical young elergyman was "supplying" the pulpit of a country church. After the service he asked one of the deacons, a grizzled, plain-spoken man, what he thought of "this morning's effort." "Waal," an-swered the old man, "T11 tell ye; l'11 tell ye in a kind o' parable. It reminded ne of Sim Peck's first dere hunt, when he was green. He follered the deer's tracks all right, but he followed 'em all day in the wrong direction."

Cats in Civil Service

A baboo in charge of the documents of a certain town in India found that they were being seriously damaged by rats. He wrote to the government to provide him with weekly rations for two cats to destroy the rats. The request was granted and the two cats were installed, was one, the larger of the two, receiving slightly better rations than the other. All went well for a few weeks, when the the following dispatch: "I have the honor to inform you that the senior cat is absent without leave. What shall I do?"

The problem seemed to baffle the supreme government, for the baboo re-ceived no answer. After waiting a few days he sent off a proposal: "In re absentee cat, I propose to promote the junior cat, and in the meantime to take into government service a probationer cat on full rations." The supreme gov-ernment expressed its approval of the scheme, and things once more ran smooth-ly in that department.

A Bargain

The woman was at the bargain counter and was plainly distressed. The Brook-lyn Eagle thus relates her woes and the ""These goods," said she, "have been marked down from five dollars to four?" "Yes, ma'am," replied the derk. " And these others have been marked down from five dollars and ten cents to four?"

four ?

"Yes, ma'am." "I like the first."

"It's an excellent bargain."

"But the other is a better one," she insisted.

You couldn't make the five-dollar

"No, ma'am." "I'd take them in a minute, if you

would I am not permitted to do it."

"I am not permitted to do it." "I'd much rather have them." "You'll find them very satisfactory." "But the other is the better bargain." She hesitated again. "Well," she satis at last "give me the five-ten goods for four dollars."

Later she confided in a friend : "They weren't at all what I wanted; but I'm too good a shopper to be satisfied with a discount of a dollar, when I can get a dollar-ten."

A Fort Worth druggist is in receipt of a curt and haughty note, in an angular, feminine hand : "I do not want vasioline, but glisserine. Is that plain enough? I persoom you can spell?"

YOUNG MAN

If you are a total abstainer you can prove to yourself that the . . .

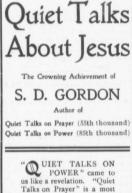
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