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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

You have cause to tremble if the Bible appears a commonplace book.

If the privilege of praying for others were prohibited us, how should we begin to value it.—*Baptist Courier.*

The talent to sing is one of the richest of God's gifts, and he will require it at the hands of those who possess it.—*Gibben Rule.*

Mr. Beecher sharply says that the religion of a good many people consists principally in their not being "in debt."

"O Lord keep us out of hot water this day" was the prayer of the President of a female college at chapel exercises, several years ago.

The French *Friend of Israel*, in its last number, announces that the Jews are arriving in great numbers in Palestine, in spite of the prohibition of the Sultan.

It is vain that you depend upon your pastor for a revival of religion. You must call upon God for it—not on man. Cornelius prayed first and sent for Peter afterward. Go thou and do likewise.—*Met. Adv.*

The *Baptist Tractarian* claims that there are many things that to "let severely alone" is the proof of the highest wisdom; and such are all those things which, as Paul says, "minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith."

A hospital for Mussulman women, presided over exclusively by Russian female doctors, has been established by Gen. Tcherniaff at Tashkend. This is the first time that Russian women have been admitted to separate and independent medical practice.

Two ladies, officers of the Salvation Army, who recently went over H. M. S. Britannia in Dartmouth Harbor, duly entered their rank and name in the book kept on board for visitors, adding, in the column for residence: "Bound for glory."

Some people are peculiar enough to think that the gems of beauty and wisdom in the writings of Shakespeare will be more apt to be appreciated, and to be preserved in memory, if studied in the quiet of home than if only heard amidst the glamour of dramatic representation.—*Western Ad.*

According to the *Missionary Review*, the Hindus "not only believe in probation in one state of existence after death, but they believe in 8,400,000 successive periods of existence, each beginning with birth and ending with death, and probation continued in each and all of them."

The temperance people in these United States may get a lesson in tactics from Bismarck: "In politics I act as I do on one snipe shooting. I put my foot on one stone and do not take it off till I see my way clear to another. When I have found that, I step firmly on to the new stone and leave the old one behind, and so on till I am out of the marsh."—*Nashville Ad.*

The *Congregationalist* thinks that Dorcas achieved a more affectionate esteem of her contemporaries, and more lasting immortality for the garments she made, than was secured by the virgin daughters of Philip, "which did prophesy." We have no doubt that, as the angels estimate things, many a modern Dorcas has been equally fortunate.

Goldwin Smith, in the June number of the *Nineteenth Century*, urges that the stream of emigration should be diverted from Canada and the Northern United States where Fenianism thrives, to the Southern States. He declares that Canada, though the politicians, from fear of the Irish vote, dare not say so, shudders at the thought of receiving a wholesale consignment of Irish terrorists.

The single plank upon which the Democrats are all agreed reads as follows: "Resolved, that the Democrats are in favor of turning all Republicans out of office and filling the vacancies with Democrats." This is what they want and would do if they had the power. This will really be the great issue made by them in the presidential election.—*N. Y. Independent.*

The *Missionary Review* thinks that for a foreign board to vote a home secretary a salary of \$5,000, and to its missionary toiling in India or China only \$720, as in the case of unmarried, or only \$1,000 to a man and his wife, or but \$700 when they are at home in broken health, living close neighbors it may be, to the secretary, violates the fundamental law of the gospel, and tends to eliminate self-denial from the church.

When you call on a man of business attend to your business and leave him to attend to his. No man is more pressed for time than a pastor or editor; therefore, brethren, be short when you break in upon either of them in their hours of work. You ask when you come in, "Are you at leisure?" *They are never at leisure.* Every moment of their time that you consume drives their work into the night, "when no man can work."—*Am. Paper.*

The "higher license" system is receiving, as we should suppose it would, some heavy blows in its practical trial. At Des Moines, Iowa, with the price of a license at \$1,000, eleven additional saloons have been established. It simply wipes out a few of the smaller places, and gives both a monopoly and a sort of respectability to the larger. No adequate sum can be allotted as a license for the work of destroying both the souls and bodies of our fellow-men.—*Zion's Herald.*

The *London Athenaeum*, in some remarks on the eagerness of a certain newly formed literary society to obtain a large membership, remarks, with great good sense:

"It is impossible to help thinking that one reason of its existence must be to serve the mania prevalent among people of more ambition than performance for belettering themselves. There are quite enough societies in existence which furnish their members with an excuse for appending three or four letters to their names, and it is not desirable to add to the number."

The remark of a Mohammedan, in Turkey, to a missionary, indicates the possession of a large measure of truth: "Our race is not pure and good, like your race. It is corrupt in every part. It was created so. But God can change us, and I pray every day: 'Oh, God! thou seest our rotten condition; thou knowest that we cannot be pure or do right; be merciful to me and change me, make over the blood in every vein of my body, that it may be no longer corrupt, but as thou wouldst have it.'"—*N. Y. Independent.*

In his oration on the opening of Brooklyn Bridge the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt made a very striking statistical statement. According to our best knowledge, the laborers who built the great Pyramid received a sum per day equal to the purchasing power of two cents of our money. The laborers employed in building the bridge received an average of \$2.50 per day. Mr. Hewitt rightly esteems this contrast to be the best illustration of modern progress; it has made workmen one hundred and twenty-five times better off than they were when the great Pyramids were built.—*N. Y. Advocate.*

"Whose pocket-book is that which you carry?" said a friend to a "business man, as he drew a well-filled wallet from his pocket. "Why, my own, of course. Whose else could it be?" was the prompt reply. "To whom the pocket-book belongs depends on another question. If you belong to the Lord, I guess the purse is His also." "Well," said the man, thoughtfully, "I hope I do belong to the Lord, but your remark throws a new light on this subject. It never impressed me before, as it does just now, that I am to carry and use this pocket-book, 'my pocket-book,' as my Lord directs. I must think this matter out, for I confess honestly I never looked at it in the light in which you place it."—*The Christian Gleaner.*

It appears from the *Cornish Telegraph* (May 24) that on the 19th of May the funeral of an unbaptized child was conducted in Gwinear churchyard by the Rev. J. Harbord, Wesleyan minister. On the minister commencing to read the service the sexton, who stated that he was acting under the orders of the vicar, interrupted him, telling him not to do so. Mr. Harbord, however, continued, and the sexton at once lowered the coffin and began filling in the grave. He went on with this while the service was being read, and had filled the grave by the time it was finished. It is also added that the child's father had some difficulty in preventing the sexton from burying the deceased while the mourners were waiting the arrival of the minister.

There are 120,000,000 women in India. Of these it is said 40,000,000 are prisoners in their zenanas. From eight years old upward they never go beyond its narrow bounds. They may look out a glimpse of the world outside, but can never walk out in its bright sunshine. Not one in 1,200 receives any kind of instruction. Shut up in their cheerless homes, with darkened minds and still darker hearts, how utterly desolate their lives must be! Woman's hand alone can open those doors and lift from the hearts of those unhappy millions the dark shadows of superstition and despair. Are all the Christian women at work?

PERSONAL EFFORT.

BY REV. W. F. MALLALIEU, D. D.

The surest way to answer our own prayers, and to save the world, is to take the poor sinner that is nearest to us and pour into his soul the story of your own experience. The press has great power, but its possibilities are less than those of the aggregate members of the church. There is great power in the pulpit; but more in the pew. Personal effort in leading men to Christ is not made up of talk. Some people seem to think that indiscriminate talk, upon the subject of religion, addressed to promiscuous companies, is about all there is to this matter of direct effort for the salvation of souls. Talk is a factor of the least possible value in this department of Christian endeavor. Without love, talk is the sound of the sonorous brass, or the jingling of the tinkling cymbal. Al- most the cheapest thing in all the world is this same talk.

No Christian ever talked to good purpose who was leading a backslid life. Such talkers have no faith, no zeal, no courage, no holy boldness in addressing men. They feel that the sinner looks straight through them, and knows how hollow are their hearts, and they know the polite sinner is all the time saying in his mind, "Physician, heal thyself;" and the wretched professor who is trying in a perfunctory way to do what he thinks to be a duty, knows that the sinner reads him like an open book, and he knows that all his words are utterly in vain.

The very first and all-important prerequisite of success in personal effort, is that the professor of religion should have in his own soul a present, vital experience of salvation. The lowest state of religious experience is the experience of pardon. Enlightenment and penitence, of course, must always precede pardon; but these scarcely constitute integral elements of Christian experience. If a professor of religion has not a sense of pardon, or, in other words, if he is not a justified believer, what sort of a Christian experience can he possibly lay claim to? It is to be found that there are some, bearing the name of Christian, who, if they had the knowledge of sins forgiven, have lost that knowledge out of their souls. But this consciousness of pardon must be possessed, or the work of personal effort will be but poorly performed, even if it is undertaken at all.

But this is not all of Christian experience that is essential. It is the privilege of every real believer not only to have the testimony of his own consciousness to the reality of his pardon; it is his privilege to have the witness of the Spirit to the same glorious fact. The Spirit bears testimony to the facts of pardon and adoption. He gives assurance of heirship, and with this there always comes into the soul a blessed conviction that will enable the weakest to witness to the glorious reality of the work of grace wrought in the heart.

But the humblest Christian has the right to expect in his own heart the fulfillment of the prophecy of John, when he said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." This is an endowment of cleansing and of power, and it comes by faith and faithfulness. It waits the will and the act of every believer. When it comes, then the believer possesses an experience that will enable him to stand in any presence and tell what God has done for his soul. Then, in grace, will be present and abound all the graces of the Spirit—graces which challenge the admiration and win the love of all who behold them. With this experience, words are more than mere sounds. They fly like winged arrows to human hearts. God honors them and makes them fruitful of results.

Personal effort, with the experience thus set forth, is greatly helped by humble, earnest, persistent prayer in behalf of those for whom we labor.

This must never be omitted. It prepares our hearts, it brings gracious influences to bear upon the hearts of those whose salvation we desire. Many and many a time, when every other means has failed, prayer has brought the long-sought victory. But we must have the experience in order to successful prayer.—*Christian Witness.*

THE INDIAN.

A poor Indian, who had been a very wicked man, but who had become pious, was desirous to tell how it was that he had been led to Christ. He described it in this way, taking his figures from his way of life, as he had been accustomed to chase the deer and the bear over mountains and through morasses:

"I was in the mud," said he; "I tried to get out, and I could not. I tried the harder; the harder I tried the faster I sunk. I found I must put forth all my strength; but I went down deeper and deeper. I found I was going all over in the mire; I gave the death yell, and found myself in the arms of Jesus Christ.

Admirable picture of the fruitlessness of all efforts to save ourselves! How slow we are in learning that all personal and human expedients to extricate ourselves are utterly in vain! But no sooner is the discovery made than the arms of Jesus are open to receive us.

There is but one step out of self into Christ. As soon as "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me!" bursts from the convicted and annihilated soul, the eye of faith is fixed upon Christ, the cry of deepest distress is immediately changed into "Thanks be unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

A GRAND TESTIMONY.

Rev. Dr. C. C. McCabe visited Bishop Peck just before his death. The conversation turned upon the coming departure of the venerable man. The old voice is hushed to a whisper, and the words came so slowly that Dr. McCabe penciled the utterances, verbatim, as follows:

"I have given all I have to the university [Methodist at Syracuse] because I have an ambition to die without anything, for I am going to where I shall have infinite riches of a kind that will suit me better than anything material could. I have no doubt but what the glory that Christ will give his redeemed ones will be so superior to earthly glory that all but that will fade out by reason of the glory that excelleth."

"I have sought to demonstrate that a man need not be rich in order to be philanthropic; that by careful economy and real consecration we might lift our enterprises into greatness. When we rise to that, when we grasp that, we shall be ready to march round the world with banners flying, in ten years."

"I found it was not difficult to get grace to die any time, but a difficult thing to get grace to live and be useless. I achieved this victory until there was a perfect equilibrium between my will and the will of God, and I have had no choice since."

"If there were a cloud between me and the great sun, would I not see it? There no is cloud."

"I am perfectly satisfied with both sides of the river."

"The light that shines upon this life and that which comes from the other are so much alike that I can hardly tell them apart."

"They shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy." Why are they worthy? There is but one answer: "Washed in the blood of the Lamb."

"Your visit has been like Elim. Elim was a good place. There were twelve wells of water there and three-score and ten palm trees."

AT OXFORD.

For generations Methodism, under the shadow of the University whence the Wesleys and Whitfield went forth to their grand life-work, only seemed to exist. Of late its marvellous development in that neighborhood, in the face of great business depression, is exciting much attention. The energetic Hugh Price Hughes and a zealous band of helpers are working with admirable success. We summarize from a report:—

In March, 1881, the circuit returned 537 members and 27 in junior society classes. This year we report 910 members and 164 in junior society classes. But the most delightful fact is this:—In 1881 the number of Sunday scholars who were members of society or on trial was 87, but that precious category now contains 251 names. The young men still continue to evangelize the surrounding villages "every Sunday, wet or fine, in bands of four each." Charlton, which had been dropped from the plan, is worked regularly. Eynsham, with more than 200 inhabitants, the largest place in the district previously unoccupied by Wesleyan Methodism, we entered last summer, and we have been rewarded by special success. We have already a society with three leaders, and about 50 members, and a Sunday school of 90 scholars. These Methodists yesterday have actually raised £90 among them towards the erection of a permanent chapel in place of the present "hired house."

At Islip we shall be ready to build a much needed chapel, as soon as Oxford is out of the way. The zealous working men at Headington Quarry, have, without any suggestion from me, or any help from Oxford, so effectually evangelized the neighboring village of Beckley that Beckley now takes its regular place on the circuit plan, and has a living society of twenty members. At New Hincsey, an outlying suburb of 1200 inhabitants, with no other sanctuary except a very Ritualistic church, we have built a capital little chapel to seat 130, at a cost of £305. Amid relentless persecution from the Ritualistic priest, the work goes on. At St. Clement's, the old hired shed has been superseded by a mission chapel to hold 300, with three vestries. Both the New Hincsey and the St. Clement's chapel have been consecrated by the conversion of souls.

The third and largest chapel commenced during the last eighteen months, the corner-stone of which was laid on the 17th ult., stands on a splendid site secured from St. John's College, and will cost £3000. It will be in the district in which are found the Oxford Roman Catholic chapel, and the two most famous Ritualistic churches in this city, but in which there is no evangelistic church and no Protestant Nonconformist church. Our new chapel will be the only representative of evangelical and Protestant Christianity in the midst of the 800 artisans and villa residents in the most important suburb in Oxford. At the same time this circuit is providing an additional minister's house, and will take another married minister at Conference.

One does not become a Sabbath-breaker or profane because any one great temptation is too strong for him; but by a gradual process. He does not become cold in his service through any sudden chill, but by neglecting one duty and then another. The disciples slept during Christ's agony before they forsook him and fled. Peter followed afar off before he denied him. These who would serve faithfully must avoid the beginning of evil.—*its end and Message.*

God's treasury, where he keeps his children's gifts, will be like many a mother's store of robes of her children full of things of no value to others, but precious in his eyes for the love sake that was in them.—*Feaston.*

BREADTH OF FORGIVENESS.

"I have done some little for God; but all that I have done needs forgivingness," said Andrew Fuller, when near the close of his life on earth. He was a good man. Few men have served their generation more efficiently. He needed forgiveness, not only for his transgressions, but also for what he had done for God—that is, for the imperfection of his services. He had honestly and earnestly labored for the conversion of souls, and in various ways for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, but to his purified vision all these services were marked with imperfection. None of them were as perfect as they should have been. He needed the perfect righteousness of Christ wherewith to appear before God.

All Christians need forgivingness for their efforts to do the work of God. One may perform a right act from a wrong motive. It is right to relieve a person in distress. The relief may be given, not from true sympathy and regard to the will of God, but from a desire to gain a reputation for generosity. God looks beyond the external act to the motive. As the motive was wrong, the act was wrong, and needed forgivingness.

One may perform an act from mixed motives. He may pray for a revival; he may really desire a revival. Why does he desire it? Chiefly, that sinners may be saved and the Redeemer glorified. But a desire for the increase of the pecuniary strength of the Church may have some influence. The motive is thus a mixed motive, and has in it an element that needs forgivingness.

Christians are bound to act from the promptings of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Christian obedience springs from love. That love should be a pure and perfect love. So far as acts spring from a love not wholly perfect, they come short of being perfect, and that shortcoming needs forgivingness.

Christians are bound to render thanks to God for his mercies. Thanks are the expression of gratitude. Gratitude should be proportioned to the benefits received. So far as Christians come short in gratitude they need forgivingness.

Again, Christians are sometimes influenced by motives which they do not suspect. For these, when wrong, they need forgivingness. Truly, we need a God forgiving iniquity, transgressions, and sin.—*Joseph Allen, D. D.*

GOD'S WORK GOES ON.

It is not optional with you, my friend, whether you shall live on a redeemed earth, and in times on which the ends of the age are come; it is only optional with you how you shall live here. It cannot be with you as if your Saviour had not sacrificed his blood for you, and sanctified the world with His charity, and judged it by his cross. These supernatural facts are a part of the estate you occupy. Neither your ingratitude nor your care can root them out, or clear you of the accountability they bind upon you. Your indifference may blind your eyes or paralyze your hands; it does not slide you out of the range of the Methodist ministry, or of the reckoning that must follow. In any case, therefore, the scale of your choice does not hang evenly balanced. Your next relation is already weighted with the coming of the Son of Man. The day of His His right upon it. Choose you this day whether you will stand in My, the Master of the house, or turn your back upon it and upon Me. If you are wandered some distance away, turn you, for your present help for sin, and your present peace of mind, to the Keeper of the door. If you are torn into a thousand pieces of sin, waste and sorrow, and sin shall give you light to follow Me. *Feaston.*

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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

DIVORCE.

In the rude blast, the snow about her blowing, Under the starless sky, alone, unheeded, She stood, where broad and bright the light was falling, From his great window.

The wintry wind howled round her, smote her, chilled her; A wind more cold, more cruel chilled her spirit; And as they fell, her tears froze on her bosom; But she was sheltered.

Yes, it was warm and happy, all unconscious, Whose faded eyes beheld his smiles and comfort; Safe in his bosom he sat beside that other, For whom he left her.

Cast out she stood, from all heart-home and shelter, From all that cheers and comforts human bosoms; Disease and want, corroding tribulation, Her lonely portion.

The mask had fallen; the dream, the dear delusion, Broken, had fled. Now, cold and stern and darkness Encompassed her; for him the light and pleasure, Long, long, she watched him.

"My brightness!" sighed she, "gone from me forever; My music! nevermore to soothe my sorrow, My moonlight! constant but to change that slaw me: My life is ended."

Groaning she turned away, and faint with anguish, Beat on by winds that made her reel and stagger, And weeping heavily, she trod the pathway, Worn by his footsteps.

Oh, when a little later, he passed over, So calm, so cold, the way where she went weeping, Careless who saw—yes, careless now of all things— Could he not know it? —Augusta Moore, in Zion's Herald.

WHAT GOD CAN USE.

FROM ADDRESS BY MR. MOODY.

I was much cheered in Birmingham by a circumstance I heard of when I returned after an absence of eight years. I was told of a lady who had gone to one of the meetings eight years ago, and heard the speaker remark that he "pitied any man or woman who had themselves been in the kingdom of God for any length of time, and never had the luxury of leading a soul to Christ." Then she heard Mr. Sankley sing, "Nothing but leaves." She knew she had never had the luxury of leading a soul to Christ; her profession, up to that time, had borne no fruit. But she set to work, and the first thing she did was to speak to a poor fallen sister in the street. She got so interested in that one woman, that she gave up all her spare time to this class; now she has the names of between two and three hundred who have been rescued from a life of shame, and have been helped back to live pure and useful lives. I think she is about the happiest woman I met in Birmingham.

She thought she had no special ability, but she did what she could, and God has blessed her in the work. It seems to me as if she were one of the most useful women there is in that town to-day. Every one speaks in the highest terms of her and her work. It is a quiet work, but my experience leads me to think that the people who make the most noise accomplish the least, after all. A little brook runs near the house where I was born. When there comes a flood of rain, you can hear the brook rushing and roaring if you are nearly a mile off. But after a few days of sunshine, there is scarcely anything left in it. There is a great river that flows by, and I never heard it in my life. Towns have been built upon its banks, and everything prospers where it flows. So this woman has not blown any trumpet, but she is doing a most blessed work.

There was another case of a man in Birmingham who thought he had not much ability, but he went to work and got laboring men out at half-past seven in the morning that he might teach them. Every morning now in the winter, long before daylight, eight thousand working men come to the different classes that are being taught; every Sunday eight thousand men in Birmingham are there, studying the word of God. That man has set a stream of influence in motion that will flow on long after he is gone. Let us be willing to do some little thing. Many Christians are so anxious in these days to get a great name, to have themselves heralded through the press. We must be willing to do our work in a quiet way, to do it as unto the Lord, and not be looking for any reward from the world. I believe a man who is looking for his reward down here

is not qualified for God's service. "The crowning day is coming by and by." If we live for Christ we may not have the applause or the esteem of the world; but if we are his true disciples we shall be willing to do anything that he appoints.

It is astonishing what one person can do when he is ready to use whatever talents he may possess. A lady in Dublin got stirred up during the meetings there eight years ago. She began to take an interest in the prisoners, and went to meet them at the prison gates as they came out. It was called the Prison Gate Mission, and now there are hundreds of men and women who have been rescued through its efforts. This lady gave her life to the work of saving these criminal outcasts, and God has richly blessed her efforts. It might have appeared a very small thing at the beginning but it has now become a great and glorious enterprise. Things sometimes look small and insignificant to us at first, but if God is in any work it is not small. The widow's two mites no doubt looked very contemptible in the sight of the rich Jews in Jerusalem. If there had been a reporter on the daily press hunting about for city items, he would have taken no notice of it. If the Honorable Jacob So-and-so, or some other Hebrew noble, had given £1000 to the Temple service, or to build a new synagogue, it would have been blazoned abroad. But we must bear in mind that the Lord looks on things very differently. He saw what was in the heart of that poor widow, and the story of her gift has been told out, clear down the ages, ever since.

"HE SAID HE WOULD!"

The session of the Presbyterian Church had convened for the reception of members. The venerable elders sat around in a circle, the young pastor in the midst. One candidate after another passed the usual examinations, until all had been received and had withdrawn. A boy of ten years of age had been sitting thoughtfully near the door. It was supposed that he was waiting for some of those who were in conference with the session; but when they were all gone, and he still remained, the pastor approached him, and learned that he too wished to be admitted to the communion of the Church. He was a boy of studious habits and irreproachable character, prompt at Sabbath-school, and attentive at church, but it was not known or suspected that he felt any social interest in his own personal salvation. It was natural, therefore, that these men of God should feel solicitude, and even hesitation, as to the reception of one so young, and of whose religious experience they had so little knowledge.

He was seated, however, and the examination began. It progressed satisfactorily until most of the usual ground had been gone over, the boy clearly and calmly narrating the circumstances under which he had been awakened to a sense of his guilt, and led to feel his need of Christ as a Saviour. Then came the question, "What did you do when you felt yourself to be so great a sinner?" And the eyes of the examiners brightened as he answered, "I just went to Jesus and told Him how sinful I was, and how sorry I was, and asked Him to forgive me."

But the next answer brought the shadow again to their faces, for as the pastor asked, "And do you hope that at that time Jesus heard you and forgave your sins?" he answered promptly, "I don't only hope so, Sir; I know He did."

There was a confidence in the tone with which the word "know" was uttered that startled the hearers. The oldest of them raised his glasses and peered into the face of the little candidate, and said, "You say you 'know' that Jesus forgave your sins?" "Yes, Sir," was the prompt, unhesitating answer.

There was an ominous pause in the examination. Such positivism could only be, it was feared, the offspring of presumption. The boy must be resting on some false foundation.

"You mean, my son, that you hope Jesus has pardoned your sins?"

"I hope He has, and I know it too," with a bright smile on his manly face.

"How do you know it, my son?" every eye being intent upon the little respondent.

"He said He would," said the

boy, with a look of astonishment, as if amazed that any one should doubt it.

"He said He would do what?" "He said that if I confessed my sins He was faithful and just, and would forgive them; and I did confess them to Him, and I know He forgave them, because He said He would."

The old Scotch elder took off his glasses to wipe the moisture from his eyes, and turned to the pastor. "He's got hold of the right end of it, Sir. Flesh and blood have not revealed it to him. I move the examination be suspended."

The examination was suspended. The name of the dear boy was enrolled, and he has lived, by an earnest and godly Christian life, to attest the sincerity and value of an assurance based not upon frames and feelings, but upon the sure testimony of the Word of God.

LETTING OFF STEAM.

The work and worry of the world produces in us all, at times, a nervous condition which is very much like the generation of pent-up steam. The steam must have a vent, either upon machinery which it can operate or out into the open air. The steam must get out some way, or a little more heat will give it such elasticity as shall make it burst the boiler.

It may be laid down as a rule to which there can be the fewest possible exceptions, that it is better to waste the steam than burst the boiler.

It does not do to be writing fiery letters and sending them to correspondents or contributing them to the press. They cannot be recalled. They remain against you. Two days after you have mailed your letter to your correspondent, five hundred miles away, in which you shake your fist in his face and tell him "he is another," you are all cool as a cucumber; and sit in your room covered with the garments of humiliation. If you only had that letter back, how calm, how dignified, how self-respectful would be your reply! But alas! it has gone out of your hands, never to return but to shame you.

How is a man to obey that injunction of the apostle, "Be ye angry and sin not?" We think we have discovered a remedy, from having considered the likeness which this rapid generation of heat in the human being bears to the generation of steam in the engine. The steam must drive something, or burst something, or get out somewhere in open space. This last is the thing to do: to let off steam where it touches nothing and can hurt neither you nor any one else. How would it do for each man to have his little "cursery," and when he gets mad go into that apartment so arranged to no human being can hear him? The Lord would hear him, but then the Lord has more charity than men. You may trust yourself with a crime to God sooner than you can trust yourself with a peccadillo to your fellow-man. If you growl or rage, or even—oh dreadful thought—curse or swear, there will be no one to hear it but your Heavenly Father and yourself. He knows your frame. He remembers that you are dust. You will soon become ashamed of yourself, and when in that little apartment you have heaped articulate maledictions upon your enemy—maledictions which cannot hurt him—you will probably close your visit to your cursery by falling on your knees before God and offering such prayers for your enemy as will do you good, if not your enemy.

If you cannot reach your "cursery," sit down with your paper and pen and ink, and write a letter to your foe; make it savage; "pile up the agony;" ransack your memory for epithets that shall, so to speak, gouge and bite and tear the soul of your enemy. Find scorpion words and tie them to the end of the lash of your invective, and flay him soundly in your letter. Then lock your letter in your desk and take a walk. You will have such comfort in chuckling over the idea of the way you have rased him! Keep your letter seven days. It will not spoil. Perhaps you can improve it. Each day go back and see if you cannot put in a harder word. Spend a portion of each day in looking through the dictionary for some stinging epithet which memory previously may not have recalled. Do this seven days, including Sunday, and then you will have sense enough not to mail it, but you will feel perfectly relieved.—Rev. Dr. Deems.

THE GATE OF DEATH.

It is a baby's hand Knocks at the gate of death, And she who loves him, stand Weeping with bated breath, Waiting to see it ope For the little feet to pass In through the gate of hope, To the throne on the sea of glass.

Alas, the death-mists close Around the frail life's goal; And should we see what glory glows Around the entering soul, Nor saint nor seraphim, But the one who loves him best From his mother's arms receiveth him, And lifts him to his breast.

How safe the baby soul God's fair world entereth, To dwell, while happy ages roll, Beyond the gate of death: Lord, open Thou our eyes To see their blest estate Who live with Thee in Paradise, The other side death's gate. —The Advance.

THE DEAD FOLLOWER.

In 1871 I was at Naples when an Italian corvette, the *Amirale Caracciolo*, was launched at Castellamare. The vessel was christened by the Countess Teresa Caracciolo, the daughter of the chief of the elder branch of the Caraccioli. I was staying at Naples as the guest of the young lady's father, and I heard from him a very remarkable story connected with the death of the unfortunate officer in honor of whose memory the vessel was named. The circumstances which led to the execution of the Prince Francesco Caracciolo in 1799 are well known. I shall merely state, therefore, that he was condemned by a court-martial composed of Sicilian officers to be hanged at the yard-arm of the flag-ship for bearing arms against his lawful sovereign. When the official communication of the finding and the sentence of the court was brought to the prince, he was explaining the names and uses of the various parts of the rigging to some young Neapolitan noblemen who happened to be on board the ship. A glance at the letter was sufficient to show him its contents. He showed no signs of emotion, but requested the officer who brought the despatch to wait for a few minutes while he finished his explanations. This being done, he retired to his cabin; and after a vain attempt to get the sentence changed to a more honorable manner of death, he resigned himself to his fate, which he met with great fortitude.

Some days after the event the King, who had been for an afternoon's cruise on a Sicilian ship of war outside the bay, was returning to Naples in the evening. It was a moonlight night, and the sea was perfectly calm. There was indeed, so little wind that it was impossible to steer the vessel. The King was sitting in the balcony of the stern cabin, watching the sea, when suddenly he became aware that something was following the ship. As the object came near it was easy to distinguish that it was the body of a man in an upright attitude, and very soon the king was able to recognize the features of Admiral Caracciolo. His eyes were open and seemed to be fixed on the King, and, except for its ghastly pallor, the face was unchanged. The explanation was simple. After being submerged for some days the body had become so buoyant that the weights attached to the feet were not sufficiently heavy to keep it under water; but they retained it in an upright position, and it was drawn along by the current created by the movement of the ship. It is easy to imagine the horror of Ferdinand at what he believed to be an apparition from another world. When at length it was explained to him what had happened, he gave orders that a boat should be lowered and that the corpse should be brought on board and taken to Naples for Christian burial. But the superstitious Sicilians dared not obey the royal command, and the ship, drawing in its wake the upright body of the admiral, sailed into the bay of Naples. Here a boat's crew was obtained from an English man-of-war, who took the admiral's body ashore, where it was deposited in his own palace, and at length received the last rites of the Church.

A different version of the story is given in Southey's "Life of Nelson." I have here related the traditional account preserved in the family of the admiral exactly as it was told me by its chief.—Notes and Queries.

TRY IT.—Young men and young women of our churches, never let a stranger go away without notice; never let that chilling feeling of loneliness come over any person in the house of God. It should be your pleasure to make every stranger at home. Try it, and your reward will be speedy.—Exchange.

HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

See to it that the child goes to school in a proper condition. This means, first of all, cleanliness all over. A child not washed all over, at least each week, with warm or cool water, is not fit for school. Children need to wash the face and hands and to comb and to brush out the hair at night as well as morning. Let the mouth be rinsed with water, morning and evening, or the teeth brushed so as to have a pure breath.

Have clean, thin flannel for clothing next to the skin, with such additional outside garments as may be necessary for warmth, and shoes and stockings that will protect the feet from dampness. A dry pair of socks and a clean handkerchief are not amiss in the satchel. Let not the child start for school with damp clothing. When active, we can bare dampness awhile; but to sit in wet clothing is always a risk. Tell the child, if he is damp or chilly, to let the teacher know it.

A good, plain, unhurried breakfast is always important to the school child. The young are better off without coffee or tea; but some may need a warm drink for breakfast in cold weather—such as sweetened water, sugar and milk, and water or milk flavored with cocoa. If the child will not be at home and at dinner within five hours after the close of breakfast, have him carry a small and easily digested lunch, to eat at recess or at an appointed time in school. It should be light bread and butter, with fruit and jelly, and not overlaid, if there is to be a meal at home by two o'clock. Have the child chew before swallowing, as it cannot chew after swallowing as cows do. Let every boy know that tobacco in any form is so injurious to growth and vigor as to make its use by him a breach of school laws and of good sense.

See that the child gets plenty of good sleep, in a well-aired room, and does not go to bed from the book, so as to be tired and anxious about a lesson. When the child is really unwell do not send him to school, just for the name of being punctual. The parent should judge and decide wisely, mindful that headache, pain or weariness in a child always requires rest. If your child is sick, or if there is sickness in the family, have the judgment of your doctor as to the time of staying at home.—N. J. Board of Health.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

FAITHFUL IN LITTLE.

I cannot do great things for Him Who did so much for me, But I should like to show my love, Dear Jesus, unto Thee: Faithful in very little things, O Saviour, may I be.

There are small things in daily life In which I may obey, And thus may show my love to Thee: And always—every day— There are some little loving words Which I for Thee may say.

There are small crosses I may take, Small burdens I may bear, Small acts of faith and deeds of love, Small sorrows I may share; And little bits of work for Thee I may do every where.

So I ask Thee, Lord, to give me grace My little place to fill, That I may ever walk with Thee, And ever do Thy will; That in each duty, great or small, I may be faithful still.

"BY HEART."

Fred said he knew his Sunday school lesson all by heart.

"Why, Fred?" said cousin Mary, quietly, "you surprise me!"

Now, Fred liked to have cousin Mary think well of him, and he looked about an inch taller, as he replied, with a show of humility,

"It seems as if anybody might learn so short a lesson as that! only ten verses!"

"Oh, it was not the length of the lesson but the breadth of it, that I was thinking of, my dear boy. It is a great thing to learn a lesson like that by heart."

"What do you mean, cousin Mary?"

"I was just thinking about this little verse, 'If you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.' That is a part of the lesson you say you know by heart; but I heard you declare a few moments ago that you would never forgive Ralph Hastings as long as you lived!"

Fred was silent. He had never thought about this way of learning a lesson by heart. When he

had it in his head, and could say it off glibly with his tongue, he had supposed that he knew it by heart. But cousin Mary opened a new world of thought on the subject.

Was cousin Mary right? Do we ever really know a thing until we do it? Fred learned this morning the meaning of that little word "forgive," by just forgiving Ralph in the most real and practical manner possible. For Fred was trying to be a Christian boy, and when he once saw that the words of Jesus were meant to be done and not said merely, he honestly set about doing them.

This must be the way then to learn a lesson "by heart," to put it into practice! We don't always do that when we learn a lesson by heart.

Jesus must have meant something very practical when he said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"—Sel.

ABOVE HIS BUSINESS.

"I wouldn't do that," said one clerk to another, whom he saw doing a disagreeable piece of work. "It must be done, and why shouldn't I do it?" was the excellent reply.

In a few minutes the wouldn't-do-it-clerk, ashamed of his remark, was assisting the clerk who was not above his business.

In Scotland there is a branch of the legal profession known as 'Writers to the Signet.' A young gentleman was apprenticed to one of these writers. The youth thought himself a very fine sort of person, much above ordinary apprentices.

One evening the master desired him to carry a bundle of papers to a lawyer whose residence was not very far off. The packet was received in silence, and in a few minutes the master saw a porter run in the outer office. In a few minutes the youth walked out, followed by the porter carrying the parcels.

Seizing his hat, the master followed, overtook the porter, relieved him of the packet, and walked in rear of the apprentice. The lawyer's house being reached, and the door bell rung, the youth called out,—

"Here, fellow, give me the parcel!" and slipped a sixpence in his hand without looking around.

"Here it is for you!" exclaimed a voice which caused the youth to turn around. His confusion, as he beheld his master, made him speechless. Never after that was he above his business.

LOST AND TIRED.—Little Marjorie went too far from home; walked down one lane and turned up another, and played in a field all alone; and then when she wished to go home she could not find the way. She tried hard to remember how she had come, but could not. There was no one near to help her. She cried much and was very sorrowful, and then sat down to think, and soon fell asleep. But if Marjorie could see no one, some One saw Marjorie. The good God in heaven watched over the little child and guided her brother in his search for her to the very place where she was, and he took her safely home. But little girls should learn from Marjorie's trouble that they should not ramble away from home and friends, or they may get lost and give trouble; and they should always remember that God sees them and loves them.

BRAGGING BOYS AND DOING BOYS.—"Have you not heard how some boys brag about what they are intending to do? They are always going to do wonders."

"You just wait," say they, "and we will show you, some day, what we can do."

"Now is your chance, we would say to you. You are old enough now, and you will never have a better time. Better begin now; we are anxious to see your first effort. Let us at once see you animated by the practical purpose of doing, not by the dream, and then we will compute your future for you."

"Make an effort. Even if you shall fail the first time, a hundred times, still continue to try. The result is inevitable. It is only those who falter that come to grief."—Well Spring.

The highest form of Christian life, is self denial, for the good of others.—Dr. Parke.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MY DEAD SCHOLAR.

He was a bright eyed, merry little fellow, and in spite of his mischievous ways, every one loved him. He had a keen eye for the humorous side of things, and was known occasionally to upset the gravity of the class by some comic utterance that he did not appear able to repress.

Teacher, do you know G— is dead? was the first question that greeted me, and it was asked in a half-puzzled kind of way, as though the speaker himself could scarcely believe the words he was uttering.

Dead! I exclaimed, why, he was at the school last Sunday. Yes, he was taken ill on Tuesday and died on Friday, was the answer.

Something the matter with his head, added one of the boys. Just then G—'s brother, who was a teacher in our school, came in and explained to me in a few words the cause of his brother's death.

TEACHING.

Let there always be careful, ingenious questioning; the aim being to bring out what is known rather than what is not. Need one say, don't be wearisome. The eye of the teacher should ever be on the alert to detect signs of fatigue, and should be ready to alter his tactics accordingly.

PAINTING.

Mr. A. A. Hopkins, at a meeting the other day of the New York Farmers' Club, expressed surprise that, in rejuvenating old buildings, sizing is practised so infrequently.

BEANS AS FOOD.

The nutritive value of beans is very great—greater than almost any other article of food in common use. Considering their richness, they are probably the cheapest food we have, but somewhat difficult of digestion, probably owing to the fact that we rarely cook them enough and masticate them insufficiently.

USEFUL HINTS.

No fountain so small, but that heaven may be imaged in its bosom.—Hawthorne. A dirty kitchen and bad cooking have driven many a one from home to seek comfort and happiness somewhere else.

Lemons will keep good for months if sliced when perfectly fresh, and packed in glass jars with a thick layer of white sugar between the slices. A practical farmer recommends the growing of two crops of buckwheat in succession, as a means of exterminating wire-worms.

In reading by artificial light the eye lids should be shaded in such a way that the full glare does not fall on them, but on the paper or book; and cease using them as soon as they begin to feel tired.—Hall's Journal of Health.

To clean bottles: Take discarded egg-shells, crush them into small bits, put them into your bottles three fourths filled with cold water, and thoroughly shake them. The glass will look like new, and all kinds of glass washed in the same water will look equally well.

To clean black cloth: Dissolve one ounce of bicarbonate of ammonia in one quart of warm water. With this liquid rub the cloth, using a piece of flannel or black cloth for the purpose. After the application of this solution, clean the cloth well with clean water; dry and iron it, brushing the cloth from time to time in the direction of the fibre.

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A TIME FOR PRAYER.

The month of June, the month of Methodist convocation in the Dominion, should certainly be one of earnest prayer on the part of Canadian Methodists.

These remarks are applicable to each session of our Annual Conferences, but should have special weight at an epochal period like the present.

Our readers are acquainted with the vote of the Montreal Conference on Union. Of the result of the discussion on that subject in the London Conference, now in session at St. Catharines, we have not yet been informed.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

More than usual interest was taken in the recent closing exercises at Victoria University. The President and the Faculty of that institution, and the Western Conferences they so successfully serve, may well be congratulated upon the position now reached.

upon members of the various classes, that of D. D., was given to the Rev. George Douglas, LL. D., F. Greeves and G. M. Meacham; and that of LL. D. upon Dr. T. E. D. Ormonnens, of Montreal.

Dr. Nelles stated that they had the pleasure of conferring the degree of M.D. upon some 41 French students of the Montreal School of Medicine.

The strong attachment of the former students came into universal prominence at the annual convocation. Educational institutions, like churches, often gain in sympathy in proportion as they lean upon the many rather than the few.

What most impresses the observing outsider in connection with these annual reunions is the esprit de corps among the alumni, who assemble from all quarters and remain for several days to do honor to their alma mater.

Victoria University has done and is doing a good educational work. With a large and growing denomination at its back its future is assured.

A subscriber thinks that we find too much fault with both the laity and clergy—the latter in their capacity as agents for the Wesleyan, and the former in relation to their support of the ministry.

relieve present agents and at the same time increase our list. Nevertheless—and the fact must not be forgotten—a denominational paper cannot live without the earnest advocacy of the ministry.

President Garrett's caution against the building of Gothic churches by Methodists is worthy of attention. There can be little doubt, we think, that a tendency to ritualism is fostered by such erections, which are suggestive of the aesthetic in worship and are often in jurious to the vocal power and effect of the preacher.

At the laying of the Foundation stones last week at Sackville, the Rev. J. Lathern, in the course of his address, made reference to the question of denominational education.

In reference to the Irish Conference, which commences to-day in Dublin, the Irish Evangelist says: "Some matters of more than passing interest will call for discussion and settlement.

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The gift to Mount Allison of a letter from John Wesley to William Black, by a grandson of the latter, is suggestive. Is it not time that a Conference Historical Society should be called into existence?

During the week public attention has been called to Temperance work by the meeting in this city of the Grand Lodge of the World, I. O. G. T., composed of delegates from various countries.

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An addition to the list of Nova Scotia Conference services may interest one or two ministers. To the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference plan add, under "St. David's"—10.30 a.m. Rev. G. B. Payson. In the N. B. Conference Travelling Arrangements, in last week's paper, we should have said, "Delegates intending to return by the Grand Southern Railway as above should make that fact known."

In a recent address, the Rev. J. C. Edgell, an Episcopal chaplain in the army, gave a leaf from his experience when in Halifax:—

As a chaplain he saw many of the best men of the different regiments with which he had to do ruining themselves through drink. Again and again he had been appealed to by the wives and friends of such men if he could not do something to prevent them from wrecking their lives.

We have already called the attention of the ministers to the resolution of the General Conference allowing the names of one-dollar subscribers to missions to appear in the report of each Eastern Annual Conference.

The Annual meeting of the Theological Union was held on the evening of June 4th, after the close of the Theological lecture by Rev. Cranwick Jost, M.A. Officers were elected as follows: President—Rev. Dr. Stewart; Vice President—Rev. John Burwash, A.M.; Sec. Treasurer—Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A. The lecturer appointed for 1884 is the Rev. E. Evans, of Marysville, and the preacher is Rev. S. B. Dunn, of Truro.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Lingley Hall was crowded on Wednesday, the 6th inst., on the occasion of the College convocation. Most of the visitors of previous days were present, and besides them were observed Rev. D. D. Currie, Dr. Allison, and J. V. Ellis, Esq., editor of the St. John Globe and Alumni lecturer of the previous evening.

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The orations were not at all in merit beyond those of previous years. Messrs. McCully and Archibald, the first graduates from Mount Allison in divinity, read good abridgments of their theses, indicative of scholarship and research.

Graduates in arts.—B.A.—Wm. Young Chapman, Botsford, N.B. Harty Ernest Kendall, Sydney, C.B. Frank Walter Nicolson, Berwick, N.S. M.A.—Rev. Benj. Hills, B.A., Acadia Mines.

Graduates in divinity.—B.D.—Alonso D. McCully, B.A., Sussex, N.S. Rev. F. W. Archibald, M.A., Truro, N.S. SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

Metaphysics and Ethics Scholarship, F. W. Nicolson. Freshman Latin Scholarship, Harrison Gross. Political Science Scholarship, H. E. Kendall. Chemistry and Physics Scholarship, A. L. Robinson. Theology Scholarship, A. D. McCully. Halifax Alumnus Essay Prize, W. Y. Chapman. John McDonald Elocution Prize, S. Howard.

After the bestowal of the degrees, the graduates in Arts were addressed by President Inch, and those in Divinity by Dr. Stewart, Professor of Theology. Remarks were made by Revs. J. Burwash and Dr. Pickard.

Honor List. Senior Class—Kendall, Nicolson. Junior Class—Howard. Sophomore—Robinson, Miss Narraway, Taylor. Freshman—Gross, Tait, Hartley. Special Class—Hallett, Teed, Miss McKay, Miss Ross.

Dr. Inch, at the close of the proceedings, took the opportunity of expressing his regret at the approaching departure of Professor Weldon, who was about to leave Mount Allison for a position in another college in the Maritime Provinces, upon which he would enter with the best wishes of his former associates. To the regret of many, illness prevented Professor Weldon from taking part in the exercises of the day.

The Board of Governors met at 3 p.m. and elected eight additional members as provided by the Act lately passed. The laymen elected were:—Alex. Gibson, Esq., Marysville; Geo. H. Starr, Esq., Halifax; J. L. Beer, Esq., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. L. Black, Esq., Sackville. The clerical members were:—Revs. H. Sprague, D.D., W. C. Brown, (President of N. S. Conference), S. F. Huestis, and Edwin Evans, Marysville. The Alumni Society have as their representatives on the Board of Governors, Rev. Cranwick Jost, A.M., of the Nova Scotia Conference, and Mr. W. F. George, of Sackville.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on Thursday, S.W. Hunton, A.B., was elected to the chair of Mathematics. Of him a despatch from Sackville says: "Mr. Hunton holds, at present, the post of a professor of mathematics in the Electrical College, London, England, but resigns his chair to come to Sackville. Professor Hunton is a native of Ontario and studied for some years at Toronto University, where he won high honors, carrying off the Dufferin gold medal and some valuable scholarships. In 1878 he won the Gilchrist scholarship and proceeded to the University College, London, where he studied for the B. A. Degree. He won the prize in mathematics awarded to the best student in the senior class and was appointed class assistant to the Professor of Mathematics. After graduating from the University he pursued his mathematical studies under the direction of a Cambridge wrangler and was lately on the recommendation of Professor Rowe, of University College, appointed to the position he occupies at present. Prof. Hunton comes back to Canada to assist in the efforts which are being put forth for the elevation of the standard of university education. His long training and experience as student and teacher eminently qualifies him for the post to which he has now been appointed."

ADDRESS OF DR. INCH.

AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW COLLEGE AT MOUNT ALLISON.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—But little remains to be added by way of preliminary statement to the remarks of the venerable chairman. The auspicious epoch in the history of the Mount Allison institutions which we have reached today, has been reached by a series of events in each of which the hand of God has been clearly manifested.

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trod the marshy roads and forest paths of Sackville a century since, his soul aflame with devotion, and the message of God like a fire in his bones.

The task of tracing the brightest and strongest links of this golden chain is reserved for others. When the history of these Mount Allison Institutions comes to be written, a task the first chapter of which should not be much longer delayed, around the illustrious name of Charles F. Allison will cluster a galaxy of names—ever increasing—shining in the lustre of benevolence and of self-devotion to the glory of God and the good of man.

The task devolves upon me of stating as briefly as I may the circumstances immediately leading to our present enterprise, and our expectation in regard to its accomplishment.

For several years past two things have been held as essential to the comfortable and efficient progress of our collegiate work as required by the growing demands of the times, viz: 1st. Such an addition to the Endowment Fund as would place the College in a position independent of the precarious support received from Legislative grants; and 2nd., the erection of a new college building affording facilities for educational work such as the original college building is not adapted to supply.

The withdrawal of the Nova Scotia grant in 1881 rendered imperative the immediate accomplishment of the first of these enterprises. A committee was therefore appointed at the annual meeting of the Board in June, 1881, to solicit subscriptions for an increase of \$50,000 to the Endowment Fund—the Treasurer of the Institutions having generously engaged to contribute \$10,000 either for a college building or for the Endowment Fund.

At the special meeting of the Board held on the 2nd and 3rd of Feb., the sub-committee reported that subscriptions to the amount of \$7,000 had been secured for the Endowment and Building funds in Sackville and adjoining places. The Board, after mature deliberation, decided with great unanimity that the completion of the Endowment Fund, the erection of a new college edifice and of a new academy were now all objects of primary importance and of urgent necessity.

The President of the College thereupon stated that, provided arrangements were made for the building of both College and Academy, he was authorized to guarantee for the completion of the Endowment Fund the sum of \$5000, which, with former subscriptions and the Treasurer's donations would make up the \$50,000 nation would make up the \$50,000 of the College a total endowment of \$100,000.

This generous proposal was gratefully accepted, and a building committee was appointed to obtain suitable plans, and with the approval of the Executive Committee to make arrangements to have the Academy building ready for occupancy by the close of the year 1882, and the college edifice completed, if possible, in August, 1883.

The Academy was satisfactorily finished at the close of last year, according to the resolution of the Board; and the Building Committee proceeded as promptly as seemed expedient to carry out the instructions of the Board in reference to the College.

Meanwhile the happy thought of celebrating the Centennial of Methodism in these Provinces, suggested the idea of connecting our new college enterprise with that movement, and of perpetuating in this country in connection with the chapel of the new building. Both the N. S. and the N. B. Conferences adopted the suggestion. Centennial meetings were held in many of the circuits in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with what financial success we are not yet prepared to report.

The continued interest manifested by so many of the friends of the institution on this auspicious occasion is an augury of good. I congratulate this day the elect lady whose name is imperishably connected with that of our founder, and who honors this occasion with her presence and assistance. I congratulate the honored gentlemen—the representative of him who founded Methodism in these Provinces; I congratulate the Rev. Dr. Pickard, whose life-work is ever to be remembered in connection with these institutions, and who now in advanced years has the happiness of seeing around him these educational edifices, in a large measure the fruit of his labors and plans; I congratulate the Treasurer of the Institution and all other generous patrons who have contributed nobly to its prosperity; I congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, who for so many years have presided over the deliberations of the Board of Governors, upon the promise of this day.

Dr. Inch closed by stating that by the courtesy of M. P. Black, Esq., he held in his hand, to be deposited in the College Museum, an autograph letter, dated 1787, from the Rev. J. Wesley to the Rev. Wm. Black, evincing the deepest regard for the promotion of the work of God in the Provinces, under the labors of Bishop Black.

CENTENNIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Superintendents of the circuits of the N. B. and P. E. Island Conference will please give to their Chairmen at District meetings a correct list of sums contributed and collections made to the Centennial Memorial Fund and pay to their Chairmen all sums in their hands for said Fund.

JOHN S. PEIRNEY, President.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

The following is a list of the Ministers and their homes during the Conference to be held at St. Stephen, N.B., commencing June 27, 1883.

Ackman, S. R., Josephus Marchie, King at Allen, J. S., Henry Marchie, King at Allen, Thom., W. H. Nichols, Main street, Calais.

Baker, H. R., A. B., Josiah Bridges, Union at Bell, Edward, Geo. Pine, Prince Wm. at Berrie, J. C., Josephus Marchie, King at Brewer, W. W., Judge Stevens, Union at Burwash, J. A. M., Elisha Broad, Prince Wm st.

Campbell, G. M., Robt Stevenson, Water at Chapman, D., Julius Whitlock, Mark at Clark, John A., Matthew Hannah, Union at Clark, H. J., Joseph Hutchins, North Mill'n at Calais.

Colpitts, W. W., John Veazey, Water at Comben, Chas., Mr. Edwards, Union at Colter, J. J., Frank Algas, Union at Cowerstwaite, H. P. A. M., W. W. Brown, Prince Wm st.

Crisp, R. S., Wm Thompson, Union at Crisp, Jas., Mrs. H. Thompson, Union at Currie, D. D., Julius Whitlock, Mark at Daniel, Henry, C. B. Eaton, Diensstad, T. J., Dr. Diensstad, Union at Dobson, Wm., L. Spring, Prince Wm. at Duke, J. A., Foster Tracy, King at Duncan, Robert, Parsonage, King at Dutcher, C. W., Capt. Smith, Water at Estey, J. F., T. C. Stevenson, Union at Evans, Edwin, Henry E. Hill, King at Fisher, Geo. W., Frank Algas, Union at Goldsmith, J. J. P., Estey, North Mill'n at Calais.

Hamilton, C. W., Mrs. Fraser, Frazier at Harrison, F. W., Mrs. King, Union street, Milltown.

Harrison, Geo. F. M., Marchie, King at Harrison, Wm., Robt Stevenson, Water at Howie, Isaac, Mr. Harmon, Milltown Hicks, Thos., Wm. Thompson, Union at James, Silas, Mr. Hill, Milltown Johnson, L. S., John Griemer, King at Johnson, Wm., E. Mr. Perrington, North Mill'n st., Calais.

Jost, J. V., Thomas Hardy, Mark at Kennedy, D. S., D. U. H. Clarke, Water at King, J. K., Jos. Hutchins, High st., Calais Kirby, Wm. J., Mrs. Moodie, Frazier at Knight, M. R., A. B., Mr. Perrington, North Mill'n st., Calais.

Lawson, Wm., Alex. Nicholson, King at LePage, A. E., Ira Wood, Water at Lodge, W. W., Rev. J. W. Day, Calais, Me Lodge, D. J. P., Estey, North Mill'n street, Calais.

Lucas, Aquila, Parsonage, Milltown Mansion, C. H., Parsonage, King at McCully, L. B., D. B., Isaiah Bridges, Union at Magrie, Wm., John Veazey, Water at Marshall, Thomas, David Maxwell, Prince Wm st.

Mills, Edwin, Hiram Williams, King at Moore, D. D., A. B., W. H. Nichols, Main st., Calais.

Narraway, J. B., A. M. F. M., Marchie, King at Opie, R. R., W. Day, Calais, Me Paisley, C. H., A. M., Elisha Broad, Prince Wm st.

Parker, I. N., Thomas Hardy, Mark at Pascoe, Joseph, Thomas Tol Parson, G. B. N. W. Tol, Dow st. Penna, Wm., Edward Price, Mark at Penna, H. Mr. Hill, Milltown Peirney, J. S., (President), A. D. Taylor, King st.

Pickard, H. D., W. H. Stevens, Prince Wm st.

Pope, Henry, D. D., Z. Chipman, Prince Wm at Prince, J. Z. Chipman, Prince Wm at Read, John, C. B. Eaton.

Seller, Joseph, Mrs. Frazier, Frazier at Shenton, Job, D. Maxwell, Prince Wm at Shurebury, A. R. B., Mrs. Holt, Mark at Slackford, E. A. D. Taylor, King at Smallwood, F. W., Mrs. J. Bolton, Union at Sprague, E. W., Mrs. Porter, Union at Sprague, H. D., Dr. Todd, Prince Wm at Stebbins, Thos., Alex. Nicholson, King at Steel, George, Parsonage, Milltown Stewart, C. J., F. Grant, Mark at Teed, S. J., F. Grant, Mark at Tippett, Wm., E. Vroom, King at Turner, Edwin, J. Halliday, Central Ave. at Tweedie, Wm., T. C. Stevenson, Water at Thomas, W. B., J. Halliday, Central Avenue at Wain, Wm., George Pine, Prince Wm at Washman, J. W., A. B., John D. Chipman, King st.

Weddell, B. W., A. B., Z. Chipman, Prince Wm st.

Wells, C. S., Mr. Parks, Union, Milltown Williams, T. L., Foster Tracy, King at Wilson, Robert, Thomas Tol.

Rev. F. Huestis, Book Steward, will be the guest of W. W. Brown, Prince Wm st.

NOTE.—Brethren who do not intend being at Conference will greatly oblige by notifying the undersigned at the earliest possible date.

ROBERT DUNCAN.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. C. S. Fulton, pastor of Central M. E. Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently passed through New York en route to Wallace, N. S., to visit his father, who is in a very feeble condition.

Mr. Goldsmith, a Wesleyan local preacher from the Isle of Man, is one of the British delegates to the Grand Lodge of the World, I. O. G. T., now in session in this city. Mr. Goldsmith is the father of the Rev. John Goldsmith of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference.

The parchments and the civil permits given to the Rev. Michael Pickles by the Rev. Richard Watson, when the former came out as a missionary to New Brunswick, were recently presented to the Library of the New England Historical Society in the identical case in which they were first given.

Charlottetown papers record the death of an esteemed citizen and member of the Methodist Church, Mark Butcher, Esq. This termination of a long and severe illness had been expected for several days. A life of conflict was closed in unflinching faith in Christ. Mr. Butcher was an elder brother of the Rev. George Butcher, now of the British Conference.

The Quarterly Board of the Apohaqui circuit have tendered to the Rev. S. James a complimentary resolution in view of the close of his three years' term in which they refer to the "able and efficient manner" in which he has conducted the affairs of the circuit. The resolutions of our office do not leave it in our power to publish an accompanying address.

The Rev. Jacob Freshman, pastor of the Hebrew Christian congregation in New York is about to visit England to study the methods of the very successful mission to the Jews in London and other great centers. His earnest efforts for the conversion of his brethren during the last year and a half have won the confidence and sympathy of the Christian public. He expects to return in the autumn.—N. Y. Ad.

Zion's Herald says that "Rev. W. M. Sterling is grandly accomplishing the difficult task of following his predecessor at Brunswick, Me. The people are more than pleased with his efforts." The same paper says that "Rev. C. B. Priblado is heartily welcomed by Providence, R. I. Methodists. There is no danger of any decrease in the congregation of the Broadway Church, while Bro. P. occupies the pulpit." Old friends will hear with pleasure of the success of members of the "tribes scattered abroad."

LITERARY &c.

Those Watchful Eyes: or Jemmy and his friends; by Emilie Seachfield, is a recent addition to the excellent list of books for juvenile readers which T. Woolmer is sending forth from the Methodist Book-room, London. It will at once please and profit our young friends.

Sam Hobart: The Locomotive Engineer; is the title of one of the latest volumes of Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls, Standard Library. It is also one of the best, whether viewed in the style of its author, Justin Fulton, D. D., or as, in the words of the title-page, "a workman's solution of the labor problem." Sam Hobart's life, as told by Dr. Fulton, will prove an inspiration to many. At twenty-five cents it is a marvel of cheapness.

A useful addition to our educational text books is Health: a Handbook for Households and Schools, of which a Canadian copyright addition has just been published by A. & W. Mackinlay. The author, Edward Smith, M. D., F. R. S., &c. &c., presents the knowledge necessary to preserve "a sound mind in a sound body," in an admirable and attractive style, so that to teach it should be a pleasure, in which scholars should certainly share. We hope this book will speedily find its way into our schools. The ignorance of most individuals of many of the simplest laws of health is a sad fact. The teaching of the preservation of the body should be only secondary to that of the salvation of the soul. Health would enable many a Christian man to recommend more effectively his Master's religion.

THE Y. M. C. A.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada was held in Milwaukee, May 14th to 20th. There were present about 650 delegates and corresponding members from some 450 associations. There are about 9,000 associations employing 323 secretaries. There are 72 buildings, worth \$3,391,750, and other property owned by the associations over and above all debts make a total of \$4,171,519. Since the last convention 14 new buildings have been dedicated, and new buildings are in process of erection at Boston, costing \$300,000; Buffalo, \$75,000; Pittsburg, \$75,000; Newburg, \$25,000; 46 have building funds paid in, amounting to \$297,984, and many of these will soon own buildings. The international committee employs 11 secretaries and assistants, and expended last year \$25,587. There are 15 State secretaries and assistants, and the cost of the State work was \$20,229, and for buildings and current expenses of international, State, and local associations over \$1,000,000 was given during the year.

METHODIST NOTES.

A new organ has been purchased and put in the church at Point de Bute. It was used for the first time last Sunday.

Rev. A. F. Weldon, of Lawrence town, recently received two persons into membership at Lawrence town and two at Cole Harbor.

Mrs. Judge Wilnot has sent the further sum of \$25 to be added to the sum already collected for the organ fund of the Methodist Church in this city.—Fredericton Reporter.

Another baptismal and reception service was held in the Brunswick St. Church on Sabbath morning, at which three persons were baptized and fifteen received. In all fifty-six persons have joined the church during the year.

At Dartmouth two persons were baptized by Rev. H. P. Doane and four were received into full membership on Sunday, June 10th. At a fancy sale and tea meeting held by members of the Sunday school last week about \$60 was collected in aid of the school.

ABROAD.

Preparations are being made to build on the University lots recently purchased by the M. E. Mission at Tokio, Japan. It is hoped that the University can be formally opened on the new site early in the coming autumn.

St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, has a prosperous society called "The Gleaners," composed of little girls, who are working in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. On a recent evening they gave a concert and fair which netted \$66.

The membership of the New England Methodist Historical Society is reported at 258 resident members, 70 corresponding and 2 honorary members—a total of 330—some of whom are among the foremost ministers, laymen and elect ladies of the Church.

A suitable property has been purchased at Chingking for the Chinese M. E. Mission. The premises well furnish, with some alteration, a chapel, and school for boys, and accommodation for two families. A tile-ledge was executed in due form, and has been recorded and stamped by the Mandarin's great seal.

On the 28th ult., the monument to the Rev. Thomas Guard, in Greenwood Cemetery, Baltimore, was formally presented by the committee, having charge of its erection, to the care of Mr. Vernon Place Church, which has wholly assumed perpetual charge of the grave. The shaft is a square of blue granite, surmounted by an urn.

The New York local committee operating with William Taylor in his Mission work, were called together May 14th., to hear letters from Mr. Taylor calling for more laborers to be sent into South America, and to consider various applications for employment in that territory and in India. After prayer and due consideration, six persons were accepted for the South American Mission, to be sent forward in May and June. It was also resolved to send one to India, if the transit fund shall prove sufficient.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The London Missionary Society owns five mission ships.

On Easter Sunday a thousand dollar bill was found among the offerings of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Pawtucket, R. I.

The missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church in Trinidad have twenty-nine schools attended by 1,139 children, whose parents are from India and China.

Major Tucker, of the Salvation Army, the nephew of the well known writer; A. L. O. E., has, with a fellow soldier in the army, adopted the fakir dress, for the purpose of gaining the native ear.

The Emperor of Germany has decreed that the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth shall be solemnly observed by the holding of a Church festival on the 10th and 11th of November next in all Evangelical churches and schools.

Dr. A. M. Bruen of New York has given his handsome country seat at Perth Amboy, N. J., as a permanent home for disabled Presbyterian ministers and for their widows and children. The property is valued at \$25,000 to \$30,000 and is admirably adapted to its purpose.

Canon Wilberforce has received five anonymous donations of £1000 each towards the fund for the completion of St. George's Church, Southampton, of which he is rector, the gifts being intended to mark the appreciation of the donors of the canon's labors in the cause of temperance.

A monster meeting was held in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, Ireland, on the 18th ult., to protest against the decision of Mr. McCarthy, R.M., in sending to prison four Salvationists for taking part in a religious procession similar to those already declared by the highest legal authorities to be in no sense a violation of the law of the land.

dan thought in India. Many thoughtful men are found who are deeply impressed with what they know about Christ, and the spectacle of devout Hindoo worshippers in Christian churches may be witnessed in Calcutta every Sunday.

The American Sunday School Union held its fifty-ninth anniversary in Hartford, Conn., on the 20th ult. A summary of the mission work of the Union for the year is as follows: New schools organized, 2,252; teachers in the same, 10,376; scholars, 82,479.

During the fifty-nine years of its existence the Union has organized 74,027 schools, with a total membership of 3,587,850 scholars.

GLEANINGS, &c.

THE DOMINION.

About \$3,000 was the amount taken in this city at the Langtry performances.

The Provincial Educational Association holds its annual meeting in this city on the 11th and 12th of July.

The Nova Scotia Brigade Camp will this year be pitched at Pictou, commencing on July 25th.

Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five quintals of codfish were landed at Lunenburg last week by eleven of the Bank fleet of that port.

Forty tons of the gold producing slate of the Chegegin gold mines have been assayed with satisfactory results. The property is likely to pass to an American company.

The widow of Capt. McGinnis, who was killed on the P. E. I. Railway, has received £500 sterling compensation for her loss, in addition to \$400 paid some time ago.

Colonel Snow, General Manager of the Short Line Railway, with a surveying party and camps, arrived at Fort Hawkesbury on Monday, and began the work of surveys.

The celebration of the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the settlement of Yarmouth took place on Saturday. Everybody appeared on the streets in their choicest holiday attire and the best of order prevailed.

A company has commenced operations in Annapolis in manufacturing bricks, tiles and pottery. When arrangements are complete employment will be furnished to sixty men, and \$20,000 capital will be invested.

Over two thousand dollars are paid annually by the Dominion Government as interest to depositors in the Dominion Savings Bank at Parrsboro, and about \$500 more to the holders of stock.

The enterprising Nova Scotia Steamship Company have placed the splendid steamer New York on the route between Annapolis and Boston, to take the place of the "City of Portland."

A special agent belonging to the Customs Department has, within the past few days, seized upwards of six thousand dollars worth of goods for under-valuation, in Cornwall and Brockville, Ont.

Deducting the number who passed through the Dominion to the United States, it appears that we have already a net immigration this year of 45,450, or nearly double that of the same period last year.

Last week a brakeman, Morrison, was shot dead in broad day-light at Shediac by a rather notorious woman. A day or two later, some one set fire to the house and outbuildings of the said woman and burned them to the ground.

The Act respecting the Registration of Co-Partnership and Business Firms will come into operation in Nova Scotia on the 1st of July. Copies are to be placed in the offices of the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province, for the information of parties interested.

Charlottetown papers mention the death of Captain Hancock, R. N., who for about twenty consecutive winters was a resident of Charlottetown, while sailing in the Gulnaur, during summer, under Admiral Bayfield. While in that city, he took a prominent part in the furtherance of moral, religious, and charitable objects.

The Canada Pacific Railway now operates six hundred miles of road west of Winnipeg, and to Thunder Bay, four hundred and thirty-five miles east, besides the subsidy lines. The Railway receipts for the last week in May were \$140,000, an increase of \$89,000 over the corresponding week of last year.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Last week thirty sealing schooners were immured in heavy field ice in the northern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and their crews were reported to be starving. Assistance was to be immediately despatched to them from St. John's.

GENERAL.

At least one-fourth of the citizens of Massachusetts are of Irish nativity.

The Illinois Legislature has been in session over four months, and has passed only eleven bills.

Mr. James A. Harris, the orange king of Florida, received \$63,000 net for his orange crop this year.

Hindu marriages at ten years old, or thereabouts, are the cause of such evils that the Anglo-Indian press is demanding the prohibition by law.

Mrs. Waite, widow of a Wesleyan missionary in Africa, has taken the degree of doctress in medicine in the Faculty of Paris.

In the House of Lords on Monday the bill of marriage with a deceased wife's sister passed its second reading by a vote of 165 to 158.

Leadville during the past year has produced 28,000,000 ounces of silver, 140,000 tons of lead, and 26,000 ounces of gold.

The amount of pensions to be paid in the United States this month is estimated at \$5,000,000. Last month the amount paid was \$4,000,000.

A San Francisco firm paid \$98,400 as duty upon one invoice of opium recently in view of the fact that in July the duty will be increased from \$6 to \$10 a pound.

The Jewish Times notes that Hebrews in Russia who keep Christians as domestic servants, even without trying to proselytise them, are fined five roubles daily.

A despatch on Tuesday says, informer Carey is still detained, because of fresh information the Government is renewing its endeavors to obtain the surrender of Walsh and Tynan.

The aeronaut L'Haste, who made an attempt to cross the British Channel in a balloon on Saturday morning has not since been heard from. It is feared he was carried over the North Sea and was drowned.

Suleiman Daoud accused of setting fire to Alexandria at the time of the British bombardment, has been hanged. Eighteen officers, found guilty of complicity were sentenced to penal servitude.

The collection of poll tax from the poorest portion of the Russian peasantry will entirely cease from January 1st, next, and the tax to be collected from the remainder of the people is to be reduced one half.

It is rumored that Charles Delmonico, the sole proprietor of the four New York restaurants known by that famous name, is going to sell out for \$2,000,000 and enjoy the rest of his life in leisure.

Mrs. Sales, of New Concord, Ohio, has asked for a divorce from her husband on the ground that at family worship, which he holds three times a day, he shows passages of Scripture that she is guilty of many sinful acts, and reproaches her for them.

Two Spanish father confessors quarrelled over a female penitent, and were to have fought a duel, but the affair got wind before mischief was done; and, by the last accounts, the two priests were in goal at Santa Fé de Granada.

According to the London Court Journal, the institution of bronze crosses, with "Merit" engraved on them, it is said to be contemplated by the authorities. These ornaments are to be given to female nurses who have distinguished themselves in hospital service during war.

A force of 200 Turkish regulars, marching to Sipanik, Dalmatia, was murdered on the 1st inst., by a body of Hottis. Sanguinary fighting also took place in Albania between Turkish troops and a body of Pastratis. The Turks are said to have lost 1,300 men and Castraris 500.

Returned correspondents from Moscow tell curious tales about the mutilation of their despatches and the scrutiny they were subjected to. It was absolutely useless to write anything that did not tell of glory and harmony and the love of the people for the Sovereign.

The Suez Canal, according to a correspondent of The London Times, is fast becoming a source of disease. The numerous settlements that have grown up along its banks have allowed their sewage pipes to run into the canal, and owing to this fact, the stench is sometimes intolerable and many diseases are prevalent.

While a sand-storm was raging in Kern county, Cal., not long since, it was raining in Fresno county, a hundred miles further north. The sand was carried by the Kern county storm up into the upper strata of air, when it was carried northward and came into the rainstorm of Fresno county, descending with the rain, making a most unpleasant mud-storm.

At the celebration at Birmingham of the services of John Bright as representative in Parliament for over a quarter of a century, a procession of delegates from various Liberal Societies, a mile and a half in length, passed before Mr. Bright and saluted him. There was a presentation of a gold medal to Mr. Bright. The demonstration at the railway station when he arrived and throughout the procession resembled a royal progress. The route of the procession, five miles long, was densely crowded.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

THOMAS ORCHARD, Who died at his home in East Ragged Islands on the 29th of March, 1883, in the 71st year of his age, was a man whom the world had agreed to call exemplary. Sincerely devoted to God at least 26 years ago, when the Rev. Samuel Avery was stationed on the then very extensive Liverpool circuit, and baptized and received into the Church by the late Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe, he proved "faithful unto death."

Martha Bagnall died in this town on Wednesday, May 30th, and when she died a light went out. For it was Martha who the little children greeted with smiles upon the streets—Martha, in whose friendship the young people rejoiced—Martha, who was a favorite also with the fathers and mothers.

Among the bright young converts of Mr. Currie's time was Martha Findley. John Wesley says, "never did I know one who gave the heart to God in youth die without hope." With Martha there was first a summoning up of faith, a reliance only upon the atonement, and then she was ready to go. It was hard for her to leave a loving husband and happy home. It was hard for her to say adieu so soon to the fair prospect of life that was hers. But she said, "I will be with Jesus," and so all was well.

HILLSBURG, N. S. The special services held in this circuit during and subsequent to the "Week of Prayer," were made a blessing to the members of our Church here, and resulted in the conversion of souls to God.

C. LOCKMAN, Hillsburg, June 15, 1883.

THOUGHT READING.

Mr. Stuart Cumberland, in company with Mrs. Cumberland, dined with the Governor-General at Rideau Hall. After dinner a number of prominent Canadian politicians and their families were invited to meet Mr. Cumberland, to witness demonstrations in the thought-reading art. With His Excellency, Mr. Cumberland was immediately successful in all his experiments. Lady Macdonald proved to be an excellent subject, for in such tests thorough concentration of thought is imperative, and her ladyship has this to a remarkable degree. But the most wonderful test of the evening was yet to come. There is at Rideau Hall a young moose, the pet of Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, which is kept in a stable specially made for the purpose and adjoining the house.

BAZAINE'S ESCAPE. The Paris Voltairre gives, in mentioning the forthcoming statement by M. Marchi, the former Governor of St. Marguerite, what is said to be the true story of Marshal Bazaine's escape from the island prison. Permission was given to his wife and little daughter to come and live with him. They came, with numerous trunks and boxes of luggage, all of which were searched, but found to contain nothing suspicious, so Mme. Bazaine was allowed to take them to her room, together, singularly enough, with the ropes and cords with which they were plentifully bound. Of course it took only a short time to make a rope ladder by which to escape. It only remained to ascertain the exact distance from the ramparts of the fortress to the beach below. So she instructed her little daughter to drop one of her tops down as if by accident, and then set up an uproarious lamentation. To quiet the child the guard allowed Mme. Bazaine to recover the toy by means of a hook and line, which she of course took care to slip into her pocket afterwards, thus having an exact measure of the length of ladder required.

A QUEER NOTICE. A minister of an Eastern village found one Sabbath, a notice which had been cut out of a Saturday's newspaper, and placed in his desk for him to read to his congregation; but, by a strange coincidence, there happened to be printed on the other side of the same slip of paper the advertisement of a certain shoe dealer, a prominent member of his church, and without turning the paper to read the other side, as the advertisement met his eye, the good man concluded it was expected he would read it, and accordingly, to the surprise of all, announced, at the usual time for reading notices:

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THE FIRST SIGHT OF THE BLIND.

An old negro woman in Pennsylvania, who was born blind, has recently received her sight by the removal of the cataract. When the bandage was first removed, the patient started violently, and cried out as with fear, and for a moment was quite nervous from the effects of the shock. For the first time in her life she looked upon the earth. The first thing she noticed was a little flock of sparrows. In relating her experience to a reporter she said that she thought they were tadpoles, although strange to say, a few moments afterwards she readily distinguished a watch which was shown her. It is supposed that this recognition was owing to the fact that she heard it's ticking. The blaze from the lamp excited the most lively surprise in her mind. She had no idea what it was, and when it was brought near her wanted to pick it up. When sight first approached upon the day when she first used her eyes she was in a fright, fearing that she was losing the sight which she had so wonderfully found after sixty years of darkness.

THE BRETON SAILORS' PRAYER.—How beautiful is that simple prayer which, it is said, the Breton sailors are wont to utter when launching out upon the heaving ocean: "Keep me, my God; my boat is so small, and Thy ocean is so wide!" For God is just the same upon the waters as He is upon the land; the sea is His and He made it; though tempests come and in the wilderness of fierce floods death yawns blackly on every side, His power that stilled the turbulent sea of Geneserac can deliver His children from the wildest war of winds and waves. The prayer of the Breton mariner becomes the prayer of every soul that has learned to revere, to obey, and to trust: "Keep me, my God; I am so weak and Thou so mighty; put underneath me Thine everlasting arms and I shall be upheld!"

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BREVITIES.

Politeness is like an air cushion: there may be nothing in it; but it eases our jolt wonderfully.
A man may be right in feeling the world can do without him, but every man ought to feel that the world needs the best efforts of his life.
Men are often capable of greater things than the perfom. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.
Some people devote more time and thought in fitting their feet to a pair of shoes than they do to selecting their reading.
A minister explained the weakness of a great many churches, in his farewell sermon, by saying that they are "overfed and underworked."
Rev. Washington Gladden, in a talk to the boys of Springfield, Mass., told them that 74 of 88 of the prominent business men of that city had their early training on farms or in poverty.
Says the Paris Figaro: "A woman passes by on horseback. The Frenchman stops and looks at the woman. The Englishman stops and looks at the horse. And the American looks at both without stopping.
This saying is as true and as timely now as when Baron Stockmar wrote it to the maligned Prince Albert: "He that will not be patient of slander must provide himself a chair outside of this world's circle."
"Are you going to make a flower-bed here?" asked a young lady of her father's gardener. "Yes, Miss; them's the orders." "Why, it'll spoil our croquet ground!" "Can't help it, Miss. Your papa says he's bound to have this plot laid out for horticulture, not husbandry."
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The best men, says a profound writer are those who preserve the boy in them as long as they live. Age should not destroy the child. The child is the original, and man is merely a superstructure upon the boy. It is a unfortunate sign for man's happiness when he has forgotten his boyish feelings.
Mr. Lincoln used to tell, in his inimitable way, a story of a Winchester converted Confederate, who was so overjoyed at receiving his pardon that he exclaimed: "Thank you, Mr. President! Thank you! Now I'm pardoned I s'pose I'm as good a Union man as any of you; emphatically one of you again. But didn't Stonewall Jackson give us fits in the Valley?"

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A writer in the... hears that church... from the Wesleyan... parish of St. Mary's... ders if he can be... lerally.
The Interior cont... a chapter in the Bible... all our Christian... does not contain mo... real consolation for... approach of death... and all the philosoph...
Sinners are like... When a tide of reviv... float, and are saved... ged by the inflow... savor of death un... to pieces by reason... wata. A revival... —Richmond Aile.
Men occupying high... country should be... ample. If they visit... the rising genera... boys will desecrate... to high places shoul... piety.—Christianity Net...
The Congregational... window is to be placed... church, Mount Morris... well-deserved memora... ray, who, when the... to offer the congrega... the Episcopal summa... ons forbid it," said... spike your canons" an... answer."
We heartily hail the... tions of young scholars... to the open fields of... tional, and of com... is never crowded before... dutiful laborer. A true... Guide and a persistent... always cause the appare... of Providence to open... before them.—Zion's H...
The Independent bo... wrong to use the comm... New Testament wh... Version can be had for... It considers it a ques... loyalty and reverence... spired Word; it being... whose opinion is wort... that barrin' some point... lish style, the New Ve... great advance on the...
At the recent Gener... Lexington, Ky., a lay... will speak about North... our neglect of evan... have allowed the right... Presbyterian Church... Not many years ago... and Baptists were ha... the State of North Ca... Presbyterians possess... we have but few, wh... wonderfully increased.
I hear that one r... signed his connection... byan Conference, on... decision of last year... baptismal office; and... being troubled for th... has not kept to himsel... resignation. Puseyist... out of deep and sol... and it is to be hope... have regard to their o... don Methodist.
The most influentia... edited by a native B... cent editorial on "th... Christianity is call... "See what blessings... fers! Open the me... and look at the nat... There is not a Budh... them that knows wh... weakest and most int... tian countries have... the most powerful B... Is it not time for Jap...
Dr. Talmage has b... people lately his co... He says the thing ab... ble of ministers stat... lieve and what they... The Doctor is thoroug... has no plea of chang... an all the more ind... because I have not... get off the track, tumbl... embankment, they r... to place, now one s... now they wonder wh... wonder about that... end in agnosticism... They call it progres... gress, but it is progr... quid!