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## Note and Comment.

It is now definitely decided that the Australian Commonwealth shall come into being on January 1, 1901.

The Cape Colony Treason Bill provides a penalty of five years' disfranchisement for taking up arms against the Queen.

The total British losses in the South African campaign to date, exclusive of sick and wounded now in hospital, but inclusive of all deaths, invalided, and prisoners are 42,500 men.

The State of Pennsylvania is considering the advisability of opening its too,000 acres of pure forest to consumptives. This important subject is also claiming a good deal of attention in the Frovince of Ontario.

The Earl of Hopetoun, the First Governon General of the Commonwealth of Australia, is a Presbyterian. He was Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the charch of Scotland in 1887,1888 and 1889 .

There seems no end to the, new religious bodies. In Asiatic Turkey there is a body of religionists who call themselves Yezidees, or devil worshippers. Eelieving that Satan is destined to be restored to heaven, they wish to keep on good terms with him, as they may need his friendly offiges.

The South African war is about at an end, and the Boers' pertinacity in keeping up a useless struggle and loss of life savors more of sheer obstinacy than good sense. Very soon England will be free to send troops from South Africa to China, where the presence of ample force will tend to restore and preserve peace.

The congregation at Richmond, Virginia, to whom the late Dr. Moses D. Hoge ministered, whom the late Dr. Moses D. Hoge ministered,
have resolved to establish a post-graduate have resolved to establish a post-graduate
scholarship in Union Theological Seminary scholarship in Union Theological Seminary
(Southern Presbyterian Church), where their (Southern Presbyterian Church), where their
late pastor was edticated. The young minister of this old church is Rev. Dr. Guthrie, a nephew of Rev. Principal MacVicar, D. D., Montreal.

Li Hung Chang has left Canton with many smooth words on his lips, and it is possible, of course, that his mission to the north may be peaceable both in intention and result. But with Li nothing should be taken on trust. With Li's record before us, says the Standard, the gravest doubts as to his real purpose are justifiable, and it is as likely that his intention is to put himself at the head of the movement as to stem its course.

As the war nears its close, people in the old land are talking more and more of its forthcoming rewards. Lord Roberts' fate has been pretty well decided for him if one may take the current gossip of the London military clubs. That he will be offered a Dukedom seems to be a foregone conclusion, and the grant of money a foregone conclusion, and the grant of money
that will accompany the titular honors, are put that wil accompany the titular honors, are put
down, at a prediction, as certainly not less than down, at a
§ 100,000 .

In Dr. Parker's congregation the men predominate. This a noteworthy fact. It shows the strong hold he has upon the business and literary mind. Though he is 70 years of age, his church is crowded, ani his, vigor shows no perceptible abatement. He has been an unique preacher, wielding a remarkably intellectual as well as spiritual power. His preaching on the whole, has been evangelical and evangelistic, and his career indicates that there is nothing like the Gospel, when ably and truly presented, to hold men as well as women year after year.


#### Abstract

A pamphlet entitled "Unitarian Use of the Name Presbyterian," from the pen of Rev. A H Drysdale, of Morpeti, has been adoptea for circulation, and will be at the disposal of those desiring it. The association of "Presbyterian" and "Unitarian" is said to be confined to some parts of England and the North of I-cland. The explanation of how it arose is the aim of the booklet. Unitarians in theNorth of Ireland have a Presbyterian form of government.


When the Queen received the Endeavourers from America at Windsor, she was dressed in white thin summer clothing, and, as the Endeavourers said, looked "just beautiful." There was a white feather in her hat, and she had on long white shawl. The Christian Endeavour delegates, as a whole, are much pleased with their visit to England, but no episode has given their visit to England, but no episode has given
them such genuine delight as the gracious waythem such genuine delight as the gracious way-
"motherly," as one of them termed it-in which the Queen drove among those of their number who visited Windsor.

The Religious Tract Society have undertaken, at the request of the Publication Committee of the Ecumenical Conference of Foreign Missions, to publish the Official Report of the great meetings held in New York from April z1st to May 22nd, 1900. A strong committee of literary experts have combined to produce what they trust will prove to be a standard missionary book. The leading papers and speeches will be given in full, but a large portion of the Conference proceedings has been severely edited so as to retain only what is judged to be of permanent value.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's recent speech in the House of Lords on ritual is generally recognised to be conciliatory, and his clear state ment that the bishops are still hoping to bring all the clergy into line is understood to be an indication that at the last meeting of the prelates at Lambeth considerable progress towards obedience was reported. But the most important declaration by the Primate was in relation to the policy of prosecution. He said that he would interpose no difficulties in the way of a prosecution in cases in his diocese where the Lambeth decisions were disobeyed. The significance of this statement is that it represents a complete departure from what has been understood to be the settled policy of the bishops.

The last circular from the banking house of Henry Clews of New York, contains the following: The Chinese situation displays distinct improvement. It is now known that early reports of carnage and murder were much exaggerated that while the Chinese have shown some duplicity, still the course of the Powers is now clearly towards rescue of the Legations and the enforcement of an orderly and capable government in place of the one now existing in Pekin. Now that the march to Pekin has commenced, we may expect some stirring news and possibly further bloodshed; nevertheless, the outlook for a solution of the Chinese question without a disastrous war is brighter than at any time since the troubles began; and the financial situation abroad must be correspondingly relieved.

At the great C. E. Convention says the London Presbyterian, the hammer employed by William Carey was used to give the signal when the speaker's time had expired. Perhaps some may suggest that the hammer was never better employed. But the hammer reminds us of the great new founder of missions in the modern sense-a man sprung from the lowest ranks, yet used as a mighty champion of the truth. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, at twenty-five he was Baptist minister, at thirty-two he was in the foreign field in India. Weat a spectacle it is-that unlettered man tackling the learned Brahmin on his own soil, becoming Oriental Professor at Calcutta, and publishing valuable grammars and dictionaries of Bengali, Mahratta, Sanscrit and other languages. God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

Mr. William Drysdale, so long and so favorably known in connection with the book trade of Montreal, has purchased the St. Catherine street branch of the estate of the William Drysdale Company, and will make that place his headquarters for the future. A post-office has been established there; and, under such favourable circumstances, we trust the business may go on and prosper. "Get back to the land," we are told, and the
advice is good, remarks the Monetary Times. A number of Toronto people, including some street car men, intend to go to New Ontario and take up farming. Most of those who have decided to make the move are men who have graduated from the farm to the city, and ended up in the employ of the railway company. It is said that a dozen are about ready to go, and have decided upon the Temiscamingue district as the place where they will start their little colony.

The appointment of the Lord Advocate, Mr. A. G. Murray, Q. C., M. P., by the Prince of Wales, to be Keeper of the Great Seal of His Royal Highness's Principality of Scotland, is a reminder that the eldest son of the Sovereign of Scotland has for centuries been Prince of Scotland. The principality or appanage of the Prince of Scotland consists of lands in the shires of Ayr, Renfrew and Ross; it has been a principality since the time of Robert III., and is personal to the king's eldest son. It is known technically to Scots lawyers as a "regality jurisdiction." It is with reference to the management of these lands that the office just filled up exists. The Prince that the office just filled up exists. The Prince
of Wales is also Duke of Rothesay, Earl of of Wales is also Duke of Rothesay, Earl of
Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, L
and great steward of Scotland.

Describing a tour through the famine districts of India, the special correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" says: "Of the great and constant flowing canals, whose shaded banks Te the pleasantest refuges the plains can offer you in the hot weather, it can only be said that they have done oo magnificently well that the failure to extend them faster is nothing less than a tragedy. I say nothing at the moment of their financial success, except that they are ty far the best investment that the government of India has ever made. They have largely extended the cultivation of new crops such as rice and sugar, they have given India a permanent granary, and they have opened up huge tracts of granary, and they have opened up huge tracts of
desert country to cultivation, relieving the congested districts in the process."

The Times has given biographical notices of Sir Claude Macdonald, Sir Robert Hart, and Dr. G. E. Morrison. In the notice of Sir Claude Macdonald, it is mentioned, in connection with his recent illness, that though the last reports from Pekln showed him to have recovered both his strength and spirits, the Foreign Office was contemplating the desirability of offering him another post in a more suitable climate, when the present disastrous crisis occurred. Of Sir Robert Hart, it is stated that early in 1885 he was offered by Earl Granville the post of British Minister at Pekin, "and he began by accepting
it. But he never actually took up the appointit. But he never actually took up the appointment, and within three months he formally placed his resignation in the hands of Lord Salisbury, who had in the meantime succeeded at the
Foreign Office." Of Dr. Morrison's career of Foreign Office." Of Dr. Morrison's career of
adventure many remarkable incidents are told. Some years ago he was appointed to take charge of a small pioncer expedition in New Guinea. "The expedition was a failure, and for Morrison it turned out a disaster. He was wounded in the bush by two native spears, and, with the heads sticking in him, was left for dead. Fortunately be was soon picked up and made a wonderful recovery, though it was not until nine months afterwards that the second spear-head was taken out of his body. This marvellous feat of surgery was performed by Professor Chiene of surgery was performed by Professor Chiene
of Edinburgh. While he was in Professor Chiene's hands, Morrison, by way of fillessor Chiene's hands, Morrison, by way of filling up his time, continued at Edinburgh University his medical studies begun at Melbourne, and in 1887
he took his M.B. and C.M. degrees."

## ATTRACTIONS OF OTRAWA.

## By A visitor.

Ottawa strikes one as being a live, enterprising city. There is in it an air of healthy movement ; not of feverish restlessness, but a steady life. When I arrived the Parliament was still in session, but its days were numbered, and its life was of a somewhat flickering kind. The Senate was giving its last kicks but even these, provoking as they were, could not stimulate a really new activity. The members have gone and few of the ministers temain ; but the buildings stil! stand, happily untouched by the late terrible fire, and these give a character to the cintral portion of the city.

Having mentioned the fire I may as well say now that signs of its fearful devastation may be seen in parts of Ottawa, and specially at Hull, over the river; but even there tokens of rapid recovery are everywhere present. The business portion of Ottawa is bright and attractive, and it is evident that its merchants are alert and up to date. Ot course the fact that Ottawa is the Capital of the Dominion and the centre of the Government departments has had much to do with the making of the city, but there seems to be much private enterprise of the right kind ; and there is an appearance of healthy growth, which is likely to go on for some tume to come. Ottawa can be approached by several ways, by river or rall, and presents in most cases a picturesque appearance. Apart from the main thoroughfares there are many pleasant streets and shady avenues, while all round the city there are fine walks and drives. The street car service is very good, and on the days that are hot and dusty, this enterprising. Company does its best to tempt you to ake one of its short, pleasant trips. This, of course, they do for their own profit ; but it is certainly an advantage, though you may like the city, to be able to run away from it so easily, and after enjoying a cool breeze get back again to your comfortable home

For those who wish a quiet place there is Rockliffe Park, where you can wander by the river, or sit and read among the trees. If you desire a longer ride, and to leave the city further behind, there is a big new summer car inviting to Britannia on the Bay. This will take you through some miles of open country, and the speed of the steady car will give you a breeze, if there is no other forthcoming. When you reach the Bay you find a fine stretch of water, where you can fish, or boat, or swim. Thus where you may spend a few hours at a watering place and reach the city any time you like, but let us say in time for your evening meal, for which you have got a real appetite. Another splendid trip is the run to Aylmer by electric railway, and then by steamer up to Chat's Falls. If the day happen to be wet you can visit the Library, Art Gallery, Geological Museum, etc. However, I have said sufficient to show that in the summer time, when so many people are seeking distant places of retreat or recreation, Ottawa is not a bad place to spend a holiday, and that all round
there are attractive spots by river, lake or mountain. that are easily reached, and that may be thoroughly enjoyed. All this is, of course, mere common places to the dwellers in Ottawa ; but to many who are perhaps not so very far from the city it may be information, even if of a superficial kind.

## Presbyterian Church in Canada. <br> Estimated Requirements for 1900-190t Western Section.

Rev. Dr. Warden, "Finance Minister" of the Church, has issued a circular in which he clearly sets forth the requirements of the various schemes for the current year. We quote from the circular

The following is a statement of the amounts required for the current year on behalf of the Schemes of the Church. It is intended to glide Presbyteries and congregations in the amount at which they should aim, as well as in the appropriation of their contributions. It is very desirable that Presbyteries should at an early meeting give special attention to this matter, and carefully consider what amount they should assume, and then apportion this amount among the several congregations within their bounds. In Presbyteries where this has been done, and where the supervision of each Scheme has been committed to some one member of the Presbytery, the results have been generally much more satis'actory than when left to each congregation to give as it pleased :-
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rench Evangelization (including Pointe-
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and above Ministers' Kates and $\mathbf{I n}$ -
terest from Investments) ....... . ..

The congregations in both Eastern and Western Sections of the Church contribute for French Evangelization, Manitoba College, and the Assembly Fund ; the amounts named for the other Schemes are for the Western Section alone.

An average contribution over the whole Church of $\$ 2.00$ per member will provide the total amount required for the Schemes. Many congregations will, of course, greatly exceed this average. It is hoped that an earnest effort will be made to reach the average in every congregation.

Mission Stations, as well as congregations, are enjoined to contribute to the Schemes of the Church. This will be found helpful to them, as well as to the work.

Where Missionary Associations do not exist, the Assembly has appointed collections to be taken up during the current year as follows:
French Evangelization. . . th $^{\text {th }}$ Sabbath of July.
Assembly Fund......... ${ }^{\text {th }}$.. Sabbath of July, Colleges.
Widows and Orphans' Fd 3rd ". Sept. Home Misdorphans' Fd 3rd " Oct, Home Missions ........... "
Manitoba College...
Augmentation Fund.
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Nov.
Dec.
Augmentation Fund....
Jan 'gor
Aged and Infirm Ministers
Fund.
Foreign Missions.......... ${ }^{\text {and }}$
and ".

Quite a number of congregations fail ever ${ }^{y}$ year to contribute to one or more schemes of the Church. The Assembly last month in structed Presbyteries to take this matter into consideration, at their first meeting, and endeavor to secure the organization of an efficient Missionary Commitee in every congregation and Mission Station within their bounds, so that a contribution may annually be obtained for every scheme.

The scheme which seems at present to receive less than its fair share of attention and pecuniary aid is that of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans Fund, the claims of which I would urge upon all Sessions and congregations.

Nearly the two-thirds of the entire contributions for the Schemes of the Church are received during the last three months of the ecclesiastical year. This renders necessary the borrowing of money to meet salaries and other disbursements, entailing heavy expenditure for interest. To obviate this, congregations are recommended to forward their contributions quarterly. The Assembly instracts congregations to forward all money Prior to 28 th February. Special attention is called to this, as hereafter an annual statement in detail is to be submitted to the Assembly of all money received frow congregations, Sab bath șchools, etc., up to Feb. 28th

Several letters having been received enquiring if the Presbyterian church has any connection with a scheme inaugurated by some young people in Toronto to raise money for a Canadian Children's India Famine Fund, we are requested to state that the Church has no connection with this commit* tee. The Rev. Dr. Warden is the only person authorized to receive contributions for the India Famine Fund to be disbursed by the missionaries of our church in Central India. The Foreign Mission Committee, some time ago, decided that instead of sending money to one individual missionary to be disbursed at his or her discretion, that money was likely to be more judiciously ex. pended if disbursed by the missionaries, male and female, meeting in council. Any of our readers desiring to contribute to the Famine Fund will do well to do so through the agent of the church, Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.

From Liverpool, England, there comes the suggestion that lady curates should be introduced into the church. It is maintained that they would be cheaper, and that they would "give to the parish three times the sense and three times the sympathy of even the best of young men." Last week we ventured to make a suggestion much in the same line, viz., that the services of "good women, to be found in every congregation, should be utilized in pastoral work, sick visiting, etc.
"Revolutions do not go backward" The bonds of superstition will be broken in China and Confucianism will be overthrown.

Principal Lang, in opening a bazaar at Cults, said that hitherto there had been only one foreign mission connected with the church of Scotland. They could not call India a foreign field, and Itchang in China might at no distant date cease to be foreign, events in the east werejso hastening,

## Letter From the Yukon Country,

## Some Experiences of a Missionary.

A letter from Rev. J. A. Sinclair, formerly of Spencerville, to his mother, and published in the Almonte Gazette, contains much that will prove interesting reading, and well worth reproducing in The Dominion Presbyterian. Mr. Sinclair writes from Cariboo, Dominion Creck, Yukon, under date $24^{\text {th }}$ May last. He says
"I started from Bennett on the afternoon of April 4th and arrived in Dawson on April 25 th, having travelled 15 days, spent two days waiting at Selkirl for the water to go off the ice, and the Sundays of course in rest. I assure you it was no pleasure trip. When I started there was a foot of water on the upper part of Lake Benneti, through which I was fortunately drawn by railway construction trains, through the kindness of my old and true friends, Mr. Henry and Mr. Hyslop. I had to crose two long "cut offs" (i.e., short overland trails from one bend of the Yukon river to another) one of 48 miles, and one of 65 , most of which was bare ground. I could never have managed it had I not provided myself with an axle and a couple of wheels which I could place under my sled in a few seconds when I struck bare ground. My "sled with wheels" created a great deal of amusement, but nevertheless it went through when others were abandoned, or had to be loaded behind horses.

When you think of what it meant to start on a five hundred mile trip, knowing that at one place you would have to cross bare roads as tar as from Scotch Corners to Spencerville, and the roads all the way in exactly the condition that they are at home during sugar-making, you will not wonder that everyone told me that I could not do it. However, the committee, in spite of my suggestion, left me no discretionary authority but had simply asked me to get down to work on the crceks before the ice would break up, and to hold one's influence as a preacher in this country one must not fail in the face of any difficulty overcome by others. So I saw that the one thing to do was to go on nutil I could not get an inch farther, and by the good luck that you always insisted followed me-of course we know it is providence-I got all the way through. When you remember that I came all but the the last hundred miles alone, that I had never seen the river before, and that half a dozen times every day the old trails would lead into open water-where the ice had been worn out by the current, you can imagine what a time 1 had finding my way along the river. But my good luck was very striking at times. Many a time when I was nearing places around which it was most difficult to find a way I would meet some one whose tracks I could follow long enough to get past. You know on the melting, a dog sled or even a horse would make so faint a trail that an hour of sunshine would obliterate it. I do not know what I should have done had I not been brought up on the dear old Mississippi Lake, and so was thoroughly acquainted with ice and could readily at a glance distinguish the good from the bad ice. But I had to take chances that we would never take at home. Once my dogs and sled went in. I let go the plough handles (with which we guide the sled from behind) just in time. The dogs swam along until we could get hold of them and pull them out. Nothing was injured as I had all wrapped in canvas and rubber blanketing. In another place I bridged an open place with the sled, walked the dogs over, crawled over myself and then pulled the sled out. This would have been impossible on the lake at
home, but on the river the ice is often quite strong right to the edge of where the current wears it away. Then ago in I had the goed luck to get dry over a part of the ice where others before and behind me waded through water from four inches to three feet deep. This was just below Selkirk. When men met me at Selkirk, some of them wet to the waist, I decided to wait there until the water would run off, as I knew it always does after the snow is melted and just before it breaks up. I waited two days at Selkirk, and then followed the subsiding water down to Dawson, a few times I went through top ice and frozen slush and got wet, but had no wading to do worth speaking of.

I have three beautiful dogs that I bought for the trip. Two are black Russian bear hounds and the leader a deer hound. The two black fellows were named Dewey and Bismarck when I bought them, and the leader named "Sliur." But I rechristened Slim and named him "Bobs," feeling that Dewey and Bismarck should be led by "Bobs." Bobs and Bismarck proved fine dogs and brought the sled through to Dawson, arriving in fully better condition than when I left, but Dewey proved a "tender-foot" and his feet were so sore that I had to leave him at Selkirk! He will come down on one of the first boats.

The ice in the Yukon floated out last Tuesday, i.e., 44 hours less than two weeks after I came over it ! Lake Lebarge has not broken up et, and is not likely to for two or three weeks, so that we will have no steamer traffic from Bennett betore the ist or roth of June. So we will get no newspapers, baggage, etc., before then, though it is hoped that letters will get through.

I have now spent almost two weeks making a tour of the creeks unoccupied by any mission, and will probably make this point, Cariboo on Dominion Creek, my headquarters. There are probably 300 men within a mile's radius, and probably 800 within 3 miles of me. Then I expect to hold services at Lombard, 3 miles from here, Sulphur creek, 9 miles away, and at Gold Run, about 7 miles out. Possibly also at Lower D iscovery, 3 miles below here. There is plenty to do, but still I am not sure that it was not a mistake to sacrifice the work at White Horse for this field. That will be a permanent town when there will be nothing here but tunnels and gravel heaps. Of course it is important to float the banner while the people are here and especially while the Evil One is so busy destroying character, but had I had my own way I should have remained and initiated work in the more permanent centre.

In the meantime, I am having a change of experience, and seeing the inside, as it were, of mining-camp life. (Just now the first mosquito that I have seen this spring made its attack; more experience coming apparently.) In one respect I am now peculiarly like the Son of Man. I have not "where to lay my head," only as I happen from night to night to find it! Tuesday night last I slept in Rev. Mr Cock's manse at Eldorado Forks, 14 miles from Dawson; Wednesday and Thursday nights in a "bunk house" bedroom with no windowsin it at Lombard, 19 miles from The Forks; Friday night, with four miners in a cabin $10 \times 12$, with nothing but a couple of blankets between us and the poles forming $t$ e spring mattrass ; Saturday night again at Lombard, 3 miles from here, where I preached yesterday, last night here at Cariboo with miners again, and to-night I shall (L.V.) sleep in a tent farther
down the creek. I had hard work deciding at Bennett that I could possibly get along until June or July with 100 pounds of bag. gage. I left 50 pouncs of that behind with Dewey at Selkirk. But on the other hand $\mathbf{I}$ have much to be thankful for. I am exceedingly well and strong, and have more energy than I have ever felt before. Last Sunday I preached at 10 a.m. at "Concessions" on Humber Creek, walked 14 miles, most of it through mud, snow and slush, got a dip to the waist in a creek in the first 3 miles and climbed $\mathbf{1}, 500$ feet and down again on the trip, and preached with perfect ease again at the Forks at 8 p.m. I must have thrown off some of my old laziness, eh mother! I assure that I am very unclerical looking in corduroy suit, long boots, grey flannel shirt, a collar that once was white! and a very much worn cow boy hat! I shall send you a picture soon. But clothes don't count out here; nothing but the man inside !

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And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth (v. 1). I have read that congenital blindness is incurable. ithis was the man's trouble-that he was born blind. Christ "saw" him. Our Lord notices, He is not heedless of our trouble. So intent was this seeing it attracted the attention of the disciples. And, upon their seeing, perplexing questions arise. Their first principle was one too common now, that all suffering is the result of $\sin$. Therefore they took it for granted that somehow, perhaps in a preexistent state, this man had fearfully sinned, or that his parents surely had. Now mark the light Christ's answer and other Scripture throws upon the problem of suffering - (a) that while sometimes it is inflicted as specific punishment for specific sins, as Christ otherwhere taught (Mark 5: 14), such is not always the case ; (b) that, as in the case here, suffering may be sent as a means of grace, "either that by our endurance we may manifest the grace of God to others (2 Cor. $12: 9)$ or may be taught of God ourselves (Heb. 12: 6-11)," or that, in some other way, suffering may be blessed to us. It was blessed to this man; God's power and goodness were so manifested in and through his suffering, and by the cure of it, that he became in truest sort a believer in Jesus (v, 38). Never allow yourself to make the harsh mistake of the disciples and take upon yourself to declare that special suffering is the punishment for special $\sin$. Leave that to God.

We must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day (vs. 4). Even our Lord had only definite and resiricted time for His earthly work. Let us catch earnestness from Him, that we may not waste or misuse our one earthly opportunity. Every miracle that He wrought, every word that He spoke, every scoff that He bore, every wrong thot He forgave, was a ray of light from the unseen God, revealing His nature to men.

When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittic and anointed his eyes with the clay, and said unto $h \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Go}$, wash (vs 6, 7). This Scripture is crowded with teaching, as apainst, perhaps, the most pernicious error now flaunting itself under the guise of religion, viz., so-called Christian Science. Notice (1) Christ did not
ny this man's actual blindness; He did
$t$ suggest to the man that his blindness was all a figment, that he should keep saying over to himself, "I'm not blind ; I'm not blind." (2) Our Lord used means-the spittle, the clay, the pool It is not needful for us to find out the precise relation of these means to the cure The curtain truth isour Lord dtd use means. It's therefore in the plainest sort of conflict with the plainest sort of Scriptural teaching here, to say that medicinal means are never to be used. As clearly as the sunlight, our Lord sanctions here the use of means.

And now, .. on to find the key that unlocks. It is obedience. Notice (a) the man did not think about going; he did not say he would go at some future time; be did not wait to discover what would be the good of his going; he did not go only half-way or threequarters way; he did not go and stop at the last thing-the washing; he did not go anywhere else,-to Jordan instead of Siloam. He instantly, entirely, absolutely obeyed.

Notice (b) the result,-he came seeing. Thus obey Christ, and all spiritual darkness shall be cleared for you.
Is this not he that sat and begged? (v. 8). This man at once made brave confession. He made it among his neighbors. It is a great thing when those most wonted to us, those closest to us, discover the change Christ has wrought in us; and when we are not in the least ashamed to let them see it ; the first and best place in which to confess Christ is among those right about you, in your home, school, place of business.

And they said unto him, Where is he f He saith, I know not (v. 12). This was a natural enough question, though the man could not answer it. But be could, would, did proclaim Jesus. If people bother you with questions, frankly confess ignorarce, but keep on telling about Jesus.

They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. Now it was the Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes (vs. 13, 14). This man made brave confession also among cavilers and enemies. Observe the inherent vice of this quibbling Pharisaism,-" it puts ceremonial above humanity," questioning about the rightfulness of doing such good upon the Sabbath. How this confessing man grows in knowledge and experience! "Fidelity in that which is least is the condition of receiving larger gifts in knowledge and faith.'
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One thing I know, that, whercas I was blind, now it
see.-John $9: 25$. see. John $9: 25$

## For Daily Reading.

Mon., Aug. 13.-The effects of drink.
Isa. 28 : 1-7.
Tues., Aug. 14.-An afflicted family.
Deut. 21: 18-20.
Wed., Aug. ${ }_{5}$.-Unto the third and fourtb generation. Exod. $34: 4-7$.
Thurs., Aug. 16.-The ruin of a State.
Friday, Aug. 17,-Intemperance Prov, $31: 4-5$. Isa. 5:115-12.
punished.
Sat., Aug. 18.-Drunkenness punished.
Matt. 24: 42-51.
Sun., Aug. 19.-Topic: The wooes of the drunkard. Prov. $23: 20.35$. (Quarterly temperance
meeting.) meeting.)

## Perfect Peace.

Peace, perfect peace in this dark world of $\sin$ ? The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed? To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.
Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away? In Jesus keeping we are safe, and they.
Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown? Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.
-Edward H. Bickersteth.

The path of sorrow and that path alone
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.
No traveller ever reached this blest abode
Who found not thorns and briars in his road.
William Cowper.
Religion is, not by accident or chance, but by its own very nature, the happrest of all lives. Just so far as it ever grows sad and gloomy, it grows irreligious.

Blossoms give place to fruit, and so should praise to God be the promise of some good work to follow. God must love fruits more than blossoms, for it takes them so much longer to mature, and they last so much longer when they are matured.

## An Immeasureable Measure. <br> A Large Prayer; Eph, 3, 14-21. by anna ross.

Having been started, as narrated in a preceding paper, into studying the four words of dimension, the breadth, length, depth and height of the love of Christ, there was naturally a strong impulse for further working the mine which had been opened.

Taking up the prayer from the 14th verse, I quickly came upon another measure. Paul is seeking strength for his Ephesian converts, as their hearts are made weak through the sufferings through which he, their beloved teacher in Christ, is called to pass. He has not fallen into the error of supposing that he has the whole burden to bear. He has such confidence in the love of these Ephesians that he knows his sufferings means their sufferings, and he goes to work to pray down strength that shall overmatch their weakness. How the Apostle's heart is enlarged in this prayer ! There is positively no limit to what he asks. He begins at the very beginning with one of his immeasureable measures.
Listen to him: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory." The prayer that Paul is asking is to be measured out to these Ephesians according to this measure, "according to the riches of His glory."
Now this is a very, very large measure. He does not ask that they may be strengthened according to their faith. That might be, in the case of some of them, a rather small measure. He does not ask for strength even according to their need. That was a large measure, and Paul knew it. But he asks strengthening for them according to a much larger measure than that, even according to the riches of the Father's glory, "the unsearchable riches of Christ," wrought out by Him and treasured up in Him for the supply of the poor and needy.

Now, if we were standing in the midst of a parched land, and had somehow obtained connection with boundless supplies of water, it would make a mighty difference whether that water were measured out to us by the thimbleful or by the hogshead. The thimble supply might keep our soul in life, but the hogshead, if measured out fast enough, would constitute us rivers of living water to the wilderness all around. Paul asks supplies for these Ephesians not at all upon the thimble scale, but according to the largest of all measures, "according to the riches of His glory."

Look at Paul's measure. Look till the contemplation of it shall expand your heart, and it becomes large enough to take in some of God's large thoughts of grace toward you and yours. Look until the old, cramped, human thimble measures shall drop altogether out of sight. Look at the measure of the riches of the glory of our God as His dearest measure for the answer of your prayers. You will feel your faith growing while you look at it. Faith grows wonderfully upon such food.
Andrew Murray gives the same immeasureable measure in other words-words that are well worth looking at and pausing over till their significance shall enter the deepest place in our heart. "Expect," he says, "an answer to be measured out to your paayer according to the value of the blood of Christ in God's sight." Look upon that, and let the Comforter have time to lead you out into that measureless value, "the value of the blood of Christ in His Father's eye." Expect an answer according to that, and it will be Paul's own measure over again, "according to the riches of His glory."

There is another of these immeasureable measures towards the close of this prayer, which may be the subject of the next paper. Those who care to know what it is and what it means would do well to study it up for themselves beforehand. They would understand it much better if taught it directly from Heaven.

## Family Worship.

The importance of family worship cannot be over-estimated. The united prayers of a family call down blessings from heaven which could be secured in thother way. A family at prayer is a little band of "two or three" with God " in the midst of them ;" it is the two or three "agreed as touching one thing" which God has promised to grant. In addition to the divine blessings which family worship calls down from heaven, its influence leaves a benediction upon the hearts and lives of those wiso participate in it. It mellows, it softens, it harmonizes differences, dispels jealousies, and adjusts each to the well being and comfort of all the others. Much blessing and good is lost to the home where there is uo tamily altar, and the father or the mother who neglects family prayers will have much to regret. Dr. Norman McLeod narrates the following incident, which should help to awaken the hearts of those who have neglected this duty.
"I shall never forget the impression made upon me during the first year of my ministry by a mechanic whom I visited, and on whom - Iurged the paramount duty of family prayer. One day he entered my study, bursting into tears as he said: 'You remember that girl, sir? She was my only child. She died suddenly this morning. She has gone, I hope, to God ; but if so she can tell him, what now beeaks my heart, that she never heard a prayer in her father's house, or from her father's lips ! $O$, that she were with me but for one day again!"

## The Nerve of Crime.

Burke, the Irish murderer, whose hoirible mode of committing his crimes has taken his own name, in his confessions states that only once did he feel any restraint of conscience. That was when about to kill an infant child. The babe looked up and smiled in his face, "but," said he, "I drank a large glass of brandy, and then I had no remorse." His case is one of thousands. Many times in my own experience have young men looked up to me when asked what they had to say why the sentence of the law should not be pronounced, and falteringly said, "I was drunk ; I would not and could not have done it had I not been drunk."-Chief Justice Noah Davis.

## Consecration.

There is danger least enthusiasm for external Christian service overshadow the sense of duty to cultivate personal holiness. Such service cannot take the place of personal consecration. The chief object of religious service is not to render men comfortable or enlightened, but to help them to become reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Nothing else so promotes this object as sincere righteousness in the one who makes the welfare of others his purpose in Christ's name. If he be imbued with the Divine Spirit, his goodness wins him access to others, touches their hearts, and makes his efforts most successful.-Rev. Edward W. Moore.

The humblest Christian has something to spare. He can give sympathy and help.


## THE VICE OF VICES.

Topic for Aug. 19.-"The Woes of the Drunk-ard."-Prov. 23: 29-35.
Personal Abstinence-Unceasing Opposition Universal Opposition.
The Legacies of Intemperance.

## by louis albert banks, D. D.

In dealing with the question of intemperance, the personal woes and miseries of the .drunkard himself are a very small part of the problem, though it would be a problem pathetic enough if that were all. The sorrowful heart, the quarrelling spirit, the babbling tongue, the disgraceful scars, evidences of shameful wounds, the inflamed eyes,these are the luathsome credentials of the man stung by the adder, and torn by the fangs of intemperance. But terrible as this is, it is only an insignificant part of the picture that is painted in heart and life by drunkenness.

Isaiah truthfully declares that one of the results of the use of strong drink is to cause one to be oblivious to the rightful claims of God and man. It sears the conscience, and stupifies the soul in selfishness. One of the reasons why the drunkard can go on spreading broadcast the sorrow which his career causes is because of this paralyzing selfishness, which is one of the results of this sin.

The immediate influence, the first legacy, of intemperance, is to the family of the drunkard. His wife and children and his relatives, be they ever so pure and innocent themselves, must share his disgrace and shame, and they must often endure it after he has ceased to feel the shame and ignominy of his position. This bitter legacy brings usually the curse of poverty, the fruit of the twin branches of idleness and waste which grow on the drunkard's tree, to make still more horrible and repulsive the poisonous draught.

One of the saddest of these legacies in domestic life is the hereditary influence of this vice, which often reappears, unto "the third and to the fourth generation." The thirst for strong drink acts not unfrequently like some of the rivers in southern California, that come down from the mountains, strong and courageous in the fulness of their waters, but when they strike the hot plains they sink beneath the sands, to reappear again many miles away, and roll onward with unabated current. So the appetite for strong drink sometimes does not seem to appear in a man's children, but running under a generation, comes up in his grandson, a very lurking devil of evil, so that the unfortunate youth, from early boyhood, never hears the clink of the glasses, or sees the glint of the sun on the bottles in the saloon window, or catches a whiff of the fumes from a grogshop door, but that inherited appetite for strong drink cries out in his very blood for gratification.

But black as the picture is when looked at in the staggering drunkard himself, and in the widening trail of misery in his family, it does not tell all the story. For this drunkard and this family are citizens, and their influence reaches up into all the avenues of power and authority. The drunkard himself may sit in the seat of power, handcuffed by his evil habit, until law is helpless in his nerveless fingers.

Even this is not all, for the public conscience has been seared as with a hot iron, through the compromises made by the State
in licensing for gold the spreading of this moral, social and political plague among the people.

The Christian youth of the world have received this horrid legacy from the past. But they have force enough, if in all churches, Protestant and Catholic, in all lands, they would join heart and hand together, to drive the liquor traffic from the earth, and forever nurify from the fumes of intemperance the itmosphere of God's world - Christian End. World.

## Weak and Strong. <br> To be read in the meeting.

Call no man weak who sometimes sheds a tear Over the height and depth of mortal need ; Over the death or ill of some one dear ; Over a hero or a hero's deed.
Call no man weak who can a grievanca brook,
And hold his peace against a red-hot word;
Nor him a coward who averts his look
For fear some sleeping passion may be stirred.
But call him weak who tramples not in dust
Those evil things that fascinate the heart ;
Who fears to give his moral foe a thrust,
And springs from duty with a coward start ;
Who grapples not with one defiant sin,
Whose ease, and pride and pleasure keep the post.
Where self is strongest, weakest passions win,
Where self is weakest,-there, the valiant host ! -Charlotte Fiske Bates.

## Some Opinions.

Intemperance is a hydra with a hundred heads.-Chrysostom.

Other vices make their own way ; this makes way for all vices. He that is a drunkard is qualified for all vice.-Quarles.
Intemperance wipes out God's image and stamps it with the counterfett die of the devil.-Gough.

Drunkenness does not travel in single harness. It yokes itself up with other sins. -G. F. Pentecost, D.D.
But where shall I find language strong enough to express in fitting words the sin of those who, over the counter, or in the publichouse, supply the drink that sinks man, originally made in the image of his Creator, far beneath the beasts of the earth ? -Thomas Guthrie, D.D.
Now I want you to think that in life troubles will come, which seem as it they would never pass away. The night and the storm look as if they would last forever, but the calm and the morning can not be stayed; the storm in its very nature is transient. The effort of nature, as of the human heart, is ever to retdrn to its repose, for God is peace. -George MacDonald.

Our unmercifulness often takes away the last chance of our getting what we think our due from those who offend against us.

Zeal in Christian work must be manifested always in a Christian spirit. The fire in the Christian's heart should be from God's altar.

I saw that there was no other way for the afflicted children of God to take but to go to God with all their sorrows.-David Brainerd.

The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of arm that does some work for God, but harvests also some more of the truth of God, and sweeps it into the treasury of life.-Phillips Brooks.

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ATTRACTION.
It was a great moment in the life of our L.ord, and His disciples, when he looked upon the crowds who had been drawn together, by the attractiveness of His ministry, and who were now hungry and weary. He knew what He would do. He had no hesitation when confronted by real need; but for the apostles it was an overpowering problem which they must decline a together on account of its large dimensions. Many suggestions arise out of this incident in the life of the Son of man. On one of them let us now fix our attention. We think it a great thing to attract the crowd; but does there not lie behind that the responsibility of feeding them? The greatness of our Lord as a teacher is seen in this, that He had the power to attract without using any low sensat nalism ; and that having attracted, he had the power to feed. It was not his regular method of procedura to supply the common bread. In fact, as He Himself pointed out, there was af element of danger in thit ; but his action on this occasion is a symbol of his whole ministry. It was a ministry that met the hizhest responsibility. The highest responsibility of the ministry is not to have the large crowd-the full burch, but to see to it that those who do come are fed in the truest sense. Our hearers, as a rule, do not need bread for th body. It is because they are so full an mortable that they are hard to reach they have a complex Godyiven nature which needs a varied ministry. The intellect must be ruled by areat principles; the heart roused by holy emotions; and the will quickened to noble action. Jesus appealed to the whole nature and the best and purest elements in it. If He was misunderstood and rejected by many, those who understood and received Him were lifted to a higher plane of life. He set before them the great issues of life ; and did this boldly and clearly. If His hearers failed, they failed by their own cowardice and unbelief; and not because the voice was thin and the message vague. By all means let the Church pay attention to legitimate attraction, show ing the smiling face and the outstretched hand: but let her ministers remember that when the crowd is gathered the responsibility is only created, not completed, the duty demanded, ant discharged; only out of solemn thought and silent communion can the message come which is to reveal the Father and quicken meri's sout
" The goblins will ketch you if you don't watch out," is world-wide in its quaintness and in its application. The unseen and seen forces of evil are on every hand. From the time a child has its meses, whooping cough and thrush until it is carried off by the in firmities of old age the prince of the power of the air is alwa . .o. the alert, and we are in danger of being led captive at his will When dangers were near men have been known to steep, with one eye open ; to slee on their arms, etc., and this is in the warn ing: What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch!

## A WORD FOR CHINA.

Mr. T. G. Selby, who spent many years in a remote distr + of China, anc who knows the natives and their language intimately, ventures a remontrance in the "British Weekly" against a blind and undiscriminating wrath in the chastisement of the Chinese, He points out that the Legations were sup. plied with food by friendly natives at great risks and sacrifices; that the Chinese stock has produced a Prince Ching, who lost his life in a fruitleas attempt to defend the be* leaguered Ministers; that "the friendliness and fidelity of hosts of native Christians are beyond all praise;" and that the common Chinaman enlisted as a soldier for the defence of our last acquired strip of territory is doing more than was expected of him. In avenging one of the darkest crimes of the century, we mi:t take care that we do not discredit ourselves and make swarms of implacable enemies for those who will come after us. The proposal to uproot and defile the tombs of the Ming Emperors is madness, and would kindle a revenge that would smoulder for centuries. We cannot turn the fair and fertile provinces which nourish four hundred millions of human souls into a firescorched continent of Dead Sea cities. The protest is timely, and, it is to be hoped, will not pass unheeded, more especially if it turns out, as Mr. Selby believes, that "the Chinese judgment and the Chinese conscience will sustain the Allied Powers when the hour for chastising the instigators of these massacres is come." This view of the case will be heartily endorsed by every Canadian missionary in Chiria.

## The Assembly Fund.

Under date 3oth July, Rev. Dr. Warden has issued a circular giving particulars res pecting the requirements of this fund, the annual collection in behalf of which takes place on Sabbath, rith inst. He says :
"In addition to the expenses immediately connected with the meeting of Assembly, and the publishing of the annual volume of Minutes, this Fund has to bear all expenses connected with Committees of the Church that have no fund of their own, such as the Committees on Statistics, on the Distribution of Probationers, on Church Life and Work, etc. There is also an annual charge on account of the general expenses of the Presbyterian AI-liance- There are this year special charges, by order of the General Assembly, in con nection with the Committees on Aids to Social Work and on Uniformity of Public Worship."
"According to instructions of the Assembly, one copy of the Minutes is to be sent for each member of Session, in those congregations that have contributed to the Fund during the year then preceding,"
"The estimated amount required this year is $\$ 7,000$. To meet the expense of printing and distributing the volume of Minutes, etc., the sum of $\$ 5.000$ is needed before the end of August. Will you kindly see that a contribation is made by your congregation and the amount forwarded to me immediately after the nineteenth instant."

## THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

Would not some students be willing to drop out for a session? If you spend the winter in the Mission field you can join the Summer Session classes in Winnipeg, in 1901, and take your places in your own classes in the autumn. You will not lose a day in graduating ; you will have a wider experience in dealing with men, and you are simply doing the work to which you devoted your life.

There are many reasons why this work should be vigorously prosecutev. The growth of the Church demands it. In the district east of the Great Lakes our Church is growing only a fraction over $2 \%$ per alsnum just now. Her hope of growth is in the North and West; but, if we neglect these, we cannot grow. The Church to grow must go in with the settler. Shall the Presbyterian church be a laggard here? Her prestige, power to extend Foreign Miscions, to maintain herself it her activities at home are bound up in this work of church extension.
The future well-being of the country demands aggressiveness. Into the West there is a large inflow of alien races from Europe. If we are to Christianize and Canadianize them we must have a vigorous religious, and national liee. Unless we evangelize our own people how can we beget or communicate such a life? Patriotism demands some sacrifice. Will you not make the sacrifice to mould the new life of the West ? Unassimilated and unevangelized the Foreigners are a national peril.
Sacrifice will nourish and develop the missionary spirit of the Church. Dickey, Grant, Pringle, Sinclair, Cock, Wright, have render ed the Church signal service by their heroic work in the North; there must be plenty of the same stuff among the young men of the Church. By such chivalry the spiritual life of the Church is developed, and the Christian spirit differentiated from the worldly.

You believe the Gospel to be the power of God in the salvation of men ; many are perishing, more are likely to perish because the Gospel is denied them ; will you not volunteer to be Christ's messenger to give them the Gospel ?
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 1, $\mathbf{1 9 0 0}$.
The Secretary of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees, Western Section, has this week sent out blank for:as for students' reports, and half yearly claims of Presbyteries to the several conveners. If any convener fails to receive them in due time he is requested to notify the secretary, Reve Dr. Somerville, Owen Sound.

We would call attention to "The Briar and the Palm, the Wages of Life," by Annie S. Swan. The copy we have received is pub ished at six pence, and is neatly bound in paper and clearly printed. Annie S. Swan is a well-known authoress of established reputation, and we have much pleasure in commending this strong, wholesome story.Edinburgh : Oliphant Anderson and Ferrier.

Profestor James Bryce has recently said: "There is nothing in politics so difficult, nothing so prolific of misunderstandings and suspicions which may ultimately lead to war, as the attempts of several mutually jealous Powers to exert a joint control over some other government or territory." Is the story of China to be added to that of Turkey in illustration of the truth of this statement?

## OUR CHINA MISSION.

## Missionaries Recalled.

An important meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee was held in Toronto, last Thursday to consider what action should be taken in view of the grave state of affairs in China. There was a large attendance of members, with the Convener, Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, in the charir ; and there were also present Revs. Dr. Maclaren, Toronto ; J. B. Fraser, John Thompson, Sarnia; Dr. Johnson, London ; Dr. Warden, Dr. McKay, Mr. Hamilton Cassels and Mr. Andrew Jeffrey, Toronto ; Rev. J. R. McNeillie, Lindsay, and D. Wilson, Seaforth. Rev. W, Harvey Grant of the Honan staff and Rev. W. Gauld of Formosa were present to advise with the committee.

The committee had to consider the situation in view of the following considerations : - The future safety of the missionaries ; the tremendous strain to which they were subjected in escaping from Honan through five hundred miles of hostile country, and the possible need of rest for a season ; the expectation that in the future-it is hoped in the near future-China will be more accessible than ever, and that our missionaries should be in readiness immediately to seize the opportunity when it comes and take up again the work from which they are now compelled to retire ; the knowledge of the fact that the presence of the missionaries at the present time in any part of China acts as an irritant, and that the native converts are less exposed to persecution in the absence of their teachers; the desire in the meantime to have the missionaries employed elsewhere, if not in China, either in the home or foreign field ; the fact that even if the trouble had not arisen a number of the missionaries would be entitled to return home on furlough in the spring of 1901, and others in 1902, and that by taking furlough a year eariier they will be the better prepared to enter upon the work when the opportunity offers; the fact that the dialect spoken in Honan and in north China generally is not spoken in ary of our other missions in Korea or Formosa, thus preventing service in these missions.

After much earnest consideration, it was agreed to send the following cablegram :-
"Committee entrust decision to staff, advising McKenzie, McClure, McGillivray remaining in or near China, watching developments, others returning to $\mathbf{V}$ ancouver; draw if necessary; cable freely."

If for any cause any one of the three missionaries named cannot remain. others will be chosen. Several of them have had many years of experience, and the committee has the fullest confidence in their courage and discretion.
The executive was authorized to take any step that may seem necessary in the developments of the coming days.

The Presbyterian Mission staff now in China is composed of the following :-Mr. Wm. McClure, B. A., M. D., of Montreal ; Rev. Murdoch McKenzie, of Montreal, and Rev. D. McGillivray, M. A., B. D., of Goderich, who are advised to remain, and Miss Margaret I. McIntosh, of Toronto ; Miss Jennie I. Dow, M. B., of Fergus ; Mr. C. Leshe, M.D., of Montreal ; Mr. Wm. Malcolm, M.D., of Galt; Rev. J. A. Slimmon, of Toronto; Rev. R. A. Mitchell, B A., of Toronto ; Rev. Jonathan Goforth, of Thamesford ; Rev. Jas. Menzies, of Ailsa Craig; Miss Mina A. Pyke, ot Stratford; Rev. John Griffith, B. A., of Toronto ; Miss Margaret Sterling Wallace, M. D., of Toronto, and Rev. T. C. Hood, of Chatham. Kev. Percy C. Leslie, M. D., of Montreal, is already on his way to San Francisco, with his wife and family.


True to Nature.

BY N. A. M. ROE.

Noah Harkıns accumulated considerable property in youth and middle life, and when old age came he imagined that everybody was trying to get it away from him. He withdrew from the church bec use he was invited to give to all the church benevolences. His sister Judith wrote that she would make him a short visit, and he wrote back that he was well euough and she'd better put it off a jear; he supposed she was comming to induce him to make a will in her favor.
She did not receive the letter declining her visit, however, so one morning she appeared, walking up the dusty road and turning in at the lilac-bordered walk. Noah could not help being a little cordsis to the sister he had not seen for years, especially when she seem ed so glad to see him The old housckeeper was glad to see her, too, for she knew how weazened the old man was becoming not only physically but spiritnally.

At night, as the two old people sat on the porch, Noah said. "What did you come for, Judith?' He looked at her sharply from under brows that drew closer as he looked.
"What did I come for ?" she repeated, in bewilderment. "Why, I came because I hadn't seen you for more than twelve years, most thirteen now, and I knew you must be getting old, and "-
"You thought it was time I made a will. I thought so. I thought so."
"You thought I came after your money ?" The sister was angry. "Let me tell you, Noah Harkins, you haven't a blessed thing I won't say a blessed thing, for the Lord hain't blessed a thing you've got-p'r'aps the devil has"-then she laughed. "You'll find His blessing is always a curse. Howsomever, as I was sayin', you ain't got a thing that I'd take as a gift, and you needn't make no will on tay account. The money is cramped, the house is close, you don't even let in God's air. I see that you are wrinkled and dried up inside as well as out, and everything belonging to you is ready to blow away in the first wind."

Noah sat with eyes contracting more and more as she went on. He was surprised to find some one who cared nothing for his possessions. A swift thought went through his mind that it might be possible there were other people who felt the same way.
"I'll take that back, Noah. I have always envied you the possession of the Ark. It was so comfortable, and we used to have such fun playing coach in it. Do you remember the time you made such a valiant rescue of me and the nine dolls made of pillows? We had a big saw-horse tied between the thills, and the lively beast started to run, and you leaned over the dasher andleaned too far. You landed on your head, and the horse tipped over and thwacked the back of it !" She was wiping the tears as she laughed at the funny remembrance, and Noah was laughing, too.
"That carriage must be most a hundred years old."
"I guess 'tis. Mother always called it the Ark, for it was such a refuge for all the school children on a rainy day. They used to pile in several tiers high on the back seat, and in front just the same. Too bad Besom diedhe belonged with it."
"Yes. I was sorry and"-
"Wal, I wa n't sorry then, for he was the most cantankerous, cont'y, vicious old thing that I ever saw. Do you remember he bit off one of my long braids, and then mother made me have the other one cut off ? You'd never think now that I once had hair to be proud of, would you?" and she smoothed the thin gray covering that lay on her head.
"What would you do with the Ark if you had it ?"

I wouldn't keep it shut up in the barn," she said, with a way of her head.
"I s'pose you'd want Prince to go with it ?"
"Of course. I shouldn't expect to haul it myself."
"He's pretty lively."
"He won't bite my head off. I fed him grass this mornin', an' he knows me. I'd rather have him than the livliest saw horse that would run away and kill us all," and she laughed again.
"I don't know's I can spare Prince."
"No, I did'nt s'pose you could now ; but when you get ready to die 1 hope you'll let me have the Ark and Prince.
"I'm good for twenty year yet."
"The Ark'll keep. I looked at them spokes an' they're jest as sound as when father and mother was alive "

Judith stayed all summer, and she got still better acquainted with Prince. Noah took her out to drive every night wherever she wanted to go. Judith got into the habit of asking everybody they passed on the road if they didn't want to ride.
The second Sunday she said: "Noah, Father Ellis is so rheumaticky he can't get to church any more, an' I do think folks as has a horse and kerridge should take him."

The housekeeper was called to care for her son's household, for his wife died and left three little children. So Judith made Noah's blueberry pies, and once she cut a man out of cookie dough and set it beside his plate, " just for old time's sake," she said; but afterwards she gave it to Bonnie Dane, the cripple down the lane.

The summer was ended, and Noah was uneasy. He wondered what he should do when Judith went home.
"Judith, couldn't you stay another week ?" he said, with such a pitiful look in his old eyes that Judith felt tears coming.
"Wal, I calklated I'd stay right along, when I come. I'd heard how you was dryin' up, and I says ter myself, I can't hev Noah die as he is. I've got ter do something to spread him out, an' it's time I was about it. What would mother say if she knew you'd stopped givin' to everything? An' she'd ask me what I let you do it for."
Noah swallowed twice, and then he said, "I'll spread out any way you say if you'll only stay.

He went out to look after Prince who had already been well attended to that morning, but Judith understood her stern brother, and never said a word about it to him.
Under Judith's influence, so mildly exerted that Noah never felt it sensibly, he gradually expanded, and before he died he made arrangements to give five thousand dollars to the missionary fund.
"Judith, I've made my will."
"Wal, that's a proper thing to do. I hope you've give Widder Haskins a hundred dollars so she can go to the Old Ladies Home?"
"No, I hain't.
"I s'pose you forgot it, but you can add a postcript."

Later he said: "Judith, I've tore up that will, though I do say it cost me five dollars to git Lawyer Green to make it."
"Noah, I never lied to ye, an' if you'll set down on a piece of paper what you want done I'll see't it's done, an you needn't pay no five dollars neither. That's a waste of money. Why, that would keep Prince in oats some time."
"Judith," said Noah, "I'm a gune goose this time, I guess. My prop'ty il go to you as my nearest heir but you wouldn't er got a cent if you hadn't ben so willin' ter do without it. I guess mother'll say I've left it in good hands, an' I guess I have. 'Twas that old Ark business that made me do it. Anybody that'll be satisfied with such a legacy ought ter have more." There was silence for a little. 'Judith, I'm glad-you came-narrow-tight"-then he slept, and at last he whispered: "Judith-a blessing-from the-Lord."

## The Pronunciation of Chinese Words.

It will be a help in the pronunciation of Chinese words to remember that the vowels are uniformly those of the Italian or continental alphabet, namely : 1. A always about as a in far; e always approximately as e in they or then ; i very like i in machine or pin ; $o$ as either the o of song or how ; and $u$ always as the u of rule. 2. Also it should be remembered, every syllable has an independent value, and should be given that value in pronunciation. 3. As for consonants, they are pronounced exactly as written. These three rules will secure as correct a pronun ciation of Chinese names as can be secured without oral instruction. For example, under the first rule, one would say tah koo for Taku, not take-you, as one frequently hears the word pronounced ; lee-hoong chahng for Li Hung Chang, not li hungehang; peh-king for Peking, not peeking ; shahng hah ee for Shanghai, not Shanghigh ; tsoong-lee-yahmen for tsung li yamen, not tsung lie yay. men, and so on. Under the second rule Tientsin is pronounced teeyen-tsinn, accent ing the yen syllable ; not teentsin. General Nieh's name is Neeych. The Chinese coin tael is not tale, but tahale, pronounced quickly. Yun nan fu is yon-nann-foo, not yunanfyu. In like manner all words are pronounced with syllabic distinctness and with uniform vowel sound. Under the third rule the province named Szechuan is sounded, not zekuan, but nearly as zehchooahu, touching the choo very lightly; Nganhwei as inggahugoowayee, dropping the initial i sound; Liautong Peninsula is leeahootong, and the German possession Kiau Chau is Keeahoo Chahoo.

The purple fringe of the thistle blossom Fades into feathery white;
There is only a leaf on the river's bosom Where I saw a lily last night
O, August days, with your dreary haze, How fleet ye are-and how bright.
"Ah, sir," exclaimed a Scotch elder, in a tone of pathetic recollection, "Our late minister was the man! He was a powerfu' preacher, for in the short time he delivered the Word amang us, he knocked three pulpits to pieces, and danged the insides oot $o^{\prime}$ five Bibles!"

The city of Peking is sixty rpiles from the great wall and 100 miles from the sea.

Soften your grief by much thanksgiving. Horace Bushnell.

## THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

## One Day at a Time.

Long, long ago, a robin and a butterfly alked over their troubles one day
"How much nicer it would be to live in a house, as men do," said the robin. "There's a black cloud in the sky, and I'm sure it's going to rain. I'll have to cuddle up under the eaves and my feathers will be damp. I fear I'll take cold and lose my voice.
"I have to hide away, too, when it rains," said the butterfly. "'Twould be a great pity if the water washed off my lovely powder, and a big shower might drown me."

Miss Butterfly wis quick-witted. "Why not go and live in that house now ? The window's open?" And she flew in at once. The robin was more cautious. He lighted on the window-sill and peeked around. "I don't see any place for a nest."
"Pshaw! You don't need a nest in a house," said his gay little friend. So Master Robin flew in, and perched on the first thing he found, which was a book; but he looked homesick. Miss Butterfly fluttered to a quill pen, and made believe it was a flower.
Pretty soon there were sounds, and the robin listened as hard as he could.
"O, papa!" a child's voice said, "look there! Sh-sh! Keep still! You'll scare them! What a beautiful butterfly for your collection! And, papa, mayn't I have the bird in a cage? I'd like a robin with my canary."

A man's voice answered low: "Run around outside, then, deary, and close the windows softly so they can't get out."

Master Robin's brains were wide awake now. He spoke quickly: "That man's an en-ento-well, I can't say it, but he's crazy on insects, and he'll stick a pin through you, my lady. And that girl thinks she'll put me in a cage ! I guess not ! Let's fly?" Out they flew just as the little maid's hand touched the sash. They heard her cry ot disappointment as they dashed by her.
"O, papa ! they just went out like a flash ; and they're both gone !"

But Master Robin and Miss Butterfly laughed heartily to be out again in the free air. The black cloud was gone, and the warm spring sun was shining on the garden beds of crocus and hyacinths. How beautiful it was out of doors ! Living in a house was not to be compared to it.
"Better be content where our Maker meant us to live," said Miss Butterfly. A wise afterthought of the highty-tighty little creature!

## Paper Handkerchiefs.

In Japan, China, and Korea, pocket handkerchiefs made of the thinnest paper are in common use. Like that abomination, the paper serviette, they are supposed to be usedonce and then thrown away.

They are now reported to be becoming quite a la mode in England, having received the approbation of the West End dudes. An up-to date Japanese firm has recently established agencies in London and Dublin, and is doing a flourishing business. Probably many of the handkerchiefs waved in welcome of Her M.jesty in Dublin were made if Japanese paper.

They have the advantage of being very cheap, costing only three shillings per hundred; and come packed in tasteful cardboard boxes, The ground color is crean, and no only are they tastefully illustrated, but most delicately perfumed, so that the user may easily imagine that he is plunging his nose into the rose-gardens of Japan, with the additional advantage of an absence of thorns.

One day at a time! That's all it can be :
No faster than that is the hardest fate; And days have their limits, however we
Begin them too early and stretch them late.
One day at a time,
its a wholesome rhyme-
good one to live by :
A day at a time.
One day at a time ! Every heart that aches Knows only too well how long that can seem; But it's never to-day which the spirit breaks It's the darkened future without a gleam.

One day at a time ! A burden too great To be borne for two can be borne for one ; Who knows what will enter to-morrow's gate? While yet we are speaking all may be done.

One day at a time ! When joy is at height-
Such joy as the heart can never forget-
And pulses are throbbing with wild delight,
How hard to remember that suns must set !
One day at a time-but a single day,
Whatever its load, whatever its length ;
And there's a bit of preciou. Scripture to say
That according to each shall be our strength.

## King Mtesa and the Bible.

In a speech delivered in England, Henry M. Stanley, the celebr ited explorer, told this remarkable story of a mi sionary Bible. He said:
" Janet Livingstone, the sister of David Livingstone, made me a present of a richly bound Bible. Not liking to risk it on a voyage around the Victoria Nyanza, I asked Frank Pocock, my companion, to lend me his somewhat torn and stained copy, and I sailed on my way to Uganda, little thinking what a revolution in Central Africa that book would make. We stayed in Uganda some time, and one day, during a morning levee, the subject of religion was broached, and I happened to strike an emottonal chord in the king's heart by making a casual reference to angels. King and chiefs were moved as one man to hear more about angels. My verbal descriptions of them were not sufficient. 'But,' said I, 'I have a book with me which will tell you far better, not only what angels are, but what God and his blessed son are like, to whom the angels are but ministering servants.'
"' Fetch it,' they eagerly cried. 'Fetch it now ; we will wait.'
"The book was brought, opened, and I read the tenth chapter of Ezekiel and the seventh chapter of Revelation from the ninth verse to the end; and as I read the eleventh and twelfth verses, you could have heard a pin drop, and when they heard the concluding verses, 'They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat,' I had a presentment that Uganda would eventually be won to Christ. I was not permitted to carry that Bible away. Mtesa never forgot the wonderful words, nor the startling effect they had on him and on his chiefs
"As I was, turning away from his country, his messenger came and cried: 'The book! Mtesa wants the book!' It was given to him. To-day the Christians number many thousands in Uganda. They have proved their faith at the stake, under the knobstick and under torture till death."-The Presbyterian, June 13, 1900.

An Aberdeen writer of a couple of generations ago, pronouncing a eulogium on his native country, declared that Aberdeenshire "can count battles, castles, camps, rivers, ballads, tumuli, locks, ruins, linns, craggs, sculptured stones, mountains, valleys, and Druidical circles with any county in Scotland."

## The Art of Talking Well.

It is better to be frankly dull than pedan. tic.

One must guard one's self from the temptation of "talking shop" and riding one's "hobby."
Whatever sets one apart as a capital "I" should be avoided.
A joke or humorous story is dependent upon its freshness for appreciation. Some emotions will not bear "warming over."
It is no longer considered good form to say a word against anyone. An ill-natured criticism is a social blunder. Gossip, too, is really going out of fashion.
True wit is a gift, not an attainment Those who use it aright, never yield to the temptation of saying anything that can wound another in order to exhibit their own cleverness. It is natural and spontaneous. " He who runs after wit is apt to catch nonsense."
Talk that has heartiness in it and the liveliness and sparkle that come of light-heartedness and innocent gayety, is a fairly good substitute for wit.
Offer to each one who speaks the homage of your undivided attention. Look people in the face when you talk to them.

Talk of things, not persons. The best substitute for wisdom is silence.
It is provincialism to say "yes, sir," "no, ma'am " to one's equal.
Have convictions of your own. Be yourself and not a mere echo.

Never ask leading questions: We should show curiosity about the concerns of others only so far as it may gratify them to tell us.

Draw out your neighbor without catechizing him. Correct him, if necessary, without contradicting him. Avoid mannerisms.

Strive to be natural and at ease. The nervousness that conceals itself under affected vivacity should be controlled, as should the loud laugh.-August Ladies' Home Journal.

Going from a Sunday service, a woman met a friend, who asked if the sermon was done. "No," was the reply; "it is all said; it now has to be done." If the audiences in all our churches were not merely "hearers of the word, but doers also," the effects of preaching would speedily be felt the world around.

If you and I and ewe and eye
And yew and aye (dear me)
Were all to be spelled $u$ and $i$,
How mixed up we would be.
The world is crowded with people who can do anything, but all its big salaries are waiting for those who can do something.
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here Rew, Robert lrvine, Andrew Marshall, Wm. Grogs. Jame- Gardner Robb, John Kirkpatrick and Win. Patterson. Dr. Grege, John Kirkpatrick and Wim. Patterson are still with us: the others have gone to their reward.

## Western Ontario

Rev. W. Moffatt, Londen, left last Friday for a rip to England.
Rev. Mr. Smith. Bradford, has been supplying the pulpit of Rev. J. T. Hill, Bondhead.
Rev. W. J. Clark and Mrs- Clark, of London, are spending their holiday, in Muskoka.
Kirkwall Presbyterians worhhip in the school house during the re-erection of the church.
Rev. L. Perrin, Georgetown, and Rev. H. A Macpherson, of Acton, exchanged pulpits last Sunday
The venerable Dr. Paton, of the New Hebrides Mission, while in Hamilton was the guest of Rev. Dr. Fletcher
The Rev. J. S. Hardie, formerly pastor of Stankey street church, now of Listowell, wats calling on friends in Ayr last week.
Rev. M. P. Talling, Toronto, preached very acceptably at the two services last Sunday in St James' Presbyterian Church, London
Rev. D. Strachan, Guelph, will fill the pulpit of St. Andrew s church, Gencoe, daring the vacation of the pastor, Rev. James Wilson.
Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Cleveland, officiated at both services at St. Andrew's church, London, last Sunday. He is an able and eloquent preacher.

The services at the First Presbyterian church London, on Sunday, were conducted by Rev Wylie C. Clark, of Brampton, Large congregations were present both morning and evening.
The local prese pronounces the sermon preached by Rev. E. W. Panton, of Stratford, in St. Andrew's church, Berlin, as " able and scholarly Rev. W. A. Bradley is enjoying a brief vacation

The Galt Reformer maken sympathetic reference to the recent death of Rev. John Murray Free church minister, at Brora, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, who was a vivitor in Galt a few year ago.
Rev. John Currie, of Knox, Belmont, is to preach anniversary sersices in Kintyre on Sunday
next. Rev. Mr. Baret, of Kintyre, it to preach in Knox, Belmont, and Kilmartin church, Yarmouth, the same day.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, Hensall, hav been electd moderator of Huron Presbytery.
Rev. W. P. Findlay, Claremont, preached last Sunday morning in st. Andrew s church, Guelph. His text was, "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go wupunished." His subject was the self-reveating and self-punishing power of sin, and be handled it very ably.
Preston correspondence Galt Reporter: Rev. J. R. Johaston,pastor of the Presbyterian church, has gone to London, where he will spend a two weeks vacation. Rev. B. B. Williams, of Guelph, will occupy the pulpit during that gentleman'

## bsence.

During the absence of the Rev. A. G. Sinclair in Nova Scotia, the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, will be filled by Rev. B. Canfield Jones, of Eric, Pa. a former highly esteemed pastor of that church, and whose visitare looked forward to with interest by his many friends.
Rev. R. W. Rons, Guelph, left last week to oin a party at North Bay. From there he proposes to take an extended canocing trip to Lake Penniscaminque via Mattawa, from thence down the Gatineau river to the Ottawa, and so home The Dominion Presbvterian hopes to greet Mr. Rows when he reaches the Capital.
Rev. T. Eakin, St. Andrew's, Guelph, has been preaching in the Central church, Galt, and The Reporter pays the young minister a merited compliment. It says: "Athough he is through his college course only a few monthe, he gives evidence of advanced study and possesser qualities which are sure to lead him into the front rank of Presbyterian pulpiteers.

I succesful lawn social wat held on the grounds of Mr. J. Cleghorn, Mosboro, under the atspices of Guelph Kno: Clurch young people in aid of the organ find. There was a large gathering from the cty and members of the chursh in the vicinity presemt. Under the genia presidency of Mr. J A. Mccrae, a varied programme was submitted ynd a pleasant evening spent by all.
At the last meeting of Huron Presbytery the following committees were appointed for the ensuing year, the first named in cach list being convener: Home Missions, Revs, James A. Anderson, James Ilamilton, Robert Henderson and elders: Church Life and Work, Revs. Acheand eders: Chureh Lie and Work, Revs. Ache Revs. James A. Hamilton, Stewart os Hemer Revs. James A. Hamilton, Stewart, J.S. Hender son and elders: Finance, Revs, Shaw, Muggrave Larkin and elders: Superintendent of Students Revs. A. Stewart, Fletcher, Musgrave and elders; Christian Endeavor, Revs. Sawers, Carriere, Martin and elders; Augmentation, RevsMclean, Jame- A. Hamilton, R. Hendernon and elders: Forcign Missions, Revs, Musgrave,
Sawers, Larkin and elders: Conference Commit. Sawers, Larkin and ederv: Conterence Commit-
tee, Rev. S. Acheson and conveners of all the other committees.

## Montreal.

An interesting function took place at Wentmount on Saturday afternoon of last week, when the corner stone of the new Melville Presbyterian church was laid by Mr. J. R. Walker, ex-mayor of Westmount, in the presence of the Rev. T. W. Winticld, the pastor of the church, and the members of its congregation. The weather was perfect for such an occasion, and much interest was evinced in the proceedings. Amongst those in attendance were several of the ministers of the town, Mayor Lighthall, of Westmount, the Rev. James Patterson, the Rev. W. P. Walker, Messis. Raphael, Dr. Elder, T. S. Williamson, Moir, J.H. Raphael, Dr. Elder, T. S. Williamson, and many other citizens. After devotonal exercises, the stone was laid by ex-Mayor Walker, who used for the purpose a silver trowel with an ebony handle, which bore the inscription: "Presented to J. R. Walker, Esq., on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of Melville Church, Aug. + 1900.
The new church will be a handsome cruciform Gothic structure, in red brick, with a square tower at the weet end. The nave will be 110 feet long and the transepts so feet, and it will hold over 6 oo people. Beseath the nave will be the church parlor, and divided from it by a slidiag door, so that the whole can be used as one hall, will be the Sabbath school and library, and a kitchen. The first Sunday in November is the date set apart for the church to be ready for use.

Rev. James Taylor, of Aywin, Que., paid a flying visit early in the week to friends in Buckingham.

Ottawa and Vicinity,
Rev. James Taylor, B.A., Aylwin, was elected moderator of Ottawa Prosbytery for ensuing six months.
Rev. Mr. Penman officiated in the Aylmer thurch on Sunday in the absence of Rev. Mr, Mc Nicol, whe is away on his vacation.
Rev. Wood, pastor of St. Andrew's church, has commenced a weekly prayer meeting to be held every Thursday at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., Richmond.
Rev. Orr Bemett, of Hawkesbury, and Rev. Geo. Crombie, of Coulonge, tendered their resignations at Presbytery, which were tabled; and the congregations to be cited to appear in their own interests at next meeting.
The serious illness of Rev. Norman H. McGillivray, of Carp, from an attack of appendicitis, was amnounced at Stawa Preebytery by Rev Dr. Moore, who, by request, led in prayer for the speedy recovery of the sick brother.
Mrs. (Dr.) Thoburn and Miss McLeod are the only delegates from Ottawa to the Women National convention at Victoria, B.C. The meetings have proved a great success, both as to attendance and interest taken in the proceedings.

Monday's Citizen contained the following interesting paragraph: Mr. A. H. Taylor, Rideau street, has received a curio from Andrew Taylor, who is in the Vukon. It is the tooth of a hairy elephant or elephas primigenius. It weighs over three pounds and is about five inches in width at the widest part. The tooth is in a good state of preservation. It was found by Mr. Taylor at Dominion Creek, when he was digging some so feet under the surface.
The Relfast Witness says: Rev. Dr. M Meekin, of Ottawa, Canada, who some twenty-six yearago was minister of Magherabamlet Presbyterian Church, has for the past few weeks been on a vivit to Relfast and neighborhood, and has occupied several of the local pulpits with much acceptance. The reverend gentleman will be reneembered by many of the older generation of Belfast Presbyterians. He was a student of the old Queen's University, and a contemporary there of the Rev. Jame- MeGill and other esteemed ministers. Dr. M Meekin leaves Belfast for a visit to London and Paris, and he will sail for Montreal early in August.
On a recent Sabbath Rev. N. A. Mcleod New Edinburgh, expressed the opinion that there should be a larger attendance of the childron at the Sunday school. What, he said, could be done to remedy this was for parents to see that their children who were pupils learned the lessons and attended regularly. The offleebearers in the church should take a deeper interest in Sunday school work and the congregations should contribute more liberally. Car dinal Newman's famous remark that if he had the children of the empire to train while they were between the ages of three and ten years he would not care who had them afterwards, was qugted by Mr. Mcleod to show the importance of early training. The hope of the Presbyterian Church, from a human standpoint, rested, he said, in the children, and the future of Christian activity also largely depends upon them.
The principal matter before last meeting of Ohawa Fresblery was the setection of a new site for erske ere. Represed hes or his congregation claimed they should be permitted otake over the property on Concession street owned and occupied as a mission Sabbath school by the session of Bank Street Church, no other Site being available. This Bank street declines agreeing to, chiefly because the placing of Erskine church on Concession street would take away 59 families, destroy a useful work that they had successtully carried on for nearly eight years - a work that they alleged Erskine church was not in a position to properly overtake; and, besides, another suitable site could easily be obtained. Commiwioner, from Erskine church took iswe on ail these points, and a prolonged discussion followed. Finally, at a late hour, the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Sader and Ross, and Messrs. John R. Reid, of the Glebe, Wm. Nammion, Bridge, to report at next meeting. The personell Bridge, to reportat next meeting. The personell atisfactory wolution of this difficult case whish has already taken up a sood deal of time and attention.

Sir Claude Macdonald reports the British Legation at Pekin safe on August 3rd.

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN
The official report for the summer of 1900 has just been issued from the agricultural office of Nova Scotia. From this it appears that the hay crop will be well up to the average ; the same is true of potatoes and roots. There is prospect of an abundant fruit crop.

## Northern Ontario.

The Barrie Presbyterians will hold their annual excursion to San Souci on Aug. $13^{\text {th }}$.
Rev. Mr. Skeine, of Hillsdale, will preach in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath, morning and evening.
Rev. J. Watt, of Laskay, preached in the Presbyterian churches of Cookstown, Thornton, and Ivy on Sunday last.

The Rev. Professor McLaren, D.D., preached in Knox Church, Beaverton, last Sabbath morning, and the Rev, J. McD. Duncan, B. D., Woodville, in the evening. Mr. Duncan also took the afternoon service at Gambridge.
The Rev. M. C. Cameron, Harriston, has gone on his holidays to the Rainy River district, where he will spend a quiet time with his brother, who owns a large farm in that country.
The Rev. N. A. McDonald, Lorneville, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church for the
first time on Sabbath last, preaching very acceptably to a large and appreciative congregaceprat
tion.

## British and Foreign News.

There is no Sabbath in China.
Sir George White has begun his duties as Gove ernor of Gibraltar.
A volcanic eruption in Japan has destroyed the lives of 200 people

The membership of West Church, Greenock, (Dr. Hugh Macmillan) is now 603 .

It is stated that the German Emperor will visit the Queen at Balmoral in August.
The famous Hampton Court vine is bearing a crop of about 1,200 bunches of grapes.

Three new Free churches are being built within the bounds of Edinburgh Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. McQueen wishe Dingwall Free Presbytery to disipprove of union with the U. IP. Glasgow Corporation by 4 to 8 votes rejected a motion to open the Peoples Palace on Sundays. Almost half the total white population in China are British. The exact proportion is five in every eleven.

A woman who wears a stuffed bird on her hat in the State of Arkansas is liable to a fine of from $\$ 25$ to $\$ 50$.

China's Grand Canal is the most wonderful artificial waterway in the world. It is over 2000 miles long.

Sir Robert Hart is essentially an Ulster man in appearance, in manner ; with the indestructible brogue to the very end.

Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, completed, week before last, twenty-six years of Thursday noonday preaching in City Temple.
Dundee Town Council have refused to allow the Rev. Jacob Plimmer the use of the public park for his annual conventicle.
Bell Street United Presbyterian Congregation, Dundee, have decided to give a unanimous cal to Rev. J. Beveridge, of Wolverhampton.

Caithness Land Law Reform Association want Dr. Clark, M.P., to visit the county and ascertain if he still has the confidence of his former supporters.
Lady Strathcona, wife of the High Commissioner for Canada, has left London for Paris. The High Commissioner remains in England for the present.
Rev. A. M. Smith, formerly of Ayr, has been inducted as colleague and successor to Rev, James Robertson, of Viewforth Place church, Edinburgh.
Angus Mackay ("Oag"), Deanside, Sutherland, died on the 14 th ult, at Polla,aged 81 years. He was famous for his knowledge of folk lore and clan history.
Mr. Leslie Stuart, the composer of the stirring song, "Soldiers of the Queen," was at one time a Manchester organist, and was known as Thomas Barrett.
A statue of Mr. James Traill Calder, the historian of Caithness, was unveiled at Wick by torian of Caithness, was unveiled at Wick by
Mrs. Duff Dnnbar, of Hempriggs. The statue is erected on the north side of the river, near the railway station.

Edinburgh Waterbeck congregation agrees to call Rev, Archibald Alexander, B. D., assistant, Broughton Place Church, as successor to Rev. A. P. Rankine, B. D.

Rev. D. P. Fenwick, minister of the parish of Logie, Fife, died at his manse on Thursday. He was ordained to the parish in $187+$, and was a was ordained to the parish in 1874 ,
graduate of St. Andrew's University.
At a meeting of Duns presbytery at Berwick, a call to Rev, Gilbert Lang from Spittal congregation, to whom moderation was granted at last Synod, was sustained. Mr. Lang accepts.
Lord Leven and Melville, who has been appointed to succeed the late Lord Lothian as Keeper of the Prisy Seal of Scotland, has been a representative peer for Scotland since 1892, and is head of the banking house of Melville. Evans is head
\& Co.
The semi-jubilee of the Rev. John Spence Robertson, minister of Cumnock parish, was celebrated by a soiree held in the Town Hall. Mr. William Wilson, J. P., one of the elders, presided. Mr. Robertson was presented with a magnificent piano, with a beautiful and costly gold watch and bracelet for Mrs. Robertson, and a pair of gold eye glasses for his mother.

Among those talked of as probable successors to Dr. Marshall Lang in the Barony parish are Rev. Mr. Fisher, Aberdeen, who is under call to Montingside, Edinburgh ; Rev.. Rudge Wilson, of Wilton, who is at present with the forces in South Africa; Rev. Dr. Hunter, of Galashiels, and Rev. Archibald Fleming, of the Tron church, Edinburgh. The stipend is $\$+, 350$ and a manse,


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## ON AND AFTER

Monday, June 18th, 1900


## World of Missions.

In the Protestant boarding schoo!s for boys in Japan there are $\mathbf{1}, 550$ scholars, and for girls 2,527.

There are more Christian converts in India to-day, after a century of missionary work, than there were Christians in the world A. D. 300.

The greatest hindrances in mission lands, especially among barbarous and semi-barbarous natives, come from Christian lands in the shape of rum, gunpowder, and opium.

The Livingston Mission of the Free Church of Scotland has been strengthened by a party of medical and industrial workers lately. Three of the party are trained nurses, one a medical doctor, and two are practical builders who are going out to erect a large church and hospital at Bandowe. The converts there have already prepared most of the bricks, and have pledged themselves to give the labor to put up the buildings.

Last week's Christian Leader says :-At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee of the U. P. Church held in Edinburgh a lengthened conference regarding the Manchurian missions of that body took place. A telegram has been sent to Shanghai asking all the ladies to come home, and also instructing missionaries whose furlough is near to leave at once. It is left to other missionaries to judge best how they should act. Telegrams have also been despatched to all quarters where information regarding the missions is likely to be obtained.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of Monkden, Manchuria, in a recent address on Chinese Missions in Hope Park N. P. Church, St. Andrews, said : Christian ethics were greatly admired in China, but missionaries were regarded throughout the land by the non-Christian population as merely political agents. Subsequent to the war of 1860 the withdrawal of the troops was Icoked upon as an admission of defeat, and the work of the missionary, who appeared upon the scene at a later stage, was viewed with suspicion. They regarded it as an insidious method of preparing for future conquest. With respect to the Boxer rising, he did not believe there had been a massacre of native Christians, though some of their teachers and leading men might have been killed. Dr. Ross did not anticipate that the war would last long, as meantime the Chinese armies could not withstand the European forces. Should, however, a Napoleon arise in China. the country might easily become the most powerful in the world Such were its resources in men and material wealth it could within five years overrun the whole of Europe. This he urged as a reason why every effort should be made to Christianise its immense population.

## Missionary Policy in China.

An English missionary, in a letter from China, throws an interesting light on the methods employed. He says - "The policy of the Roman mission is to defend her converts, try cases themselves, inflict punishments, demand the heads of assailants from the Chinese Government, ask for enormous money compensation for damage to property in riots, and wherever possible have a French gunboat at hand. Our policy is to avoid interference as far as possible, and so we tell our men that if they get into rows we shall not try to get them cut. I am convinced that our system is right, but on account of the constant miscarriage of justice in, the Chinese courts it is very difficult.

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Child-marriage is the great curse of native women in India. It is estimated that there are $24,000,000$ child widows in that country who are cut off from all the comforts and joys of life.
A girl may be betrothed at infancy, and if the man die before she reaches the marriagable age of twelve or fourteen years, she must ever after remain a widow, and suffer the penalties of widowhood. She must sell her jewels for her support ; she must shave off her beautiful, glossy locks, and put on the widow's garb, and become the meanest slave of the household. It is a life not only of seclusion, but of stigma. These victims of the marriage system become the worst enemies of the Hindoo household. Many of them, discarded by their friends, and trodden upon by their own people, find a refuge in the harems of polygamous Mohammedans, of whom it is said there are $50,000,000$ in British India.
It is true that the British law in India permits the widows to niarry again ; but custom, far more powerful, forbids it, and the family abetting :emarriage, even in the case of maiden widows, would, in most parts of India, be doomed to social ostracism. Over 500 remarriages of widows are reported as having taken place during the past few years. This is but a few out of the $24,000,000$, but shows that even this great reform has had a beginning. It is a sad fact, that out of the $99,000,000$ of Hindoo women under British rule, and several millions more under Mohammedan and Hindoo rule, only one-half million can read or write.
Wuuld it be amiss for us, each for herself, to question her own heart with regard to the place we give foreign hcathen mission work in our secret hours of communion? There are those women with narrow lives, darkened by ignorance, sorrowful, lonely, beyond our uttermost comprehension, do we care enough about them to pray for them? Or are they so far distant that their cry, of pain never reaches our ears ?
". What would
These sister women's starving hearts count dear, To pay for one short day of love and honor, And they-thy Father's daughters, too !

## Christianity in Japan.

Mr. Miyagawa, pastor of a Congregational church in Kobe, Japan, has recently undertaken a tour round the world, and he attended the World's Council of Congregational Churches in Boston last fall- He has lately given through one of the English papers his view of Christianity in his native land, and he confesses that the evangelical churches there are passing through a period of trial, not to say of stress. He says that during the first prosperous days of foreign intercourse everything foreign was admired; now, in the period of reaction, everything foreign is suspected. In consequence, many of those who followed the crowd for the sake of popularity are sifted out of the church in its days of adversity. There is an apparent decline because there was a fictitious advance. The only converts who can do a church permanent good, he thinks, are those who remain after persecution. The educational force of the empire, he confesses are arrayed strongly against Christianity, and he admits the injus tice of the late edicts which put the mission schools upon an inferior plane only because they are religious as well as educational He thinks the public system should be nonsectarian, but the private schools should be judged upon its merits, not by means of an arbitrary distinction. The Congregationalists of Japan, Mr. Miyagawa says, have "a
very broad theology," although he declines to characterize them as "rationalistic." He says that the leading pastors in the Congregational ranks have taken their theology direct from Germany; that they preach the divinity of Jesus Christ while ignoring any presentation of the Atonement. These churches, he says, devote themselves to a teaching that is "religious, moral and ethical rather than dogmatic and theological." It is evident from his report, as from that of others, that the churches in Japan just now need the prayers of all Christians that they $m$ y be loyal to the faith once delivered to the saints. The soul must walk very close with God that is able to endure the persecution that we fear yet awaits the Christians of Japan.

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To make a mucilage similar to that used on postage stamps and envelopes dissolve a ozs. of gum dextrine in 5 ozs , f hot water, and add 1 oz of acetic acid and I oz . of al cohol.
Beet Pudding - One pint of b.iled beets, four well beaten eggs, one quart of milk, one tablespoonful of buiter, salt and pepper to season. Stir well together and bake ha'f an hour.
Pickled Beets,-Boil, skin and slice into a jar Boir in a porcelain kettle enough vine gar to cover them, add.ng to it some mace, pieces of ginger root and pieces of horse radish. Pour over the beets while hot and cover.

Baked Sweetbreads.-Parbail the swett breads, split and season. S:tain the broth in which they were cooked into a baking $\rho=1 \mathrm{n}$, lay in the sweetbreads, dredge with flour and dot with bits of butter. Biks in a has oven 30 minutes, or until a d.lic st. brown.
Chicken Sandwiches.-Chop, one pran! of meat, dark and white, fine. A the whe tablespoonful of butter, one tabes; wal al Mayonaisse deressing, and seas in 1 , taste with salt, pepper and celery 8.1 , addme chopped capers if they ar liked. A thbie spoonful of finely chopped celery may be substituted for the celery salt

The habit of drinking daily a quantity of water is an important one, and it is essential to the well-being of every child. The tiniest baby should be given a teaspoonful of pure water many times during the day, and as it grows older the am unt should be increased. Of course, the water given to a child should be boiled to insure purity.

Baked Beef Heart, with Vegetable Stuff ing.-Boil a fat beef heart in salted water until tender. Prepare a stuffing of one large onion chopped fine, two cold boiled potatoes chopped, two chopped s "eet pepper and a tablespoon of minced parsley. Moisten with some of the stock in which the heart has been boiled. Stuff the heart and bake one hour, basting frequently.
Some of the daintiest desserts are evolved from a gelatin foundation. For one of the sort the first step is to make a custard of half a pint of milk, half a cupful of sug ir and the yolks of two eggs. Put the geiatin, about one-fourth of a box, to soak in cold water. When it is soft, add it to the custard. Put the dish containing the mixture into a pan of cold water and stir vigorously. Flavor with vanilla or any chosen flavor and when the gelatin begins to harden stir in a cupful of whipped cream. Finally pour it into a mould and set it on the ice to harden.


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