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A Good Five Cents' Worth.

ON account of there being five Sundays in the month of May this number of the BANNER has been enlarged in size to make room for the very full Lesson Notes we furnish. We are therefore unable to find room for any extended editorial matter.

We think our readers will agree that we furnish a very good five cents' worth in monthly numbers of the BANNER—only the price of the cheapest kind of cigar or of a single glass of the cheapest kind of liquor. Yet the first will make wise unto salvation, while the others will befog the intellect or drown the soul in foolish or hurtful lusts.

Why will men give their money for that which is not bread and their labour for that which satisfieth not? Why will they try to feed their souls like swine with the husks of earth which perish with the using, and refuse so often the heavenly manna, the Bread of Life, of which if a man eat he shall never hunger more. "Eat ye that which is good and your soul shall delight itself in fatness."

Book Notices.

Methodist Magazine and Review for April, 1896.
 Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2.00 a year.
 \$1.00 for six months; single numbers, 20 cents.

Among the noteworthy articles of this number is one on "British Columbia and its Resources" with numerous excellent engravings of the striking scenery of our Pacific province. "Costumes and Customs in Bible Lands," by the Editor, is also very handsomely illustrated. A life sketch is given, with portrait, of the romantic career of Frederick Douglass, the slave who became United States Marshal. A stirring missionary sketch is that of Hans Egede, the Moravian missionary to Greenland, with portrait and other cuts. "A Chequered Life" is a study of a remarkable career, by Dr. Pate, of South Carolina. "Matthew Arnold and the New Criticism" is a well-written article, by Miss M. A. Daniels, B.A. "Social Reform in Canada" is a thoughtful paper by the Rev. C. W. Watch. "Christianity and Socialism," by Lyman Abbott, D.D., is a concise statement on an important subject. "Cleg Kelly and his Father" is a very strongly written sketch by S. R. Crockett, from his copyright work just issued. The illustrated story of Irish Methodism and Irish smugglers grows in interest, and the tale of "The Elder's Sin" approaches its conclusion. The Editor writes an appreciative "In Memoriam," with portrait of the late H. A. Massey. "A United Empire Loyalist" is a sketch of Governor Hutchinson, of Massachusetts, exiled for conscience' sake at the time of the Revolution. A review of the Post-laureate's "England's Darling," gives a very favorable impression of his last poem on King Alfred. A review of Sir William J. Dawson's latest scientific work, by Rev. Chancellor Burwash, and other important reviews by Rev. Professor Badgley and others are given. The departments of The World's Progress, with illustrations, of Recent Science, Current Thought, and Religious Intelligence, will help to keep one abreast of the great movements of the day.

From the Mastiff. From life. By A. G. SAVIGNY.
 London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is an English reprint of the Canadian edition of this popular book. Our readers will remember the noble mastiff who was imprisoned for forty-two days in a house in Toronto and starved almost to a skeleton. Taking him as her text Mrs. Savigny describes his previous life and adventures, and records the proceedings of a convention of animals who expressed some very sensible sentiments on the subject of reciprocal rights and duties of the lower animals and men.

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