

under them. God has not placed them where they are, for their own power or profit, but for the good of those over whom they bear rule. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, says that the "power" is "the minister—that is, servants of God for good" to those under him. The more, then, that a ruler seeks the real good of his subjects, the more he fulfils the end of his appointment.

I shall now say a word or two about three other matters not altogether out of place here then. I shall close. 1. "Edward VII" by the law of the association of ideas, reminds us of "Edward VI," the last of his namesake predecessors. He died while he was very young, but we have good reason to believe that God guided him by His counsel while he lived, and when He had accomplished all His purposes by him here received him to glory. He was followed by his sister Mary—commonly called "Bloody Mary"—one who was a disgrace to her sex, and to humanity—one whose garments, so as to speak, were dipped in the blood of many of the Lord's faithful ones. Edward VII was preceded by his mother "Victoria the Good." 2. Victoria was proclaimed Queen in Toronto, in the Old Parliament Buildings, near the Union Station. 3. When William IV died, it took some days, if not weeks, to bring the news to Canada. When Victoria died "the swift winged arrows" of the lightning carried the news to "earth's remotest bounds" in a moment.

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#### Mourn Not ye Deepes.

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Mourn not ye Deepes that tempests wild,  
Your calm repose awake;  
Lament not if the raging tide  
Your peaceful slumbers break;  
Complain not at the storm's fierce wrath  
That brings you to the light;  
For silent was thy sleep and cold  
Down in an endless night.

But now all sparkling warm and gay  
You bask in Heaven's smile,  
Reflecting back the sunbeam's glance  
In gleams of white the while.  
Then floating high o'er sea and land  
Till by refreshing showers;  
Thou gladdst the hot and thirsty earth,  
And cheer the drooping flowers.

Just so my soul be not cast down  
Amid the storms of life;  
Despair not for the fiery trial,  
Of fierce unending strife;  
For they will stir thine inmost depths  
Before so dumb and still  
And bring to life a latent power  
To do thy Master's will.

#### More News About the Moon.

Professor Albert Charbonneau, of the observatory at Melun, France, reports that he has seen an active volcano on the moon through the famous great Paris telescope. This means that the moon has an atmosphere, and that it probably supports life in some form. The discovery upsets all the teachings of modern astronomers concerning the moon. If true, it proves that this is not a dead body, as it has always been supposed to be, but a live one. As it produces fire, it must have an atmosphere, for without that there can be no combustion. It is even possible that there are intelligent animals on the moon, if so, they must have learned to get along with a very different atmosphere from ours. Professor Charbonneau saw the volcano discharging repeatedly puffs of smoke.

If you would outshine your neighbors acquire a good reputation and then keep it polished.

#### History of the "Hiss."

There is not an actor, an actress, a vocalist, or other public performer, including the politician, but must be interested in the hiss and its organ.

Dr. Ainslie Hollis, in the "Humanitarian," tells, under the title of "Before Babel," of his researches as to the prevailing language before the "confusion of tongues." Referring to the aforesaid awesome word, he writes—"Perhaps the sibilant ss (st, ts, sh) is one of the oldest sounds in animated nature, as it undoubtedly is one of the simplest to produce. Vocalized in the English hiss (hist, hush) we find the pure sibilant adopted by beasts, birds, and reptiles as an expressive note of warning in times of stress. Even the crustacean cirripeds can produce the sound, when 'there is an adjacent source of danger,' although they are not supplied with a proper vocal apparatus. Besides acting as a warning note to its own kith, some predatory animals, as, for instance, some of the smaller carnivores and certain snakes, utter the sound in a minatory manner to ward off objectionable intruders from their lair. Equivalent in the former case to the expressions 'Keep quiet,' 'Stand still,' a hiss is contrived in its more widely known sense among animals of different species as 'Come forward at your peril,' impressing a visitor in search of hospitality much in the same way as did the legend 'Cave canem,' on the threshold of a Roman mansion." The paragraph concludes sagely, "Our English hiss is mainly restricted to the use of dissatisfied playgoers. The sound here retains its primitive meaning—a warning note."

#### The "Hundred Best Books"

In an interesting interview with Lord Avebury (better known as Sir John Lubbock) in the January "Temple Magazine" reference is made to the famous list of the "hundred best books" associated with that gentleman's name:—

I ought to state (said Lord Avebury) that the books recommended were those which had found most favour with those who were competent to express an opinion, though I must confess to having put in the list a few special favourites of my own. With regard to the "Koran" and the "Analects" of Confucius, I recommended them more on account of the influence they have had upon the lives of so many millions of men than from any intrinsic merits of their own. I think everyone, on the other hand, should read "Marcus Aurelius," "Epictetus," and the "Apology" and "Phaedo" of Plato.

As to the "Republic" Lord Avebury questioned whether it is worth the labor often bestowed upon it, although it is most interesting to those who wish to study the history of human thought.

"Asked as to which of his own books had been the most popular with the public generally, Lord Avebury said:—"The Pleasures of Life," has had the widest circulation; 200,000 copies of the work have been sold in this country, and there have been twenty-five foreign editions. "The Use of Life," having regard to the time since it was published, has had a large sale, and has been translated in many languages. "The Beauties of Nature," has also had a large sale; "Ants, Bees, and Wasps" has gone through fifteen editions; while there have been six editions of "Prehistoric Times" besides three in France, which is rather remarkable.

"The Pleasures of Life," it seems, is also very popular in France, where there have been five editions.

#### Sparks From Other Anvils.

Canadian Baptist:—Satisfaction with one self is always a dangerous symptom, whether it appears in the pastor, the teacher, or in the church at large. If we have done well we may go on and do better. Present attainments should simply serve as stepping stones to higher things.

Christian Observer:—When we read of the marvellous work of God in preserving Shadrach, Meshech and Abednego from the furnace of flames, we wonder and admire. But the suggestion of Chrysostom is wisely made that there was a greater miracle—the keeping of their hearts unpolluted amid the degrading practices and surroundings of the court at Babylon. The miracles in the moral world are greater than in the physical.

United Presbyterian:—The number of college graduates found in every department of life is very great. This means simply that the highest qualifications are required, and the best training is found profitable in the humblest positions. The same is true in the Church. Not only in the ministry but in all departments of work we need the best trained persons. A teacher of a Sabbath school class as well educated as the pastor is not out of place.

Presbyterian Standard:—Nobody knows how near the end of the century is going to find us to the socialism of the New Testament Church. It is true that the fair picture, when they had all things in common neither was there any among them that lacked, is soon blotted and obscured. Ananias and Sapphira were among them, and there were growlers who protested that their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. And the Church has given up socialism until this present time. But we have always thought that the picture was a prophecy of something yet to be.

Presbyterian Banner:—An industrial supremacy that must be boosted up with "a powerful navy" is on a wrong basis and is not worth having. Our industrial supremacy grows out of the natural conditions, and needs no such fictitious aids. Nobody will attack us, if we behave ourselves. Forever talking about war and getting ready for it is one way of having war. It is not wars and soldiers that measure the strength of a nation and are its true defense; it is rather peaceful ships of commerce and wise citizens. "The meek shall inherit the earth."

Philadelphia Presbyterian:—We expect to see a new impetus given to doctrinal preaching during the twentieth century. People are wearying of man's opinions and judgments and want the pure word of God. The day of feeding on husks is going by, and the demand for strong spiritual pabulum is increasing: Men's brains have been ransacked to keep the pulpit abreast of the age and to make things entertaining and popular, and now there are signs that the thoughtful and Christian are in search for ministers who will give them God's thoughts in his own setting and relation. His word is an exhaustless mine, and all who dig deeply, wisely and constantly into it can bring out of it things new and old for the edification, comfort and salvation of the people.

Mrs. Baldwin—"That husband of mine is a most careless man. I expect he'll lose his head some of these days."

Mrs. Bunn—"I see he's lost the next thing to it—his hair."