

expect a number of others to unite with us in a week or two.

THE SUPREME TEACHER.

We have been impressed afresh of late with the position of Jesus Christ as the supreme teacher in the world. Whatever may be the attitude of men toward this and that feature of Christianity, they are at one with respect to Him. Conservative and liberal and skeptic alike bow before Him, and confess his supremacy. In an address listened to by us the other night before a Christian school, the speaker said in substance that all educational institutions to be of the highest type must be Christian. The loftiest ideals were founded therein, and in the teaching of Christ the instruction of the world had reached high-water mark.

There is no question as to the accuracy of this position. The most perfect teaching found elsewhere is full of defect beside His. Plato's Republic cannot sustain a comparison with His kingdom, and the ethics of Socrates fall into a vastly inferior position when compared with those of the Sermon on the Mount. We have reason to be grateful that through our land there are preparatory schools and academies, and colleges and universities in which this fact is recognized, and Jesus Christ as a teacher is enthroned as supreme. Moreover, though we may not make our public schools Christian in a sense of imparting through them any instruction as to particular sect or creed, we can make them Christian, and to a very large extent do, as to the pervasive influence of Jesus Christ in them. These facts are full of encouragement and of inspiration for the future as we look forward to the widening influence and power of our land.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE IS BEST.

1. Total abstinence from intoxicating liquors is best because indulgence in such beverages is a needless extravagance. The highest physical and mental development is reached without the use of spirituous drinks. Why should the man waste the money for which so many worthy uses may be found? And why should a nation squander in such a useless indulgence more than is spent for education, religion and other noble ends.

2. Total abstinence is best because the use of intoxicants is injurious. Alcohol is a poison and though, like other poisons, it has its use in medicine and in abnormal conditions of the body, one who is in health should keep it out of his system altogether.

3. Total abstinence is best because the opportunities for success are greater for those who do not drink at all. All employers value the steady hand and clear head, and drink tends to destroy these. Not long ago someone talking to Mr. Schwab, head of the great steel combine, asked him, "Is it true that in these big corporations, other things being equal, the man is promoted who neither drinks or smokes?" Mr. Schwab answered that that is the invariable rule in dealing with the two or three hundred thousand employees under him. "When two men," he said, "are otherwise equal, the one that does not drink or smoke is the more valuable."

4. Total abstinence is best because he who uses alcohol at all is in danger of becoming its slave. It is all very well to talk about moderation; but who can feel certain that he is safe, when we have seen many of the wisest and strongest ruined by drink? Its victims have been claimed from every class and profession, and

the brightest and most promising careers have been wrecked by it. Total abstinence is the only safe road.

5. Even if we could be sure that we ourselves would never become drunkards, we have to consider that others may be weaker than we, and the strong are responsible for their example and influence toward the weak. By our moderate indulgence a weak brother may be encouraged to attempt a moderation which he cannot maintain, and so we may cause him to stumble and perish.

Work.

Work is given to men not only, nor so much, perhaps, because the world needs it. Men make work, but work makes men. An office is not a place for making money, it is a place for making men. A workshop is not a place for making machinery, for fitting engines and turning cylinders; it is a place for making souls; honest, modest, whole natured men. For Providence cares less for winning causes than that men, whether losing or winning, should be great and true; cares nothing that reforms should drag their cause from year to year bewilderingly, but that men and nations, in carrying them out, should find there education, discipline, unselfishness and growth in grace.—Henry Drummond.

Married.

BENNETT-ALBORN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 10, by Rev. F. D. Davidson, W. C. Bennett and Hattie A., eldest daughter of Samuel Calhoun all of Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., N. B.

MILTON-DRYSDALE.—At Cambridge, Mass., on Nov. 25, by Rev. Dr. Applegate, of the First Baptist church, Ernest Milton to Miss Luella Drysdale of Woodstock, N. B.

BELYEA-CAMPBELL.—At 181 Waterloo Street, on the 9th December, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr. Arthur Belyea and Miss Jennie Campbell, both of St. John.

RANKINE-WATT.—At Upper Newcastle, N. B., on 10th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Robert H. Rankine to Eliza F. Watt, both of Canning.

OLMSTEAD-FOLLETT.—At the Baptist church, Jemseg, N. B., Dec. 10, by Pastor W. J. Gordon, Harold K. Olmstead to Miss Bessie J. Follett of Havorthill, Mass.

Died.

THOMPSON.—At St. John, Nov. 19th, Robert Thompson, in the 82nd year of his age. A widow ten sons, two of which, David and Robert, are deacons of the Musquash church, and four daughters survive him. The remains were taken to South Musquash for burial. Many years ago our brother professed faith in Christ and united with the Musquash church of which he remained a member until his death.

HICKS.—At the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Lawrence of Moncton, Mr. Hiram Hicks, on Nov. 20th, fell asleep in Jesus. Our brother was in the 73rd year of his age and up to the time of his death had enjoyed good health. His illness was short, pneumonia having developed from a cold. Early in life he was converted, and baptized. For fifty years his life showed that he was on the Lord's side. All who knew him never for a moment questioned the sincerity of his profession. At the time of his death Mr. Hicks was a consistent and beloved member of the Moncton Baptist church. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Ezra B. Hicks of Moncton, Mr. Isaac Hicks of Dorchester, Mrs. Wm. Black of Dorchester, and Mrs. Anos Weldon of Malden, Mass. His wife preceded him two years ago to the land of rest and peace. The funeral service was conducted by the writer on Nov. 23rd, and a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends followed his remains to the grave.

FAWCETT.—Died at Memramook, Westmorland Co., N. B., on the 17th November, Harrison W. Faw-

cett, only son and child of the late Martin W. Fawcett, aged 22 years. He was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs which quickly developed into that dread disease—rapid consumption. He was confined to his bed three months; although a great sufferer he bore his sufferings with great patience and fortitude trusting in his Lord and Saviour whom he loved and whom he longed to see; and as the end drew near he had such bright views of his glorious home above, and of the loving arms of his Saviour clasped around him; and when asked if he feared death he said on looking up, Oh no, why should I when the road is so clear to my heavenly home. I long to be at rest. He was a noble and worthy Christian young man. He departed universally regretted. He leaves a lonely widowed mother, and numerous friends to mourn their loss. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, Methodist; and was very largely attended. Interment at Upper Sackville.

Golden Thoughts.

To be true, to hate every form of falsehood, to live a brave, true, real life—that is to love God. God is infinite; and to love the boundless, reaching on from grace to grace, adding charity to faith, and rising upward ever to see the ideal still above us, and to die with it unattained, aiming insatiably to be perfect even as the Father is perfect—that is to love God.—F. W. Robertson.

The path of all excellence lies in the following of advancing ideas which rise as we approach them, and which are perpetually calling us from loftier heights. Christianity alone among religions places its golden age in the future.—Selected.

"Our hearts are gardens. Fair and sweet,
God means that each should be
Fragrant with flowers of thought, to bloom
Thro' all eternity.
For Him, then, let us daily sow
The seeds of truth and love,
Such flowers as waft their incense sweet
Clear to the courts above."

What Can You Do?

That's what the world is asking you.
Not who you are,
Not what you are;
But this one thing the world demands,
What can you do with brain or hands?

What can you do? That is the test
The world requires; as for the rest,
It matters not,
Or who, or what
You may have been, or high or low
The world cares not one whit to know.

What can you do? What can you do?
That's what the world keeps asking you
With trumpet tone,
And that alone!
Ah, so, if you would win, then you
Must show the world what you can do!

Once show the world what you can do,
And it will quickly honor you
And call you great;
Or soon, or late,

Before success can come to you,
The world must know what you can do.

Up, then, O soul, and do your best!
Meet like a man the world's great test,
What can you do?
Gentle or Jew,

No matter what you are, or who,
Be brave and show what you can do!