

**Kind Words. What others think of Buds and Blossoms.**

*From the Cynosure, Chicago, U. S. :*

*Buds and Blossoms* is a charming illustrated magazine, published by J. F. Avery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, containing forty pages monthly of anecdote and argument for the Christian home. Every number is profusely and finely illustrated. We shall be happy to introduce this magazine to hundreds of American homes, and have secured a special arrangement from the proprietor. *Buds and Blossoms* is 75 cents per year; with the *Cynosure* the two will be \$2.50, or any subscriber who has already paid for this paper can get the magazine at the same rate.

*From the Literary column of the Presbyterian Witness, Halifax, N. S. :*

*Buds and Blossoms.*—Edited by Rev. J. F. Avery. Published monthly. Price 75 cents a year. This is an illustrated magazine of a very attractive character. Mr. Avery deserves even a large measure of success than has yet crowned his efforts.

*From the Montreal Daily Witness :*

*Buds and Blossoms and Friendly Greetings* is the title of an admirable monthly of a religious character, published at Halifax, N. S., giving 40 pages monthly for 75 cents a year. It is got up in the best English style and should be encouraged. It is edited by the Rev. J. F. Avery.

**Short Sermons Without Texts.**

When Moses was urging upon the people the importance of faithfulness in the service of God and the value of religion, he gave as a reason in the impressive truth that religion "is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life." This great truth we would do well to remember. Religion, if it be any value at all to us, is of infinite value. It is our life. If so, should it not receive our earnest and prompt attention? Can any man have a proper conception of what heaven really is and make it a secondary object?

Four things are necessary to constitute a Christian. Faith makes a Christian; life proves a Christian; trials confirm a Christian, and death crowns a Christian.—*Hopfer.*

Under the laws of providence, life is a probation; probation is a succession of temptations; temptations are emergencies; and for emergencies we need the preparation and the safe-guard of prayer.—*Austin Phelps.*

Put the knife, with God's help, to some ugly be-setting sin. Stop that one leak that has let so much foul bilge-water into your soul. Put into practice some long-neglected duty. The first step towards improvement with one person was to banish his decanters; with another to discontinue his secular paper on Sunday morning; with another to ask the pardon of injured friends; with another to go after some street Arabs and take them to a mission school.

There have been 221,953 interments in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, making it a great city of the dead.

Let us work that we may eat, and eat that we may live, and live that we may glorify God.

Do you want to know the man against whom you have the most reason to guard yourself? Your looking-glass will give you a very fair likeness of his face.

Some people are given to flattery when speaking of others and make them to appear better than they are; but the Lord uses no flattering words in what He says concerning any of the children of men.

Westminster Abbey is to be lighted by electricity.

Street cars are running in the streets of Tokio, Japan.

The life boats on the British coast saved 726 lives last year.

It is stated that 90 out of every 100 of the people of the Russian Empire cannot read or write.

"The Hindu," a native newspaper published at Madras, India, says.—"The last days of Hinduism are evidently fast approaching."

**Home Circle.**

In April we generally expect showers. We have not so far realized the expected out-pour or in-pour of subscribers. But the wise husbandman hath long patience, and sows in the hope of coming sunshine and harvest. In faith we still pour out BUDS AND BLOSSOMS, praying that the Lord of the harvest will own the offering and crown with fruitfulness. We have yet to gather in some 300 dollars to meet the expenses. All we ask is, tell Jesus, and ask the Divine blessing upon this and our other efforts, that they may be successful unto the salvation of many.

**2d TABERNACLE NOTES.**—Baptisms, March 30th 2, April 6th 2. We still rejoice in continued tokens of special and Divine favour. Brethren pray for us.

**FLOWER MISSION.**—Will friends please commence to prepare scripture text cards for the mission.

**SPECIAL DONATIONS.**—We have several donations paid in, but as we go to press too early this month to give a full list, and the workers are still gathering. We will in next issue give an account. The intention is to avoid the toil of a tea meeting, and without raise the usual half yearly interest on the lot. Who will help us to extinguish the ground rent. We could otherwise and better employ our means.

**Olive Branches.**

March, the wife of Capt. Hire of a son. March 22, the wife of Alex. McCracken of a son. April 17th, the wife of Ch. Eaton of a son.

**Orange Blossoms.**

**MARRIED.**—April 3, John W. McCabe, to Alma Annie Williams, by J. F. Avery, pastor of the Tabernacle.

Mr. Ruskin says that a couple should court seven years. Either Mr. Ruskin has no grown up daughters, or coal is very much cheaper in England than it is here.

**FADED LEAVES.**

**DIED**—March 30th, Mrs. S. Boutlier, aged 96. Although her experience had been very varied, and often trying, nevertheless if the face is an index to the soul, it evidenced she had the peace of God, which passeth all understanding. Our sister's christian walk and conversation will be long remembered. One by one, our members are fording the river, fearing no evil, known the shepherd has tried the depths, and forced the grave. The glory is all unto Jesus, the resurrection and life is ours in Him.