

partook of their first communion with many of their friends and fellow churchmen, either after the morning or evening services. In the morning 86 remained to partake of the memorials of the love of our risen Lord, and in the evening 43 more, making 129, the largest total in one day during the present incumbency. To God be all the glory, and to us be all the good; and may many more be led to "do this in remembrance" of Christ and present themselves a living sacrifice to live for Him, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

The Church of England Temperance Society held their October meeting in the school room on the evening of the 26th ult, with a large attendance which, considering the other attractions of the evening, speaks well for the society. The following programme was rendered: Reading, Miss Flosie Soanes; song, Mr. Podger; recitation, Miss Brown; song, Mr. Petty. They were heartily encored, and when all did so well it would be difficult to make any remarks on any one. The Rev Canon Green, of Orillia, then gave a most interesting and instructive address on temperance work, which was listened to throughout with great interest by the audience, which was composed largely of ladies and young people. It is to be regretted that more men do not attend these meetings, which are of such vital interest to the community. One new member was added to the roll.

The Christian Philosopher and the Infidel.

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Sir Isaac Newton was a great philosopher. He wrote many learned works on natural science and has ever since been regarded as a most reliable authority. He was also a devout and humble-minded Christian, and he also wrote a work on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. In this work he makes this singular remark, "If these prophecies were true it would be necessary that a new mode of travelling should be invented. The knowledge of mankind would be so increased before a certain date or time terminated, namely, one-thousand-two-hundred and sixty years, that they would be able to travel fifty miles an hour." Now as he wrote these words more than one-hundred and fifty years before railroads and steamboats were known, they were considered very bold words. Voltaire, a French infidel of great fame, got hold of these words and said, "Now look at the mighty mind of Newton, who discovered gravitation! When he became an old man and got into his dotage he began to study the book called the Bible, and it seems in order to credit its fabulous nonsense we must believe that the

knowledge of mankind will be so increased that we shall be able to travel at fifty miles an hour. The poor dotard!"

The self complacency of this infidel made his friends laugh immoderately at the expense of the Christian philosopher. But what has time revealed? Less than two hundred years after Newton wrote his bold words the knowledge of mankind has so increased that daily between London and Liverpool travellers go more than fifty miles an hour, and so in many other places. Now which was the dotard—the Christian philosopher or the scoffing infidel?

Judging Ministers.

There are some sad mistakes made in judging ministers. The following from an exchange is an illustration: "One of the most gifted and consecrated ministers we ever knew went without a charge for years because some people said he had not sufficient capacity for 'leadership.' It is true that he did not give his time very largely to organizing 'societies' and superintending 'committees' among his congregations. He by no means neglected practical details, but they were not his chief interest. What he did do with a power seldom equalled was to upbuild and stimulate the spiritual life. All who listened to his preaching and came within the influence of his character received an impulse to purity and Christliness that was of incalculable benefit. And yet he made no sensation and had no great numerical and popular success. His church was not an ecclesiastical workshop perpetually resounding with the whirr of religious machinery. But, after all, is there any ministry, in the best and highest sense, more important than that performed by men of this sort?"—*Selected.*

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined into our hearts"—(11. Cor. 4-6). Suppose you were in a dark room in the morning, the shutters closed and fastened, and only as much light coming through the chinks as made you aware it was day outside. And suppose you should say to a companion with you, "Let us open the windows, and let in the light." What would you think if he replied, "No, no, you must first put the darkness out, or the light will not enter?" You would laugh at his absurdity. Just so, we cannot put sin out of our hearts to prepare for Christ's entering; we must open and take Him in, and sin will flee. Fling the window open at once, and let Christ shine in.—*Advocate and Guardian.*