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Pastor and People.

HE CARRIES THE LAMBS IN HIS BOSOM.

A sweet lullaby had I had for a child's eye,
Asleep on its pillow of rose.

There is never a lamb from a lover's sorrowful fold
But wanders in delirium that are weaned.

I think of my Paradise blossom,
And hear the same song from the weary that weep.

WORKS THAT FOLLOW EVERY ONE.

BY THE REV. NEWMAN HALL.

What is said of those who die in the
Lord is true of everybody. "Their works
do follow them." Every action remains.

Our works follow in their effect on
ourselves. A man's character is the result of
his actions. The totality of his thoughts,

You see a sculptor tracing his chisel.
Does each blow end when delivered? No;

Generally speaking, a man is intellectually
what he made himself during the period
of education. The works of the youth

This is also true in relation to God.
Moffatt mentions a sanguinary African
prince, who, when told of the resurrection,

Interlining is a sign of thoughtlessness
and a sign of thought. As a sign of thought-

Our lives are written upon our memories,
the plain, bare outlines recording sin and
sorrow, and here and there the writing is

But there is one record that we cannot
interline our lives written on other's
hearts. How gladly we would review, and

Japan is destined to be a grand mission
ary field. The Church of England Propagation
Society is about to send two clergy-

The entire number of Indians having
relations with the United States, exclusive of
70,000 in Alaska, reaches about 300,000,

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SINGLENES OF SIGHT.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S HOME.

We make our best use of this world
when we regard it as the basis from which
to survey the other. Without heaven, pa-

AT HOME DOING IT.

A zealous Christian met a staid, old-
fashioned brother on the street on Monday
morning, and hailed him thus: "Good-

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icles are a pretty paradox, formed by
the process of freezing in sunshine hot
enough to melt snow, blister the human
skin, and even, when concentrated, to burn

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

Two piles of faggots were placed about
the feet of Huss, which had been stripped
of their covering. Bundles of straw were

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fied their pretensions by their message?
Compare, for example, the feelings with
which I fancy the majority of unbelieved per-

SACRED BIRDS.

Extraordinary honors were paid to the
goose in ancient times; and it is still held
in great veneration by some of the Eastern

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BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1873.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Small-pox prevails in several of the English cities. It is stated to be of a peculiarly virulent type.

The Hon. F. N. Gibb's has been returned for South Ontario; majority over Mr. James Holden, 242.

Mrs. Morris and family left Perth yesterday morning en route for Manitoba to join Lieutenant-Governor Morris there.

A postal treaty has been effected with the United States by which the postal cards of either country may pass into the other by affixing to the card an ordinary one-cent stamp.

Ocean cables are becoming common. Another is to be added to the transatlantic lines. A second cable is to be laid between Cornwall, England, and Spain. Others are projected. Lower rates are to be desired.

The Postmaster-General announces that on and after the 1st of July, money orders will be procurable at all Money Order Offices in the Dominion, or at the Post Office at Fort Garry, Manitoba, at the same rates of commission and on the same conditions as orders are now granted, payable within the Dominion. In like manner, Fort Garry will issue orders on any Money Order Office within the Dominion.

The Highlander is the name of a newspaper which has just appeared in Inverness. It is reported that the Inverness Courier will shortly be issued bi-weekly.

There are in connection with all missionary societies in the Polynesian Islands, 250,000 adherents, some 50,000 Church members, and a band of native preachers some 1,600 strong.

The Advocate has an editorial upon preaching occasionally to children. The minister generally forgets their presence, seldom addressing them directly, and using language to their juvenile mind quite incomprehensible.

The work of enforcing the new ecclesiastical laws in Germany is not an easy one, yet the Government is determined not to yield so much as an inch. It cannot fill up the vacancies in the Church, but it will insist that if they are filled it shall be with German clergymen, who will respect the laws and preserve public peace.

Rev. Dr. Richard Newton's "Sermons for Children," are being translated into the Hindostanee tongue for publication in India. They have already been published in several of the European languages.

Some excitement was caused in the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, last winter, by two members refusing to partake of ordinary wine at the Lord's Supper because it was intoxicating.

The United Presbyterian Church, says the N. Y. Evangelist, is "in advance of all others" in the endorsement of the free power system. Its Assembly, recently in session at Philadelphia, recommended its congregations to abolish the system of voting powers.

There are now within the walls of Rome four hundred Protestant churches, and between twenty and thirty preaching places, with good congregations.

Let modern scientists and philosophers talk of the bigotry of those who profess to believe in a Supreme Being! Mr. Morley, in his "Life of Rousseau," just published, spells God with a small "g," just as he could thus, typographically, annihilate the Almighty.

Our esteemed cotemporary the N.Y. Independent, finds it necessary to make the following announcement:—"We know several men and women the excellence of whose character and intentions has little effect on the accuracy of their spelling; and, therefore, our allowance for slips of the pen and neglect of early opportunities permits us occasionally to admit into our columns contributions from well-known authors and translators who address their letters to The Independent.

THE CRUELTY OF ROMANISM.

A few months ago we had occasion to discuss in these columns the tactics of the Romish priesthood, by which a Protestant home in this city was broken up and two young children spirited away from their father's care.

A case has lately come before the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland which no Protestant can read without indignation, and we trust that few Roman Catholic laymen can do so without feeling shamed and humiliated.

In 1848 Robert Shapland Byrne was married. He and his wife were Protestants, and always had been Protestants. In 1872 the husband died, leaving four children aged twelve, six, four, and one and a half years.

If the reader will bear in mind the foregoing statement he will to some extent be able to conceive the wonder and dismay of the widow when she was told that two Roman Catholic priests were the appointed guardians of her children, and that her children would be taken from her.

Robert Shapland Byrne, having been laboring under a most painful disease, and still day by day feeling worse and weaker, so that he gave up almost all hope of recovery, did declare this to be his last will and testament.

"In presence of DANIEL DOYLE and JAMES CLELAND"

The unfortunate woman did as any mother would do. She did not think of the document or of the law. She seized her children and kept them. The Romanists applied to the Court of Queen's Bench for the children to be given up to their custody.

On the other point—the validity of the alleged will—the Court did not express an opinion, but decided that the issue should be tried by a jury. It would not be fair if we offered any opinion on the question whether the writing we have quoted is the last will and testament of R. S. Byrne.

If the jury decide that the writing is the valid will of R. S. Byrne, the Romanists will be able to take the children from Mrs. Byrne and make the widow worse than childless. That is the law, and we do not hesitate to say that the law is unjust and ought to be amended.

But what words can express the disgust provoked by the conduct of the Roman priests? It is an outrage, a most indecent outrage, on public morality. It is an abominable wickedness. Byrne was feeble, sick, and dying. The unscrupulous agents of the Papacy got the man, but a dying man is not of much use to the Papacy.

MANITOBA.

The Rev. Prof. Bryce, of the Presbyterian College, Winnipeg, M.A., is doing good service to this interesting Province by lecturing in some of the principal towns in Ontario on its climate, soil, and other attractions.

Prof. Bryce in opening his lecture briefly referred to the early history of Manitoba, and to the steady stream of emigration now flowing into it. Not the least singular feature was the fact the great bulk of emigrants passed over the rich prairies and farming lands of the Western and North-western States, to settle in a land like that which they had left, in which the same flag protected both, and its institutions were being moulded in conformity with those of the older Provinces of this Dominion.

DEPARTURE OF DEPUTATION.

The Rev. Wm. COCHRANE, M.A., of Brantford, and the Rev. ROBERT UEL, of Goderich, the General Assembly's Deputation to visit the churches and College in Manitoba, leave Sarina to-morrow on their long journey to the North-west.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

A correspondent of the Guelph Mercury, speaking of the recent General Assembly in this city, pays a deserved compliment to the Moderator in the following terms:—

"The moderator for this year is the Rev. Wm. Reid of Toronto, well known throughout the Church as its able and energetic Secretary for many years, and who brought to bear in the discharge of the duties of the Moderator's chair, that clear-sighted business acumen for which he is distinguished, and thereby enabling the Assembly on more than one occasion to come more clearly to the determination of questions submitted to them, albeit that in the advice tendered, there now and again lacked that strict-laced impartiality or neutrality usually considered indispensable in the conduct of the president of a meeting.

Anent the election of a Professor for the Presbyterian College, Montreal, the same writer gives this on dit, which may be new to many of our readers:—

"Had the Montrealers failed in obtaining Professor Campbell, they had determined, it is said, to submit the name of the Rev. Mr. Bruce, of Brantford, Scotland, whose testimonials I have seen, and which certainly indicate that Mr. Bruce is a man of no ordinary attainments and ability; indeed, I heard it stated on good authority, that he principally owed his non-election in 1872 to the vacant Professorship in Glasgow College, to the fact of his formidable opponent being a son of Principal Candlerish."

We are requested to say that the S. S. teachers of Cooke's Church will (D.V.) hold their annual excursion to Niagara Falls on Tuesday, 22nd July. This is a favorite excursion, owing to the superior manner in which it has always been managed, and we have no doubt there will be a large attendance this year, as on former occasions.

Editorial Notes.

The demand for ready-made sermons has become so great in England that they are to be had, very neatly lithographed, for the small price of two shillings per year.

A correspondent of Zion's Herald, alluding to the Sippant remark that "ministers' and deacons' children are always the worst," says:—

"It is stated that in Connecticut, out of 980 children over fifteen years of age, in ministers' and deacons' families, only 20 turned out badly. In Massachusetts, out of 433 of these families, of 1,698 children of this age, only 26 became dissipated. I would like to ask business men if this is not a small loss in comparison with their business. I reckon that thoraising of ministers' and deacons' children is the safest and most profitable business on this round earth."

Here is a new definition from the "great liberalist," Henry Ward Beecher. He recently told the Yale students that "any one who can repeat the Lord's Prayer has a right to call himself a Christian."

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Synod of the Presbyterian of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Church of England Synods, and the Wesleyan Conferences, have appointed Thursday, 16th October, a Day of Thanksgiving.

The Orillia Expositor remarks:—At the recent Convocation of the Toronto University, the degree of M.A. was conferred on Mr. J. G. Robinson, son of Charles Robinson, Esq., Reeve of Thorah, and that for M.B. on Mr. John Gunn, of Thorah. Dr. Gunn has been appointed to a position in the General Hospital, Toronto, and we feel confident that the experience he will there acquire, together with his ability and natural aptitude for medicine, will ensure him a successful career in his profession.

The N. Y. Independent remarks:—"We rather admire the sturdy and off-hand sense of the English judge who, upon being told that the criminal at the bar had committed homicide under an irresistible impulse, promptly replied: 'That may be true. Yet the law of England has an equally irresistible impulse to punish him for it.'"

Ministers and Churches.

We see it stated that the Rev. Dr. Waters, of St. Mary's, recently received a letter enclosing \$300, sent him by a few friends. A very practical as well as a very pleasant way of intimating that they wished their pastor to take his holidays.

Strawberry festivals are all the rage just now. A number of very pleasant reunions of this kind have been held during the past two weeks, and many more are on the tapis.

A number of friends of the late Rev. Mr. Miller, Presbyterian minister of Richmond, who died last spring, subscribed a sufficient sum, and have erected over his grave a handsome marble slab.

The Canada Presbyterian Church, Oakville, used an organ for the first time in public worship, on Sabbath, the 22nd ult. The instrument is of considerable power and much sweetness. It was found to be an important aid to the singing, and the general feeling seemed to be that all greatly enjoyed it.

A short time ago the Presbyterians of Lakeside and vicinity held a soiree in the newly-completed manse, when an address and a purse containing \$140 were presented to their esteemed pastor, the Rev. N. Clark.

On Dominion Day the Rev. G. Burnfield, M.A., of Scarborough, was presented with a handsome buggy by a member of his congregation.

The congregation of South-east and North-east Adelaide have given a unanimous call to the Rev. Alexander McNaughton.

The Rev. James Nesbit, Missionary of the Canada Presbyterian Church to the Cree Indians of the North-west, who has been spending several months among his friends in Canada, left for his distant field of labor last Monday. At a farwell meeting held in the C. P. Church, Orillia, on the evening of Sabbath last, he was commended to the Divine guidance and blessing. The proceedings were of an eminently pleasing and profitable character.

GLENGARRY MISSION.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

SIR,—In your issue of the 10th May last appears a communication signed D. H. McLennan, Alexandria. I am sorry for the young man's own sake, of whom I expected better things, and for the sake of Christ's cause in this County, that it found its way into your valuable paper. It has done no good either to him or to the Protestant cause in Glengarry.

From all that has yet transpired on the subject of the proposed Mission, I see no cause to recall any of the statements made in my former communication, or even modify any opinion expressed there. The fact is undeniable, that the students have laboured in Alexandria for the past two years without any apparent result among the Romanists. It is true one of them takes credit to himself for the conversion of at least two individuals. But, unhappily for him, the first mentioned by him, as I am credibly informed, died as she lived. The priest confessed her shortly before she died; and afterwards expressed his satisfaction with the state of mind in which he found her, and left her when he parted with her. The second was the Frenchman referred to in my former communication. But he was brought to the knowledge of the truth chiefly through the prayerful exertions of his wife, a girl belonging once to my congregation, who ever since they were married in 1867, by my predecessor, read a portion of the Scriptures with him daily.

I am, yours truly, W. Ross.

Kirkhill, June 25th, 1872.

INDUCTION OF REV. WM. CLELAND.

The Presbytery of Toronto, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met at St. John Church, on the 18th ult., for the Induction of the Rev. Wm. Cleland into the pastoral charge of the congregation of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil. Present—the Rev. James Carmichael, of King, Moderator; Bain, Scarborough; Brown, Newmarket; Porter, Bradford; and James Wilson, Elder. The day was fine, the congregation large, and the whole services solemn and impressive. The Moderator, after detailing the steps always taken in connection with the purpose for which they were assembled, entered the pulpit and preached an appropriate and excellent sermon from these words, in the 20th of the Acts—"I take you to record this day that I am pure from the blood of all men." This part of the service over, he read the usual questions of the formula, to which the customary assent was given, and Mr. Cleland solemnly set apart to the pastoral charge of the congregation. Thereafter, pastor and people were addressed in most impressive terms on their relative duties, by the presiding Minister, and Mr. Bain of Scarborough. At the close, a most cordial welcome was accorded to the newly-inducted Pastor, by the people. We record with great satisfaction that this appears to be a most harmonious and prosperous settlement, and sincerely and earnestly hope that the best results will flow from it to all concerned.

SONG OF THE SEASONS.

Charm Winter's blushing cheeks of snow,
From her pale cheeks and her frosty hair;
Dusts of dark night, slow drifting down,
And bright stars of heaven and earth.

must have been fearfully bitten. He has
been taught to do some kinds of work, but
not faithfully. He seems to have lost all
the use of his eyes; he ranges freely with the
other children, among whom he has his friends.

ABOUT UNREALITY IN SPEECH.

No one can go through this disorganised
world without listening to a fearful quantity
of public speech; civilization only seems to
multiply the talkers; every real or fancied
thing is preached into you or at you; and
the wearied hearer cries out often in his
soul, "O for more reality in speech!"

A STRANGE STORY.

TURNING "THE TABLES ON DARWINISM.

The Amherst Student contains a letter
from Prof. J. H. Seeley, dated Allahabad,
India, November 25th, 1872, detailing a
strange fact that came under his observa-

tion far from Arga, in northern India, is
a mission station of the Church Missionary
Society, connected with which is an orphan-
age with several hundred children, now under
the efficient care of the Rev. E. G. Erhardt.

litical, every-day, domestic emotions. Your
nerves thrilled, and your tears dropped cop-
iously upon his scene of the death-bed, or
return of the prodigal to his father. It was
a great triumph of pathos. But the curious
point was this: the preacher was himself
swayed by emotion, you cried pathos be-
cause he did, he climaxed the pathos with
a sob; but as soon as he had made a due
oratorical pause, he quickly wiped his
eyes and went on with his sermon with
unwearied fortitude, just as if nothing
had happened, as if he had not broken his
heart and sobbed before five hundred people
only five minutes ago.

The platform of the church is not distin-
guished for more reality than the pulpit.
Many of the speeches one hears are as hol-
low as drums, and sound as well. And
some speakers have a habit, born of their
vanity, of keeping every pretty or striking
thought they have been able to conceive,
and then grouping them into speeches
which they carry up and down through life
and to and fro in the colony, till their ora-
tions on this and that become common
jokes. You have heard a man, otherwise
good enough, make a speech which has sug-
gested to you the analogy of a woman with
a passion for vulgar jewellery, who cannot
attend an evening party without decking
herself profusely with her ornaments.

THE ACTIVE ELEMENT IN PLAY.

We make, of course, a great mistake if
we overlook the active element in play, and
children and grown persons must not get
their sport too easily, nor ensue to them-
selves by sedentary amusements. Here
the important distinction of the active and
passive voice opens upon us. In base-ball,
in cricket, in billiards, in bowling, and in
quits and foot-ball, there is wholesome stir
of the limbs and the blood, and also good
exercise for the perceptions and judgment.

It is becoming a very practical question
how far the active sports should become so
intense and personal as to excite emulation
and influence partisanship, as is so often the
case with our rowing matches and ball-
playing. Here a second distinction, based
upon emulation and its absence, presents
itself. Too often these contests cease to be
plays, and when the victory secures either
a valuable prize or a substantial honor, the
sport is too serious a business, and some-
times it brings health and even peace of
mind into peril.

Nor can we hope to confine them to the
routine of the gymnasium and its leaf-
of turning and climbing. Military sports meet
their active temper very well, and marching
and countermarching with banners and
music are better and more friendly exer-
cise than the everlasting fight for supremacy,
whether with the ear, or the foot-ball, or
the cricket bat. It is well to calm the
pulses of youth, and even of childhood, by ad-
ding play of representation to active sports,
and a finer quality of fellowship goes with
hearing music, seeing tableaux and pictures,
walking in the fields, or rowing or sailing
quietly amidst pleasing scenery, or join-
ing in a social party with its constant
change of scenes and persons and recrea-
tions. We ought to make more of this
style of amusement, and try to refine and
dignify the love of fun in our young people
by more taste and beauty.

FOUR PORTRAITS.

Four faces among the portraits of modern
men, great or small, strike us as supremely
beautiful, not merely in expression, but in
the form and proportion and harmony of
features—Shakespeare, Raphael, Goethe,
Burns. One would expect it to be so; for
the mind makes the body, not the body
the mind; and the inward beauty
seldom fails to express itself in the
outward, as a visible sign of the invisible
grace or disgrace of the wearer. No that
it is so always. A Paul, apostle of the Gen-
tiles, may be ordained to be "in presence
weak, in speech contemptible," hampered
by some thorn in the flesh—to interfere ap-
parently with the success of his mission,
perhaps for the same wise purpose of Pro-
vidence which sent Socrates to the Athe-
nians, the worshippers of physical beauty,
in the ugliest of human bodies, that they,
or rather those of them to whom eyes to
see had been given, might learn that soul
is after all independent of matter, and not
its creature and its slave. But in the gen-
erality of cases, physiognomy is a sound
and faithful science, and tells us, if not
alas! what the man might have been, still
what he has become. Yet even this former
problem, what he might have been, may
often be solved for us by youthful por-
traits, before sin and sorrow and weakness
have had their will upon the features; and
therefore, when we spoke of these four
beautiful faces, we alluded, in each case, to
the earliest portrait of each genius we could
recollect. Placing them side by side, we
must be allowed to demand for that of
Robert Burns an honorable station among
them. Of Shakespeare's we do not speak,
for it seems to us to combine in itself the
elements of all the other three; but of the
rest, we question whether Burns's be not,
after all, if not the noblest, still the most
loveable—the most like what we would
wish that of a teacher of men to be. Raf-
faello—the most striking portrait of him,
perhaps, is the full-face pencil sketch by his
own hand in the Taylor Gallery at Oxford
—though without a taint of littleness or
efficiency, is soft, melancholy, formed en-
tirely to receive and to elaborate in silence.
His is a face to be kissed, not worshipped.
Goethe, even in his earliest portraits, looks
as if his expression depended too much on
his own will. There is a self-conscious
power and purpose and self-restraint and
all but scorn upon those glorious lineaments,
which might win worship, and did; but not
love, except as a child of enthusiasm or of
relationship. But Burns's face, to judge of
it by the early portrait of him by Nasmyth,
must have been a face like that of Joseph
of old, of whom the Rabbis relate, that he
was mobbed by the Egyptian ladies when-
ever he walked the streets. The magic of
that countenance, making Burns at once
tempter and tempted, may explain many a
sad story. The features certainly are not
perfectly regular; there is no superabun-
dant of mere animal health in the outline
or color; but the marks of intellectual beau-
ty in the face are of the highest order, cap-
able of being but too triumphant among a
people of deep thought and feeling. The
lips, ripe, yet not coarse or loose, full of
passion and the faculty of enjoyment, are
parted, as if forced to speak by the inner
fullness of the heart; the features are
rounded, rich, and tender, and yet the
bones show thought massively and man-
fully everywhere; the eyes laugh out upon
you with bonalless good humor and sweet-
ness, with simple, eager, gentle surprise—
a gleam as of the morning star, looking
forth upon the wonder of a new-born world
—altogether,

A station like the heron's Mercury,
Now lighted on a heaven-kissing hill.

—Charles Kingsley

There's no slipping up hill again, and no
standing still when once you have begun to
slip down.

It's well we should feel as life's reckon-
ing we can't make twice over; there's no
real making amends in this world, any more
nor you can mend a wrong subtraction by
doing your addition right.

It is understood that the Rev. William
Stewart, St. George's-in-the-Fields, Glasgow,
has been appointed to the Chair of Bible
Criticism in Glasgow University, vacant by
the appointment of Professor W. P. Dick-
son to the Chair of Theology.

It is said that the entire Persian Mission,
with forty missionaries and sixty teachers
under the care of the Presbyterian Board,
costs less annually than the current ex-
penses of some of the New York city
churches.

Four hundred and eighty priests of the
Church of England asked the Convocation
of Canterbury to "consider the advisability
of providing for the licensing of duly qual-
ified confessors in accordance with the pro-
visions of the canon law." A debate fol-
lowed which the Archbishop of Canterbury
summed up by saying: "that serious evils
have already arisen in the Church from
this practice, and that it was evident from
the discussion that every bishop present
was opposed to 'habitual confession.'" He
spoke in strong terms of other ritualist
practices, and said he would not scruple to
do again what he had done in a similar in-
stance—revoke the license of curates who
encouraged confessions.

Random Readings.

We hand talks over to God's mercy, and
show none ourselves.
Anger and jealousy can no more bear to
see sight of their objects than love.
I counsel you to study—meditation, and
to be dead to this world.—Luther's foot.
Childhood has no forebodings, but then it
is soothed by no memories of outlived sor-
row.
Among the various excesses to which
human nature is subject, moralists have
never numbered that of being too fond of the
people who openly revile us.
When you are reading a book in a dark
room, and come to a difficult passage, you take
it to a window to get more light. So take
your Bibles to Christ.—McClurg.
Often times nothing but adversity will do
for us. We need to be stripped of every
earthly portion, that we may seek entirely
our portion in Jehovah Himself. We need
to be turned out of a home on earth, that
we may seek a home in heaven.—Boyer.
There is an old proverb of a rusty shield
that prayed: "O, sun, illumine me," but
the sun replied, "First polish yourself."
The Christian who expects to be anything
honorable, strong, and happy, must be in
such a condition that the influences of God
can reach him.
I think half the troubles for which men
go slouching in prayer to God are caused by
their intolerable pride. Many of our cares
are but a morbid way of looking at our priv-
ileges. We let our blessings get mouldy,
and then call them curses.—Becher.
For Christ when He cometh is nothing
else but joy and sweetness to a trembling
and broken heart, as here Paul witnesseth,
who setteth him out with this most sweet
and comfortable title, when he saith,
"Who loved me and gave Himself for me."
—Luther.
As faith is the evidence of things not seen,
so things that are seen are the perfecting of
faith. I believe a tree will be green when
we see him leafless in winter; I know he is
green when I see him flourishing in sum-
mer.—Warwick.
Prayer to God is a moral necessity. It
is the instinct of humanity—of the creature
toward the Creator. Before reason and
without it, the soul, in its conscious inferi-
ority and weakness, cries to the great Creator
for help.
There is more joy in enduring a cross for
God than in the smiles of the world; in a private,
despised affliction, without the name
of suffering for His cause, or anything in
it like martyrdom, but only as coming from
His hand, kissing it and bearing it patiently,
yea, gladly, because it is His will.
The Greenlanders were unmoved, so long
as the Moravian told them of the creation
and fall of man; but when they heard of
redeeming love, their frozen hearts melted
like snow in spring. Preach salvation by
the sacraments, exalt the Church above Christ
and keep back the doctrine of the atone-
ment, and the devil eats little—his goods
are at peace. But preach a full Christ and
a free pardon, and then Satan will have great
wrath, for he knows he has but a short time.
—J. C. Ryle.
False speech is probably capable of being
the falsest and most accused of all things.
False speech, so false that it has not even
the veracity to know that it is false—as the
poor, commonplace liar still does! I have
heard speakers who gave rise to thoughts
in me they were little dreaming of suggest-
ing! Is man, then, no longer an "Incarnate
Word," as Novalis calls him—sent
into this world to utter out of him, and by
all means to make audible and visible what
of God's message he has; sent hither and
made alive even for that, and for no other
definable object? Is there no sacredness,
then, any longer, in the miraculous tongue
of man? Is his head become a wretched
cracked pitcher, on which you juggle to
frighten crows, and make bees hira?—Car-
lyle.
LOVE WINS LOVE.
"Mother, the birdies all love father,"
said a boy of five years, as he stood with
his mother watching the robins enjoying
their morning meal of cherries from the old
tree that overhung the house.
"Does anybody else love father, Char-
lie?" "O, yes! I love him, and you love
him; but we know more than the birds."
"What do you think is the reason the
ies love your father?"
Charlie did not seem to hear this ques-
tion. He was absorbed in deep thought.
"Mother," at last he said, "all the
creatures love father. My dog is almost as glad
to see him as he is me. Pussy, you know,
always comes to him, and seems to know
exactly what he is saying. Even the old cow
follow him all round the meadow, and the
other day I saw her kicking his hind just as
a dog would. I think it is because father
loves them, mother. You know he will of-
ten get up to give pussy something to eat;
and he pulls carrots for the cow, and pats
her, and talks to her; and somehow I think
his voice never sounds so pleasant as when
he talks to the creatures."
"I think his voice sounds pleasant when
he is talking to his little boy."
Charlie smiled.
"Father loves me," he said, "and I love
him dearly. He loves the birds, too, I am
sure. He whistles to them every morning
when they are eating cherries, and they are
not a bit afraid of him, though he is almost
near enough to catch them. Mother, I wish
everything loved me as well as they do
father."
"O, as father does, Charlie, and they
will. Love all living things, and be kind
to them. Do not speak roughly to the dog.
Don't pull pussy's tail, nor chase the hens,
nor try to frighten the cow. Never hurt or
tease anything. Speak gently and lovingly
to them. Feed them and seek their com-
fort, and they will love you, and everybody
that knows you will love you too."—Brit-
ish Workman.

RUSSIAN CONQUEST IN CENTRAL ASIA.

From the time of Yermak Russia has not halted in her career of Asiatic conquest. So rapidly did she push forward that her flag dominated nearly five million square miles of territory in less than seventy years from the founding of the fort on the Ytish. The banner of the Black Eagle was borne northward to the shores of the frozen ocean, along the valleys of the Obi, the Yenisei, and the Lena; it floated where the waters of the Okotok Sea kiss the base of the Stanovoi Mountains, and open their broad gate-way to the Pacific; it waved on the banks of the Amoor, along whose parent streams the Mongol shepherds wander, and was held aloft on the plain where Genghis-Khan, the conqueror of Persia and Cathay, first saw the light, and fancied he heard heavenly voices calling him to conquest and a career of glory. Southward to the Altai Mountains it was carried, and from the summits of those lofty peaks it hung menacingly toward Central Asia, as the northern winds impelled it. The indomitable Russian will sustained it, and wherever it was planted its supporters were determined to remain. Northward there were only scattered tribes, who could offer but a feeble resistance; eastward were the Chinese, and the rulers of the Celestial Empire early saw the impending danger. To expel the Russians from the Amoor they sent a large army, and after an obstinate struggle, in which the Chinese were twice forced to retire, they gained their point by a treaty, and compelled the Russians to depart from the places where they had established forts and planted fields of wheat and corn. For a hundred and fifty years the Russian advance in that direction was stopped, but it was renewed in 1354, when a Russian expedition seized the Amoor and held it by main force until diplomacy, skillfully following the Chinese reverses in the war with France and England, secured by treaty what had been taken without warrant of law. The Russian eye is fixed on Mongolia; portions of it have fallen into Russian hands, and other portions will be taken with each succeeding decade, until the whole, or all that is worth taking, has been seized. Manifest destiny is apparent in the Russian maps of Eastern Siberia. On all those maps, published in the last ten years, Mongolia is delineated with more than ordinary care, and it is evident that the compiler intended to save the expense and trouble of new editions at frequent intervals. His work was performed for the future, not for the present, and judging by the rapid growth of events, the future for which he labored is not a distant one. Russian progress in Central Asia has been even more rapid than in the eastern part of the continent. Central Asia is considered more important than Manchouria and the plains of Gobi, and the Muscovite eye is more firmly set upon it.—THOMAS W. KNOX, in Harper's Magazine for July.

METHODS OF PREPARATION. In the year of our Lord 1872 it seems like wasting words to remind Christians of the necessity of making preparation for their Bible-school duties. Does not the worker in wood and stone prepare himself carefully for his duties? Failure in his art would result in the breaking of a stone, or a piece of wood being rendered useless. Yet it remains as a reproach to the Christian Church that men and women accept positions as teachers of the young, as undersheriffs to lead them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, without concern, without prayer, and with little or no preparation for this great work where immortal souls are at stake.

The superintendent should be an example to his school. He should be intelligent, apt, prudent, prompt, ready, patient, pious, prayerful, and pleasant. He should seek to supply deficiencies in the qualities named, by wise and persevering efforts. Requisites: Bible, Bible dictionary, and either a commentary or an exposition of the lesson. Read the whole chapter from which the lesson is taken. If the lesson is connected with the previous one, read all the intervening Scripture. It may be wise to read over a second or third time, in order not only to get the subject matter of the lesson, but also the events preceding and following. Carefully notice any difficult words that may need explanation; consult your Bible dictionary.

You are now prepared to take your lesson journal and read the lesson and the explanations there given (remembering that the latter are written by fallible men like yourself), as a help to your better understanding of it. Do not forget to think while you are doing this. Your preparation is now emphatically the scholar's preparation; you know the lesson. The scholar's preparation will not suffice for you; in addition to knowing the lesson you are interested in imparting it, which requires special skill and preparation. Look once more over your lesson and decide what strong point you wish to make prominent in your school. There may be many good things in the lesson, but you have twenty-five minutes only to devote to instruction, and must succeed on one point rather than fail on all.—Sunday School Helper.

METHODS.—The total number of Methodists in Ireland is 19,000. During the past year there has been an increase in England of 2,300 members, and 16,000 on trial. The most decided advance has been in the manufacturing centres. One-third of the whole number of European children in India die under six months old; eighty-five per cent. die before the age of two years; and out of one hundred infants born only eleven attain maturity. It appears from statistics lately published that out of 11,000 soldiers' children in India, a very large proportion were ill every day throughout the year 1871. The Indian empire costs Great Britain much every year in the sacrifice of soldiers in the trenches and on the battle-field, but a far more numerous army are buried in children's graves.

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