

fortable in the winter, is certainly the best in times like these: they give, rock, and settle down in place again, very little injured. The latest reports give 32 killed and 82 wounded, some not expected to recover.

Yours, safe and with grateful heart,  
M. M. RITCHIE.

### Christ Hospital.

NANKIN, MAY 15, 1894.

To The CANADIAN EVANGELIST.

Dear Friends,—Though I have often wanted to write to you, pressure of work has prevented me from more than meeting a small private correspondence; but I would like now to report to you our Convention, which met in the Christian Hospital reception room on May 3, and lasted three days. You may be sure we came together with a certain amount of fear and trembling, as during the past year we have not failed to feel the financial depression. We rejoice, however, that it was one of the most inspiring conventions we have ever held.

The President's address, by Bro. Williams, was filled with suggestions for improvements in our methods of work and greater economy of means. A few of the subjects discussed will give you an idea of our programme. After reports from the field we had a paper by Bro. Bentley on Social and Political Problems in Relation to our Converts, also a symposium on Work Among the Women, led by Mrs. Saw, and participated in by other ladies of the mission. We also had a general discussion of projects for improving the industrial condition of our converts and neighbors. One of the most encouraging features was the interest taken by our native brethren in the work against wine, tobacco, opium and foot-binding. The reports from the field showed encouraging progress in every direction in spite of the retrenchment in some places owing to the scarcity of funds. In Shanghai several very staunch converts were made, and a splendid opening effected in the work at Tsung Ming Island, while the liberality of Bro. Coop and the British S. Schools will enable them to have a boat of their own to visit the island and points on the river. Nankin has had some eight additions, with two cases in which a Bro. Feug and a Bro. Chu suffered considerable persecution.

The little church at Yü-hontas in the Chu Cheo district has made good progress with several additions. Much good work has been done at both Wuhn and Lule Hob, at which last place Bro. Saw did much faithful preaching.

The boys' school in Nankin is full, having 28 boys, and though funds are scarce, Bro. Meigs hopes, in the coming year, to open an industrial department, where the boys may be trained to learn the dignity of labor and means of making an honest living.

The hospital has, during the past year, had 355 in-patients, including 119 opium breakers; in the dispensaries were treated 3206 new cases, and 5273 subsequent visits, and we have had many instances of the importance of the work in meeting the people and in talking to them of Christ.

When the fort opposite to us was burned we took in 110 of the soldiers and treated them as our neighbors, with the result of a much better feeling and less of suspicion.

In spite of the financial difficulties which beset us here and which have often been a source of much anxiety to all of us, we enter on the coming year with brighter prospects and higher hopes than ever before. We have this year more or less to be responsible for the money expended in the work in our charge, which exceeds the reduced

remittances from the Board, until such time as the Board can come to our relief, or else we must give up the results of years of labor and in some instances cripple the work in such a way that it would not recover for years. We are full of faith, however, that God has a purpose in all this and in the end we will see that

"It always comes—God's help to human need,  
In measures often that our hope exceed;  
God's answer to the prayer our lips repeat,  
In common blessings or surprises sweet.

Does He not see how doubtful the heart is?  
How fearful even the hand we reach to His!  
So if to us His presence were not near,  
Nor could be found, yet it is always here."

Yours truly,  
JAS. BUTCHART.

### Literary Notes.

TO PUBLISHERS.—All books, tracts, pamphlets, magazines, etc., intended for notice or review in this department must be addressed to the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, 85 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

THE TREASURY OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT. Its midsummer number (August) comes well laden with the sincere meat of the Gospel. In the Sermonic department, the initial sermon is found in full by the Rev. William Hervey Allbright of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Boston, with which his portrait is given, a biographical sketch, a view of the church and history of the same. Other sermons are by Drs. M. V. Macduffie, J. B. Whitford, J. Robinson and James Stalker. Under the heading, "Thoughts of Eminent Educators," are given extracts and outlines from baccalaureate sermons and addresses from a number of our leading college presidents and educators, including Yale, Harvard and Brown Universities, Amherst, Williams and Allegheny Colleges, also Moody's Training, and the Michigan State Normal Schools. Leading Sermonic Thoughts and Bible Themes are outlined from Drs. Barrows, Bristol, Stone, Burnett, Mansfield and Storrs. The departments of Pastoral Work, Christian Edification, Home and Family Life are given their usual space by Drs. John Hall and J. H. Barrows and others. Current Religious Thoughts and Thoughts on Secular Issues are carefully edited and fill an important place, and there are also Illustrative Thoughts, with Points of Wisdom and Bits of Humor.

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5 Cooper Union, New York.

It is difficult to realize in examining a single weekly issue of *Littell's Living Age*, so unpretending does it appear in its modest drab covers, that this magazine far surpasses all others in the actual amount of matter given to its readers every year, as well as in the quality and permanent value of its articles. Yet this is the case. So varied and catholic are its contents, that all readers will find abundant entertainment and instruction in its pages. No department of literature is neglected.

The following are a few only of the many interesting and valuable papers which have appeared in its July issues. "Lord Wolseley's Marlborough," by Gen. Sir Archibald Alison, G. C. B.; "The Proposed Nile Reservoir," by J. P. Mahaffy and Frank Dillon; "In the River Pei-do," by Wm. Laird Clowes; "The Queen and Lord Palmerston," by Reginald B. Brett; "The Problem of Constantinople," by Frederick Harrison; "Marlborough," by Andrew Lang; "A French Ambassador at the Court of

Catherine II," by Mrs. d'Arcy Collyer; "Some Great Churches of France," by Walter Pater; "Handel: Man and Musician," by Frederick J. Crowest; and "The Art of Dying," by I. A. Taylor.

Fiction is well represented by an instalment in each number of an extremely interesting serial, translated from the French, "The Dean of Killernine," and by some short stories. Each issue also contains a page of choice poetry.

Published weekly at \$8.00 a year by LITTELL & Co., Boston.

HANDBOOK ON BAPTISM, or Testimonies of Learned Pedobaptists on the action and subjects of Christian Baptism, and of both Baptists and Pedobaptists on the design thereof, by J. W. Shepherd, with an introduction by J. A. Harding, professor of Classic and N. T. Greek in the Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.—Gospel Advocate Publishing Co., Nashville, Tenn., 1894—486 pages, price \$1.50.

The discussion of baptism will not down, it goes on, and in fact there are indications of a revival of the old-fashioned, general and earnest, not to say fierce, argumentation. A leading Presbyterian paper in the States is defending infant sprinkling, and we fully expect that the engagement, so to speak, will become general ere long, and for our part we hope it may. No question is ever settled until it is settled right, it has been wisely said, and it is certain that the baptismal question is not settled at all. We mean that those who profess to be Christians have not arrived at any common ground, right or wrong, in the matter. It behoves all believers to seek common ground and to exert themselves that that common ground shall be the ground on which the Saviour and His apostles stood. As a contribution to this very desirable end, we have great pleasure in heartily commending the book described at the head of this notice. The author of the book was fully competent to undertake the work; he placed himself in circumstances to obtain the necessary means, and he spent the time and gave the labor needful for the accomplishment of the arduous task he set before himself. We feel that it is but simple justice to him and that it is a real service to our readers to do what we can to induce them to purchase the book before us.

We are especially pleased with part third on "The Design of Baptism." It simply pulverizes the Baptist position. We urge our friends to buy the book; study it thoroughly and thus be prepared to lend a hand in hastening the day when Christian baptism will be universally practiced by those who call themselves Christians.

A LIE NEVER JUSTIFIABLE, a study in ethics, by H. Clay Trumbull, editor of the *Sunday School Times*; Philadelphia, John D. Wattles & Co.; cloth, pp. 237, price \$1. The title of this book at once suggests that it has been largely maintained that a lie is sometimes justifiable, and a little observation will convince any one that many people who would fiercely resent the imputation of being liars, do, in fact, lie a great deal, and what is more, do justify their lies.

The last paragraph of the book before us is quoted as showing the position of the author:

"To-day, as in all the days, the chief need of men, for themselves and for their fellows, is a likeness to God in the impossibility of lying; and the chief longing of the community is for such confidence of men in one another as will give them assurance that they will not lie one to another. There never was a lie uttered which did not bring more of

harm than of good, nor will there ever be a harmless lie while God is truth and Satan is the father of lies."

We could wish that every boy and girl might read this invaluable book.

ERRORS OF THE ROMAN CHURCH, and its insidious influence in the United States and other countries, by the most profound thinkers of the present day, and the History of the American Protective Association (A. P. A.), by Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., and associates, including the sufferings and deaths of the Protestant martyrs under Popish Persecutions; illustrated with 48 full page engravings: St. Louis, Mo., J. H. Chambers & Co.; sold by subscription.

This is the book advertised in this paper for some little time past. The list of contributors gives assurance of a valuable book. Our own well known and able brother, Thos. P. Haley, has an article on "Some Things Catholics do Believe." The Hon. Thos. J. Morgan, commissioner of Indian affairs in the U. S. under Pres. Harrison, contributes a paper on "The Roman Catholic Church and the Indians," in which the hand of the "Pope in Politics" is very clearly exhibited. This book contains a body of information concerning Roman Catholic doctrines, practices, ambitions and methods, which will assist much those who wish to be posted on the true character of the church of Rome.

We should not only see the hand of God, but the hand of our loving Heavenly Father, full of mercy and loving kindness in all that befalls us, whether affliction or otherwise, and therefore we should believe it to be the best for us, because it is his will.—G. W. Bethune.

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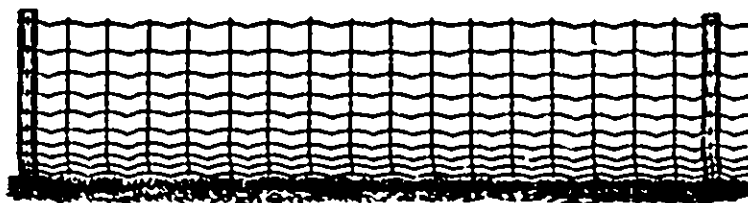
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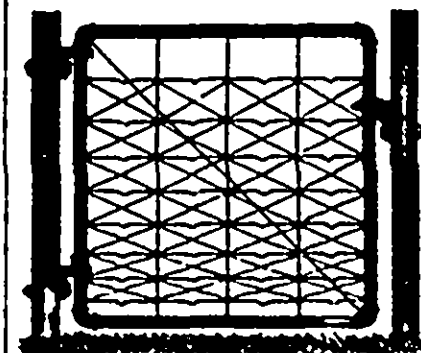


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