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The Risen One.

THE resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith, and the inspiration of our hopes. "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that sleep."

The Lord is risen indeed! The vast cloud of witnesses to this glorious fact grows daily, for every true believer has an experience of the power of his resurrection, having been begotten again unto a lively hope thereby. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

The Outlook.

It is stated on highest authority that at the close of the last century there were but seven Protestant missionary societies in the world. Of these four were organized during the last ten years of that century. At this time there are over seventy in Europe and America alone. There are a number of others in the different colonies. At the close of the last century the number of male missionaries employed was one hundred and seventy. Now there are 2,500 ordained Europeans and Americans, hundreds of native preachers, and over 23,000 native helpers, not counting female assistants. At the beginning of this century there were scarcely 50,000 converted heathen; to-day the approximate number is 2,000,000. Then, there were about seventy mission schools; now, about 12,000.

The Empty Tomb.

THE morning purples all the sky,
The air with praises rings,
Defeated hell stands sullen by,
The world exulting sings.
Glory to God! our glad lips cry:
All praise and worship be
On earth, in heaven, to God Most High,
For Christ's great victory!

While he, the King all strong to save,
Rends the dark doors away,
And through the breaches of the grave
Strides forth into the day.
Glory to God! our glad lips cry:
All praise and worship be
On earth, in heaven, to God Most High,
For Christ's great victory!

Death's captive, in his gloomy prison
Fast fettered, he has lain;
But he has mastered death—is risen,
And death wears now the chain.
Glory to God! our glad lips cry:
All praise and worship be
On earth, in heaven, to God Most High,
For Christ's great victory!

The shining angels cry, "Away
With grief; no spices bring;
Not tears, but songs, this joyful day,
Should greet the rising King!"
Glory to God! our glad lips cry:
All praise and worship be
On earth, in heaven, to God Most High,
For Christ's great victory!

That thou our Paschal Lamb mayst be,
And endless joy begin,
Jesus, Deliverer, set us free
From the dread death of sin.
Glory to God! our glad lips cry:
All praise and worship be
On earth, in heaven, to God Most High,
For Christ's great victory.

Y. P. R. U.

We are glad to report that—late in the season as the plan was announced—a considerable number of Young People's Reading Unions have been formed, and a large amount of earnest work is being done. Next season the reading course will be begun much earlier—in October, instead of February. In the meantime we urge our young friends to vigorously prosecute the course of reading on which they have entered.

A Canadian Chautauqua.

THE great Chautauqua movement has been extending its ever-widening circle till now it may fairly be said to engirdle the world. It has 1,200 members in Japan, with circles in India, in the Sandwich Islands, in Europe, and some 2,000 members in Canada. Throughout the United States there are many branch assemblies—from Maine to California and south to the Gulf of Mexico. The latest link in this great chain is the Canadian Chautauqua at Niagara. It is expected to give a great impetus to the Chautauqua movement in Canada, and to become an important centre for carrying out a similar programme of high class educational, moral and religious meetings to those of the original Chautauqua. A vigorous company has been organized, composed of a number of strong capitalists, a park of ninety-two acres has been purchased on the shore of Lake Ontario at Nia-



A HOUSE IN NORWAY.

A House in Norway.

THE domestic architecture of Norway is very picturesque. The houses have often broad Swiss-like galleries and balconies, overhanging eaves, and carved doorways and porches, as shown in our cut on this page.

Giving in the Sabbath-School.

THAT careful training in Christian benevolence is needed will be readily admitted, and in no place is such training so important as in the Sunday-school. There lives and characters are being shaped and moulded, and, if the training be right, the results will tell all through life.

Let the scholars feel that they are giving; guide them in the choice of objects to which they give; inform them about these objects, so they may give intelligently; bring back to them, as far as possible, reports of the good done by their gifts; select objects covering all classes of Christian duty and benevolence, including the regular contribution to the support of the parent Church; impress upon them that giving means self-sacrifice, that it is not merely a mechanical form, that thoughtlessly asking papa or mamma for a penny for the Sunday-school is not true giving; that giving is a duty to God from each individual, which cannot be done by somebody else; that it is not the amount that makes the value in the sight of God, but the spirit which prompts the gift, and the years will show results that cannot fail to benefit mankind.—S. S. Times.

God causes all things to work together for good to his people.

gara, adjoining Fort Missisauga and on the historic battlefield. A programme is being arranged for a series of attractive meetings, beginning with a combined Queen's Jubilee and patriotic demonstration. Special prominence will be given to Sunday-school and Normal class assembly work; to Chautauqua examinations and conferring of diplomas; to Temperance, Y. M. C. A., and Christian conventions—to everything, in fact, that can promote the religious and intellectual welfare of man. Situated on the main route of travel by steamers and trains it will be at all times accessible, and the beautiful park will furnish pleasant summer homes for the citizens of Toronto, Buffalo and adjacent centres of population. The carrying out of this comprehensive plan is vested in an able directorate, of which the Rev. Dr. Withrow, Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the Methodist Church, is President, and Mr. L. C. Peake, so long and so favourably known as an active Chautauquan and zealous Y. M. C. A. worker, has been secured as Managing Director.

The Romance of Invention, a book just from the press of Cassell & Company, is as fascinating as a fairy tale, yet every word of it is true. The stories of the many inventions that have electrified the world, are here set forth robbed of their often wearisome technicalities, and are laid before the reader in their most attractive form. Mr. James Burnley, the author, has worked laboriously to accomplish his object, and he has met with signal success.