

## The Critic's Corner.

Arrangements have been made for the undersigned to occupy a small space in each issue of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Word of God, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions or queries in regard to such from any of its readers; with the understanding, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity will be discarded. E. SHEPPARD, Walkerton P. O., Bruce Co.

DEAR BRO. SHEPPARD,—Will you please let us hear from you, through THE EVANGELIST, on Matt. xix. 27, 28: 1st, Were there thirteen apostles? 2nd, What did the Saviour mean when He said to the apostles, "Ye shall also sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel"? 3rd, Does the Son of Man now sit on the throne of His glory, and do the apostles now occupy the twelve thrones?

Very truly, H. B. Ridgetown, Aug. 10, 1891.

1st, I think not. My first conviction is that the choice of Matthias by the one hundred and twenty disciples was premature and unauthorized. An apostle of Christ is one sent out by *Hisself* as was the Apostle Paul, who says, in quoting the words of his commission: "Delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles unto whom now I send thee."—Acts xxvi. 17.

The twelve, not thirteen, names were seen written on the twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem, "The names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."—Rev. xxi. 14.

Paul repudiates the idea of an apostle chosen by men in the following words: "Paul an apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead)."—Gal. i. 1.

2nd, To me this is a more difficult question to answer.

Believers are to share in the future glory, reign, and administration of Christ: "If we suffer we shall also reign with Him."—II. Tim. ii. 12.

"Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? . . . Know you not that we shall judge angels?"—I. Cor. vi. 2, 3.

As those who followed Christ during His ministry on earth had made so many sacrifices and rendered so much faithful service, so they are thus promised a very prominent place in the regeneration; "to sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

3rd, Knowing how many wise and good men hold a different view, I would modestly say, no, Christ does not sit upon the throne of His glory now. "The regeneration" seems to be equivalent to the "restoration of all things" found in Peter's sermon in the Temple.

"The word (*paliggenesia*) occurs never in the Old Testament and only twice in the New Testament (Matt. xix. 28 and Titus iii. 5), but there (which is most remarkable) apparently in different meanings. In St. Matthew it seems plainly to refer to the new birth of the whole creation, the *apokatastasis pantos* (Acts iii. 21) which shall be when the Son of Man hereafter comes in His glory."—French's Greek Synonyms. This quotation expresses my firm conviction as to the time when Christ shall sit on the throne of His glory and hence when the promise to His apostles shall be fulfilled.

When on earth, Christ was the anointed Prophet; now, at the right hand of God, He is the anointed High Priest; when He comes again a second time He will be anointed as King, seated upon His own throne as now He is seated with His Father on His throne.—Rev. iii. 21. E. S.

To discern a moral good as possible is to come under the obligation to make it real.—James Martineau.

## Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lillard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont., to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

## Mother's Prayer.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Starting forth on life's rough way,  
Father, guide them;  
O, we know not what of harm  
May befall them!  
Nestle the shadow of Thy wing,  
Father, hide them;  
Waking, sleeping, Lord, we pray,  
Go beside them.

When in prayer they cry to Thee,  
Do Thou hear them;  
From the stains of sin and shame  
Do Thou clear them;  
Mid the quicksands and the rocks  
Do Thou steer them;  
In temptation, trial, grief,  
Do Thou near them.

Unto Thee we give them up,  
Lord, receive them;  
In the world we know must be  
Much to grieve them—  
Many striving oft and strong  
To deceive them;  
Trustful, in Thy hands of love  
We must leave them.

DEAR CHILDREN,—You will all be pleased to hear from Dr. Macklin again. He says: "I am very sorry that I have not yet secured a boy on whom to use that money. It is a more difficult matter than you think. The Chinese say (Here the Dr. has given some Chinese characters which I can neither read nor write but which means) 'You can only know a man's face, you cannot know his heart,' and a boy is the same. We have started our school with twenty or thirty boys, and we must take them for a few months and learn their dispositions before we can take them on permanently. It requires more care in selecting a boy whom the ladies will expect to become a Christian. I cannot well do better than I am doing. It seems to be the opinion at home that all you require to do is to take any little Chinese boy and he will surely grow up a Christian. This is a mistake. You take one hundred Canadian boys into a Christian school and if only a small proportion become Christians you must be satisfied. I am thinking of two or three boys who may do, but we must wait. The riots have hindered us somewhat. All seems quiet now but we do not know when they may start again. May the Lord be with you." Perhaps some of you may feel a little disappointed that our boy in China is not chosen yet, but I think perhaps we have been in too much of a hurry. The best thing we can do is to wait patiently and trust to the Doctor's judgment. We know so little about our Mission work in foreign lands that we can have no idea what is right and best to be done. One thing we can do, that is, try our very best to help in every possible way. We can all remember Dr. Macklin and all who are working with him in our prayers, and ask Our Father to help them to choose the right boy: one who will learn soon to love the Saviour himself and be able to teach others to do the same.

Archdeacon Farrar says: "He who talks of missions as a failure uses the language of ignorant error as an excuse for unchristian sloth."

I am hoping to have some quarterly reports for our next column. You may not have much to report, but report it anyway. J. E. L.

Dr. T. A. Stocum's  
OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF PURE  
COD LIVER OIL. If you have  
Difficulty of Breathing—Use it. For  
sale by all druggists.

## "A Plea for Girls"

"What to do with our girls" is as important a question for parents as "What to do with our boys." A girl's work is too often regarded as of a merely temporary character—as a sort of stop-gap between schooldays and the date of her possible marriage—with the result that her work often lacks the thoroughness which might otherwise characterize it, and that the time and money spent on specific training are both inadequate.

Now, no one can tell when a girl leaves the schoolroom whether she will eventually marry or not, and in either contingency she has much to gain and nothing to lose by the acquirement of some art, profession, or business, by which she can, if need arise, support herself in independence. Look at a few of the advantages which a working girl enjoys over her idle sister.

A girl who has regular, definite daily employment is healthier and happier for it.

The working girl learns the value of time, the value of money and the best way to spend it, and her daily life possesses a zest and interest it would otherwise lack.

The working girl, too, is far more likely to marry wisely and happily than the girl who, having nothing else to do, has looked forward to marriage as the sole end and aim of her existence. Contact with the realities of life sharpens her faculties; she estimates men and things at their true worth; she knows life, not from books alone, but from actual experience. Practical and clear-headed, she is not likely to be swayed by false sentiment or wooed unworthily. Marriage, if it comes her way, comes naturally and unsought; and when her life is crowned with the honest love of a good man, she enters upon her new responsibilities with a very good chance of finding happiness therein.

## Advice to Boys.

Horace Mann gives this bit of advice to boys: "You are made to be kind, boys—generous, magnanimous. If there is a boy in school who has a club foot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a lame boy, assign him some part of the game that doesn't require running. If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lessons. If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents and another is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger or stronger boy has injured you, and he is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is than to have a great fuss. And remember who said 'Love your enemies,' and 'Bless them that curse you.'"

## Secret of a Beautiful Life.

Professor Drummond, in his address at the Northfield Conference, told this story to the young people. "I know of a very beautiful character—one of the loveliest characters which ever bloomed on this earth. It was the character of a young girl. She always wore about her neck a little locket, but nobody was allowed to open it. None of her companions ever knew what it contained, until one day she was laid up with a dangerous illness. Then one of them was granted permission to look into the locket, and she saw written there, 'Whom having not seen, I love.' That was the secret of her beautiful life. She had changed into that beautiful life."

## EVENINGS WITH THE BIBLE.

BY ISAAC ERRETT, A.M.

Author of "Walks About Jerusalem," "Talks to Bereans," "Letters to a Young Christian," Etc.

THIS WORK CONTAINS THREE VOLUMES. Nos. I. and II. are devoted to the Old Testament, and No. III. to the New. Each chapter is complete in itself, so that any one can sit down for an evening and read a complete story of some character or incident in BIBLE HISTORY. Every one who reads it is delighted with it. The following extract from the preface will give an idea of the character of the work:—

"These Bible Readings and Meditations are intended to encourage a more devotional study of the Scriptures. They are not intended to be either critical or controversial—to combat theological errors or to deal with the doubts created by the materialistic school of scientists; but to encourage the believer to such a study of the Bible as will feed his soul and bring him into closer fellowship with God.

"It is not enough that we read the Bible and learn what was said and done, at this time or that, in behalf of this or that person, or family, or nation; it remains to learn what in all this is the lesson for us, the truth that we can appreciate for our own spiritual growth."

Price, Complete Set..... \$4 50.  
Vols. No. III..... 1 50.

WE WILL SEND THE ABOVE TO ANY ADDRESS, PREPAID, ON RECEIPT OF PRICE.

THE EVANGELIST PUBLISHING COMPANY,  
55 YONGE STREET ARCADE, TORONTO, ONT.



**GARFIELD TEA**  
FOR  
CONSTIPATION  
AND  
SICK HEADACHE  
Dr. Henry Thompson, the most noted physician of England, says that more than half of all diseases come from errors in diet. Garfield Tea overcomes results of bad eating, cures Sick Headache, restores the complexion, cures Constipation, gives a true appetite. 317 Church St., Toronto, Postpaid.

## NEW CHRISTIAN HYMN AND TUNE BOOK.

COMPLETE EDITION, PARTS 1, 2 AND 3 BOUND TOGETHER.

Contain 463 pages; with complete analytical index, list of subjects, etc.

NOTE EDITION; BOUND IN CLOTH, WITH RED EDGES.

Single copy, by mail, prepaid..... \$0 75  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 7 40  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 6 60

NOTE EDITION; BOARD COVERS.

Single copy, by mail, prepaid..... \$0 55  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 5 40  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 6 40

NOTE EDITION; FINE PAPER.

Morocco, red edges..... \$1 50  
Morocco, flexible gilt edges..... 2 00

WORD EDITION; BOUND IN CLOTH.

Single copy, by mail, prepaid..... \$0 15  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 4 50  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 5 30

WORD EDITION; BOARD COVERS.

Single copy, by mail, prepaid..... \$0 35  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 3 60  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 4 10

### PART THIRD, BOUND ALONE.

All the latest new pieces are in Part Third. It is a fine book to use in prayer meetings and Sunday Schools.

NOTE EDITION; BOUND IN PAPER.

Single copy, by mail, prepaid..... \$0 25  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 2 40  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 2 80

PART THIRD, WORD EDITION; BOUND IN HEAVY PAPER.

Single copy, prepaid..... \$0 10  
Per dozen, not prepaid..... 1 60  
Per dozen, prepaid..... 1 25

The above Books will be furnished at the prices named by

J. W. KILGOUR, GUELPH, ONT.

— OR —

THE EVANGELIST PUBLISHING COMPANY,  
55 YONGE STREET ARCADE, TORONTO, ONT.