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—RUSSIAN PEASANTS.—Count Tolstoi, the Russian Minister of the Interior, is aiming to reduce the Russian peasants to servitude again. His plan is to have them placed under the complete control of functionaries, to be appointed, who shall have power to imprison and inflict penalties, with no right of appeal from them. He conceives this to be necessary, because the peasants are beginning to feel that they are men. The majority of the Council of the Empire are opposed; but it is feared the Czar may assent to his proposal.

—INCOME OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.—The Church Missionary Society of Great Britain received \$1,175,195 of income last year—the largest in its history. The Wesleyan Methodist received \$715,000, besides \$500,000 gathered from the mission fields themselves. The two societies for the Christianizing of the Jews expended about \$235,000. These societies have had much success in their special work. It is estimated that there are now over 3,000 converted Jews in Great Britain and Ireland, while in all the cities of Germany Christian Jews are to be found. To show what is being done to evangelize London, one of the city missions received \$314,000. The British and Foreign Bible Society had an income of \$682,805, besides \$1,108,770 received from the sale of Bibles. The Religious Tract Society had an income of \$1,000,000. There had been 76,167,360 issues from its presses during the year. After all that is said, Christianity has no competitor in the matter of beneficence.

—UPPER BURMA.—Dr. Cushing has written a vigorous appeal on behalf of missions in Upper Burma. It seems that other denominations are preparing to press into the country, unless the Baptists bestir themselves and occupy the ground. One missionary of the Methodists has established himself at Mandalay, and is seeking to use native helpers from the Baptist churches. Hitherto our missionaries have done what has been done by the Burmese, other societies, according to an agreement among missionary bodies, going to unoccupied fields. If other denominations take the field of Upper Burma, they will draw their native workers from the Baptist churches, and build up their cause on foundations laid by others. This would be a matter for regret; but if the American Baptists do not go up and possess this land, who will not wish other evangelical bodies God-speed in their attempt to give the people the gospel? No doubt our American brethren will be true to their past record, and man this part of Burma—a land given over to them by the divine leading in connection with Adoniram Judson.

—SELF-MADE MEN.—We hear much about self-made men, as if there were any men that were not self-made. It is usual to give this honorable pre-eminence to those who have attained a good position without the advantages of a collegiate training. But why should these have the exclusive right to this designation? Education does not make a man, as can be seen by reference to the lists of the graduates of any college. Where the educated man becomes pre-eminent is through push, energy and good habits, which enable him to use all his advantages and to overcome disadvantages. In most cases these would have won, in any case. However this may be, when we come to speak of manhood in the best sense, this must be raised by each one for himself. Wealth, position, anything external to the man himself, will not assure it to him. It must be gained by self-discipline and struggle with opposing forces, and the man who attains to it is always a self-made man.

—BAPTIST MISSION IN CUBA.—Mr. Dias, the missionary of the Baptists of the South to Cuba, gains some interesting facts about the wonderful progress of the work in that island. At the late Convention he said:—Brethren, nevertheless I do not preach in your language, I have the pleasure to come and tell you the marvelous things the Lord has done in Cuba. You know that we started the Baptist Church in Havana, last year in January. We have baptized 301. Last Sunday twenty-five were received for baptism. We have organized two other churches and six mission stations. We have five Sunday-schools also, besides the churches. As soon as we organized a school, persecution began. We have four day schools where Christ is taught. The Havana Church has given \$1,078.50 for expenses, also \$80 for Florida; \$2 for Home, and \$2 for Foreign Missions—the other for Florida. This is Gethsemane Church in Havana. Now, I told you the first one I baptized in Cuba was my mother, with my own hand. Since then I have baptized my mother-in-law, too. I have baptized every one of my own family and my wife's family. We have seventeen in the house, and it is a Baptist church. At the last Southern Baptist Convention I was not free to speak to you I will tell you of some persecutions in Cuba now. Before I organized a Baptist church I used to go to towns distrusting

Bibles. At one town, as the train stopped, a man, finely-dressed, came through the cars and asked me, "Are you Mr. Dias?" I said, Yes. I thought I had met him in the university. He said "You are my prisoner." I had done no wrong. But he took me and my valise and two boxes of Bibles. He took me to jail, put me in one cell and my boxes in another. I thought that if I supposed I was a filibuster. An officer came and asked me if I was an American citizen. I said, Yes. He wrote it down, and I wrote to the American Consul, Mr. Barger. On Sunday I asked the jailer if I might talk to the prisoners. He said No. Well, I wanted them to hear the gospel. So I sang a song, took a text, prayed and preached a sermon. All the prisoners gathered about the cell and listened to me. Tuesday my friends came and released me with an order from the consul. I took my boxes and went to a hotel, and opened the boxes. All wanted some of the Bibles, and I sold all one to the mayor. The week after he came and said it was a good book. He asked me where was infant baptism. That was hard to find. It is not in the Bible. Then he said, "Where is the part about purgatory? I could not find it; it is not there." So I told him all about Jesus, and I baptized seven-five more, among them the jailer. The mayor told me that the priest had him to put me in jail.

—WATER AND SPIRIT.—We do not think it profitable to occupy much more space with the discussion of Jno. 3:4. Bro. Hughes will be accorded the opportunity to reply briefly to his critics. We shall then publish the exegesis of this passage by a prominent professor of the United States, and may have a word of two ourselves.

—THE ASSOCIATIONS.—Will the churches suffer a word of reminder? Very often, quite a number of churches do not send in letters to the associations to which they belong. It is commonly due to thoughtless neglect. Will not the pastors and clerks see to it that their churches are reported, this year? If these should forget, let some member remind the church of the matter. It is well to have the letter prepared a week or two before the association meets.

—THE LIST LENGTHENS.—Almost every week, our exchanges bring word of the murder or the attempt to murder some active prohibitionist. Not long since, a Dr. Northrup was shot down in Haverhill, Ohio, by four men by the name of McCoy, because he appeared as prosecuting witness against a liquor seller. It is gratifying to know that the whole four have been indicted for murder in the first degree, by the grand jury of the county. On May 20th, Rev. T. J. Duncan, a Methodist minister in Springfield, Tenn., had a narrow escape while lecturing on temperance. Two dynamite cartridges were exploded in the rear of the platform, with evident intent to kill the speaker. But a few days after, E. R. Ellis, a prominent prohibitionist of Coatsville, Ind., was brutally assaulted, and nearly beaten to death. While the Southern Baptist Convention was in session at Louisville, one of the ministers received the horrifying intelligence that his son, the young and gifted R. D. Gambrell, editor of the *Sword and Shield*, Jackson, Miss., was killed by one Hamilton, a leading spirit in whiskey politics. The following copied from the *Voice*, gives an account of the bloody tragedy.

"The slaughter of poor Gambrell was so cowardly, cold-blooded and contemptible an assassination as ever was heard of in this country. His immediate cause was the publication in the *Sword and Shield*, ten days before, of an editorial article. Three days before the attack he sent to Gambrell a representative lawyer of Jackson (now of counsel for the defense), to say that it was his desire that there should be no further trouble and the matter should be dropped. Gambrell accepted the message in good faith. Events prove that the message was sent only to throw the editor off his guard. Thursday afternoon, May 3, Gambrell went down to Clinton, leaving home full of fun; his friends say they never saw him in a happier frame of mind. He was to return on the 10 o'clock train. Before the train was due Hamilton rode to the depot and asked the station-agent if Gambrell had gone to Clinton and would return on the 10 o'clock train. Then he waited, sitting in his carriage, until the train came in. He saw Gambrell alight and pass down the street, and was heard to remark, 'There goes the dog now.' After his enemy had walked some distance Hamilton with his party of three, besides the driver, rode in pursuit of him, overtook him on the bridge, and there, unprovoked and without warning, shot him down, surrounded him, and fired ball after ball at his prostrate form. This was not devilish enough, for one of the party then stooped over the dying man and hammered his skull terribly with the butt end of a heavy pistol. This was done evidently to dispatch his lingering consciousness so that he could not tell the story of the assault before he died. And yet it was a 'duel'!"

—A returned missionary from India says that during ten years she never saw a Hindu child receive a caress from its mother.

News and Notes.

After I returned from New Brunswick, I took the Sunday evening service at Acadia. Although the congregation has been sadly depleted by the annual exodus to the States, a goodly number was present to hear the Word. It is to be hoped that the church at Chobogue will immediately unite with the Acadia church in the support of a pastor; otherwise Bro. Hughes may consider it his duty to remove to another field of labor. He has labored faithfully and successfully in Acadia and Deerfield, and his removal would be a serious loss.

On Wednesday, of last week, I started for Halifax. The country was beginning to put on a spring-like appearance. The continued dry weather and the cold northerly winds had kept vegetation at least two weeks behind what it was last year at this time. The seasonable rains and the warm sunshine which we have had the last few days have made a wonderful change in the appearance of the country. At Halifax, I found Bro. Cline cheerfully pursuing his course. Bro. Manning still retains his popularity, and his labors are greatly blessed. Bro. Avery, who has done a work in Halifax which few men in the province could have done, is still undecided whether to go to New York or remain on his present field.

At Wolfville, I found the Professors and students exceedingly busy with their examination work. The institutions were never in a more flourishing condition. The College graduating class is the largest in the history of that institution. The matriculating class numbers 36. The new Academy building is up and boarded in. It is to be finished in time for the opening exercises in August. In this place I learned that the church at Hantsport had invited Rev. J. Clark to the pastorate, and it was thought he would accept it.

From Wolfville I passed on to Kentville, where I found Bro. Black in the act of moving to the parsonage which the church has just bought. If all our churches would do as well as this little one does in proportion to members and financial ability, our denominational prosperity would be very great. Bro. Black's new home will be a pleasant one. Kentville is a beautiful place, and if the rum fiend were driven out, it would be a very desirable locality to live in.

To accomplish my purpose I proceeded to Rev. S. E. Kempton's field. Cornwallis is always beautiful, now it is especially so. Miles of dykeland stretching far away and clothed in the deepest green; hundreds of orchards whose trees are just beginning to bloom, and numerous wild pear trees show in their gaudy dress of red and white blossoms—all helped to make Cornwallis an enchanting spot. It was exercised of every element and atom of evil, one might wish to live here forever.

As I surveyed the scene around me, my eyes rested upon the tombstones in the old burying ground, into which I soon entered. Here I stood at the grave of Rev. Edward Manning, who was over 60 years in the ministry. Here, too, lies the mortal remains of Rev. David Harris, who was more than 40 years a preacher of the gospel. In this "city of the dead" I found the last resting place of Benjamin Rand who was drowned with Prof. Chipman, and Mr. Vary, June 7, 1852. Well I remember how the tears of his sisters fell as I showed them into the room where was lying the cold clay of their brother just recovered from the cruel waters of the Bay of Minas. Well, too, I remember how near, humanly speaking, I came being one of the company that went down beneath the engulfing water on that fatal day. Here, too, I stood by the grave of Rev. G. W. Thomas, son of Deacon Thomas, of this place. He was a young man of much promise. The Master needed him above and he was called up higher.

"The Christian cannot die before his time," His Lord's appointment is his servant's hour."

The Rev. Mr. Hunt, who was pastor of the church in this place for a great many years, and Rev. Wm. Elder, were buried elsewhere.

Sabbath morning dawned fair and beautiful. The children of the Sunday-school began early, to assemble. From their room I stepped into the Church where I addressed a large audience concerning the home beyond the tide, and the duty of giving and laboring to bring others there. In the afternoon I went to Port Williams, where it was my privilege to preach again and enlarge on the Convention Scheme. From that place I hurried to Lower Canada, to be in time for the evening service. Here I addressed a large and interesting congregation, and then returned to the parsonage. At the close of the day's labors when I felt too tired to rest; I thought Bro. Kempton must be a remarkable man. He has travelled over this large field for 20 years, preached three times every Sabbath, and is alive yet. It seems to me that there

should be two men on this field. And that the people are abundantly able to support them well.

Some of the finest orchards in the Province are here. Mr. Arthur Harris informs me that he took 375 barrels of Gravenstein, besides large quantities of other kinds of apples, out of his orchard last year. This is the Rupert Eaton property, and the orchard is said to be the largest in Cornwallis.

The congregation at Lower Canada is remarkable for being composed of so many youthful Christians. It is said that as soon as young persons in this locality reach a certain age, they realize that it is their duty to give themselves to the Lord. Additions to the church from this part of the field are very frequent.

From this field I started homeward. At Annapolis I met a wedding party composed principally of Rev. H. G. Mellick and his bride, who is the youngest daughter of Rev. I. Wallace. They were on their way to Prince Edward Island to remain a few months before Bro. Mellick re-enters upon the work of the ministry. The blessings of many will be upon this happy pair.

Some items of news I gleaned as I passed along. I learned that Rev. Mr. Price, formerly of Paradise, would settle at Cambridge; that Rev. A. Cohoon was to be Agent for the College for three months to raise the Jubilee fund; that Rev. I. Wallace was to be Agent for the Union Seminary for three months, and that Dr. Saunders is conducting a vigorous canvass for the Anniversary Fund. In addition to these agents, appeals have come to our churches from McMaster Hall, from Winnipeg, and from Dr. Judson, of New York. The objects for which aid is sought are undoubtedly good and should be supported. I have no fear that any of our people will die of giving too much to the Lord. I wish merely to emphasize this fact: the Convention Scheme is the scheme of the denomination. Whatever scheme may be neglected this should not be. And if the energies of the denomination were used as they ought to be to make this scheme a grand success, it would be unnecessary to resort to other plans. G. E. Day, Yarmouth, May 28.

Acadia College.

The College year is again near its close and soon all will be enjoying the bliss of vacation time. But the present Senior Class before saying farewell to the Institution with which they have been so long connected, wishing to express their feelings of regard and esteem for the energetic and unweary labors of the President, relative to their welfare, met in the President's classroom at 9 a. m. of May 4th, and presented this gentleman with a very handsome gold-tipped walking-stick, valued at \$25.00. The handle was beautifully engraved and inscribed with the class motto—"Antimo ad fidei." Presented to the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., by the class of '87." The following is an outline of Rev. Geo. B. White's address of presentation on behalf of the class:

RESPECTED SIR.—It is with feelings of joy and sadness we meet you in the classroom this morning; joy when we remember that the goal of our college life and ambition is so near at hand; sadness when we think that these golden opportunities for acquiring knowledge are about passed. The four years of our college life have silently, pleasantly and most rapidly worn themselves into our history. And as we view the past, I believe but speak the feelings of this class, as well as the feelings of many who have gone the same road before us when I say that the oftener we have met you in class, the more we have learned to prize you, not only as a teacher, but as a Christian gentleman. We have always felt, that to be absent from your class, was to sustain a loss which could never be made up. To this statement the regular and full attendance at each class exercise will testify. Among the four years of our college course, for many reasons, the Senior year must ever remain the brightest. And while for the last few months we have been living largely in the ideal world, wandering through the intricacies and somewhat mystic paths of metaphysics, sometimes at a loss to tell "whether we are in the body or out of the body,"—whether we were or were not,—at last we have come to the conclusion that we are, and at present have much to do with time and sense. And in view of this fact, I have the honor to present you, on behalf of the class of '87, with this walking-stick, as a slight tangible proof of the high esteem, and profound respect which we as a class have for "Acadia's" honored President.

The Doctor then replied, expressing his high appreciation of the gift and a hope that each member of the class would meet with honored success in the varied walks of life.

We cannot but remark that it is our desire and hope that the Doctor will be with us for a long time to come, to impart knowledge, to aid and to advance the welfare of the Institution, as in the past.

"Yes, I Do."

A friend told me of a young girl who came to her saying, "I do want to be a Christian, but I love to dance, and I don't believe the grace of God could ever keep me from it."

"Well, Mrs. B.—replied, 'seek Christ first, seek his kingdom and give yourself to him, and don't be troubled about dancing. Dance just as much as you want to!'"

After a while the young girl returned and said, "Now, Mrs. B., you never could have given me that advice if you had not had a trial yourself, and I want you to tell me what it was."

"To be sure," answered my friend, "When I was first thinking of being a Christian I said to myself, 'I never can be or walk as straight as my neighbor Mrs. —, and if I pretend to be a Christian I ought to live just as she does. She thinks it wicked to have a careless fold in her neck-handkerchief or the seam of an iron on her collar, and I'm afraid religion will never make me like her, so I might as well not try to live a holy life.' I was discouraged you see, with the idea that God couldn't manage me, and that I ought to be just exactly like somebody else who was just exactly unlike myself. Now I have told you one of my trials, and you see that it is not the same as yours, but I want to know why you are curious about it."

"Because," the girl replied, "my trouble is all gone."

"Yes, dear, I thought it had. Will you tell me how it went?"

"Why, I did as you said; I just gave myself to Jesus, as I had wanted to do for so long a time; and I went to the meetings regularly, and one night I got up and told the people that I wanted them to pray for me, that I had given myself away to Jesus, but I was afraid it wasn't all quite right with me. Just imagine how I felt when old Mr. Shaffer asked me before them all if I really wanted it all right between my soul and the Lord! I was frightened a little bit, but I rose quickly and said, 'Yes, I do!' I declare, Mrs. B.—, it was the end of all my trouble. I haven't thought about dancing since."

"You have given your whole heart to the Saviour, and you intend to trust him to make you just what he wants you to be," said my friend.

"Yes, that's the way I've begun, and there's a good many other things faded out of my heart since my love to Jesus grew stronger."

"You do find, then, that Jesus seems more and more precious to you as you take firmer steps for him?"

"Oh, yes, that's ever so much better now. I don't think so much about the self-denial of living a holy life. I'm only full of fears, first about my short-coming, and then about the love of Jesus when he forgives me."

Mrs. B.—then told her how in her early years her husband had been fascinated with the theatre, and she had despaired of ever seeing the things of religion wear him from it. But she had the story of the power of a new affection in her husband's heart to tell her. Her prayers were answered, and love to Christ began to work mighty change in his soul and cast out old dispositions, and "she added, 'it always will.'"

I have often thought of this young girl and the test of her sincerity which seemed to be pressed upon her early Christian life, and my conviction grows deeper every day that love is the only power which can settle and quiet such questions and anxieties. It is the pull-back of self-love which brings us into such indecision and fear. There is no way out of the trouble but to give ourselves wholly to him we love and seek our joy in Jesus. If we bargain for some thing else to make us happy besides the smile of our blessed Jesus, we shall be agitated continually with questions of what we may do or may not do. We shall forever be trying to find the "line" between the world and a safe position in the kingdom.

What have we to do with that line? Safe! Is that all we are in the kingdom for? Oh, let us go in, farther in, till we see the King in his beauty, till we are in sweet and holy union with Jesus and those who are nearest to him! When 'the love of God is' really 'shed abroad in our hearts' we shall forget to sigh for our old and unattractive joys.—*Illustrated Christian Weekly.*

—COSTLY GUNS.—"The best modern siege guns cost \$97,000, and it costs \$900 to shoot one of them only once."

—NEW ARRIVAL.—A new lot of writing paper and envelopes, collection envelope, blank books, &c., Baptist Book and Tract Society, No. 94 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S.

Thou, That and the Other.

—The surprising fact is noted that while the Wesleyan Church in Great Britain had 1,970 ministers, it had 24,579 lay class-leaders and 16,009 local preachers last year, so that the greater part of its pastoral and preaching work is done by laymen.

"—What she could, not what she could not do, not what she thought might be done, not what she would do if she had more time, not what somebody else thought she ought to do, but 'what she could.'—*W. A. Stephens.*"

—Bishop Warren, of the Methodist Church, does not believe in gentle preaching to rich sinners. He says there are some pastors who go it in this style: "Brethren, you must repent, as it were, and be converted, in a measure, or you will be damned, to some extent."—*New Orleans Times-Democrat.*

—To be always intending to lead a new life, but never to find time to do so, is as if a man should put off eating and drinking from one day to another till he is starved and destroyed.—*Tithes.*

—In the city of Philadelphia there are eight women physicians who have an annual practice of about \$20,000 each. There are twelve whose income averages about \$10,000 each. There are twenty-two who admit that their annual resources from their profession is about \$5000 each.

—The total value of the exports from the United States during 1886 was \$713,289,666, against \$688,249,798 in 1885. The total value of our imports last year was 663,417,210, against \$587,868,675 the preceding year.

"—You must not say 'feller, Johnny,' remarked that young gentleman's Sunday-school teacher; "it is not correct." "Well, I don't care; it's in the Bible," exclaimed Johnny; "Isaiah 14: 8." "Yes, the first verse rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us."

—A Kioto newspaper contains a paragraph to the effect that a large number of delegates from the various Buddhist sects, recently resolved that in future all orations and exhortations should be free from any attack upon Christianity. It was the decision of the meeting that "all attacks upon the Christian faith are incompatible with the doctrines of meekness and submission, as well as hindering to the welfare of the Government."

—The universities of Austria, like those of Germany, have now the largest attendance in their history, namely, a total of 13,000. (Vienna has 5,007, Graz has 1,215, Innsbruck has 863, the German University of Prague has 1496, the Czech University of Prague has 2035, Krakau has 1138, Lemberg has 1101, Caserowitz has 240.)

—The Annual Statistics of missions in Japan have just been gathered and published. The total number of churches is 193, and of these 64 are self-supporting. There are 74,805 scholars in the various schools and 169 studying theology. There are 93 native ministers and 166 native evangelists or helpers. The total membership is 14,815 and the contributions for the past year were \$38,865 (Mexican). This is less than the actual numbers in all cases, as some reports are incomplete and others include only a part of the year. The total number of Christians (February 1, 1887) must be about 15,900; 426 were added in the month of January alone.

—HE SIMPLY HAD TO ASK.—"I was told lately by a young man who had been in Scotland," says Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, "that he came one day to a gate, when the gate-keeper's little girl ran down and shut it, saying, 'You have not to pay anything to say; you have only to say, 'Please allow me to go through.' The young man did as he was directed, and simply repeated, 'Please allow me to go through,' and the gate was immediately opened. The owner just wished to preserve the right of entrance, that was all. So, simply, 'ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'"

—The Son of God lived till thirty years of age in an obscure village of Galilee unknown; then came forth a matured and perfect man with mind and heart and frame in perfect balance of humanity. It is a divine lesson! I would I could say as strongly as I feel deeply. Our stimulating artificial culture destroys, deepens. Our competition, our rights turned into days by pleasure, leave no time for earnestness. We are superficial men. Character in the world wants root.—*Robertson's Living Thoughts.*

—If a father should bid a child do such and such a thing, would he answer him, "I hope to do so after a while?" What would the father say to him if he did? What could he do but punish him for impudent disobedience? And you put off the Lord Jesus till a more convenient season, what are you doing? Is not your procrastination flat rebellion? I cannot make anything else out of it. Do you think that God will—*Spurgeon.*

Personal Effort.

BY W. W. MIXER, D. D.

"He that winneth souls is wise."

How vast is the scope of that little word "win"...

During the progress of one of the great revivals...

"Can you tell me how I can win one soul to Christ before this revival closes?"

"Theodore Blake, you're the meekest boy that ever lived, and I'll never forgive you—"

"Dear Marjorie: I can't stand this any longer. It's too much for a feller."

Somehow the day seemed very long to Marjorie. Her thoughts would leave her music, her reading and everything else...

away to the Better Land. The day lovingly closed his eyes, and when we walked home together I said, "In the day of reckoning it will be told that you are the honored instrument of saving not only your friend, but his family."

The Hour of Forgiveness.

BY HADDIE WISE ANDRESS.

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We never know what God may call upon us to bear. He may have some work waiting for us that we do not expect; if we shrink from it, then it is as good as if we do not, then we bear that cross. We may think we have finished our work and be looking forward to a period of less toil, when suddenly the call may come to us for greater toil, and fiercer strife, and heavier responsibilities, as it came to Elijah—

"I've never asked any one's forgiveness and I never will," said Marjorie, with a faint loss of her head...

"You may see the day when you'll be glad of a chance to ask some one's forgiveness," replied her friend soberly.

"Why does he sleep so?" she murmured impatiently. "Dear old Ted! How glad he'll be to see when he opens his eyes."

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BILLS.—Bills have been sent to many of the subscribers in arrears, during the last week, and more will be sent this week.

MONEY.

A great many affect to despise money; but all desire to possess it. It is not wrong to seek to accumulate silver and gold, if the motive be good.

What follows from these facts? Evidently, in the first place, that a great responsibility rests upon all who are able to contribute to the support of the Lord's work.

These facts also have a very direct bearing upon the duty of pastors and leaders generally. When the only doubtful condition upon which the progress of the Lord's work at home and abroad rests, is so largely that of money, of the highest, if not the highest, duty of Christians is to give.

about the matter should be cast aside. There should be line upon line, precept upon precept. It is one of the things upon which the success of efforts to extend work for God and men is depending.

We have not been informed as to the condition of the finances in connection with the Convention Scheme this year. This much can be said: there is no danger there will be too much contributed.

THEM WEEK.

The passage of the Coercion bill through the Commons of Great Britain is exceedingly slow. In thirty-one sittings but forty-five lines of the bill have been disposed of, and there remain 400 lines to be considered.

It is significant that Chamberlain has warned his party to organize, or they will surely be beaten by the Gladstonians. The whole trend of public opinion is setting away from coercion.

Bismarck has just made known the fact that when Austria occupied Bosnia and Herzegovina after the Russo-Turkish war of 1877, she did so in pursuance of a secret treaty with Russia.

In the parliament at Ottawa, the disallowance bill has been carried, several Liberals voting with the government. By this bill the people of Manitoba are forbidden to build lines of railway to the border of the United States, to connect with the railway systems of that country, and thus form competing lines with the Canadian Pacific.

There is the beginning of an agitation, in the United States, for a commercial union with Canada. The people of the West do not relish the idea of non-intercourse, for the sake of a few fishermen on the New England sea-board.

In France, the dead lock which has prevented the formation of a ministry for so long a time, reveals a bad state of things. The truth is, the country is fast approaching bankruptcy.

000 in addition to the regular funded debt of the realm. The reason for the large expenditure is two-fold. The immense military armament absorbs a great amount, yearly. Then there is the system of patronage, by which the deputies are kept on the side of the government.

Letter from Rev. C. H. Paisley.

In your issue of 18th inst. you acknowledge that your editorial comments of April 27, to which I took exception, were written without the complete series of my articles before you.

There are, however, two matters of fact that I must beg to be permitted to correct. In your issue of April 27 you asserted that in this County of Albert the Baptists "had the ground first."

So far as the lower end of the county is concerned, you say you are informed the Baptists were first to have churches organized. Now, in 1782 Mr. Black paid a visit to the Methodist church in Hopewell and found it in satisfactory condition.

You say your church history is no more at fault than your logic. Now, if you acknowledge that your logic is as much at fault as your church history, you and I will be at one on the point.

In your editorial comment, No. 4, on my letter, in issue of 18th inst., you say, referring to immersion, that we admit it "to be equally scriptural with sprinkling." That is a mistake. Our general rule says: "The mode of baptism is by sprinkling or pouring; but should any candidate for baptism prefer another mode, the officiating minister may comply."

I am, C. H. PAISELY, Hillsboro, May 20, 1887.

The question between us and Mr. Paisley was not whether a Methodist or a Baptist minister first preached in Albert County, but which denomination had the ground first. One well-informed correspondent writes that the Baptist church was the first one organized in Hillsboro; and another, that he can find no account of a church organization in Harvey and that section of country prior to the Baptist.

We are not so sure the statement quoted from the general rules of the Methodist church conveys the meaning that this body do not believe immersion to be scriptural baptism. If it is so, we can only say that it is all the worse for the rules and for those who adopt them.

baptize, in its literal acceptation—the only one with which we have to do in the Christian ordinance—means immerse, and never does mean to sprinkle or pour. This is what all the lexicographers, the men who speak with the greatest authority on the question, assert. It is equally a fact that all the literal references to baptism in the writings of the apostolic and church fathers from apostolic times down through many centuries declare it to have been immersion.

It is a fact that the scholarship of the age admits this unquestioningly. All that well informed Pedobaptists claim today is that something else than the original immersion is valid as baptism; but to assert that immersion is not scriptural would make any scholar blush to the roots of his hair.

According to his explanation of it, Methodists do not think it scriptural, neither do they deem it "unscriptural or contrary to scripture." If it is neither scriptural nor unscriptural nor contrary to scripture, just what is it pray.

Our new liquor law has now been in force long enough for one to form a good idea of its merits. There can be no doubt that the quantity of intoxicating drink which is now sold is much less than before the coming of this measure, and its being disposed of in pint instead of by the glass is sure to greatly reduce the profits of the dealer.

A glance into the new "stock exchange" revealed among the patrons of this establishment, a goodly number of ex-liquor dealers, who were unable to take out licenses under the new regulations.

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In my article on "Kingdom of God," near the top of the page in the third column for "appointed door and profound significance"—baptism—"read 'appointed and profound significance door—baptism.'" Two paragraphs below for "spiritual churches" read "scriptural churches," and for "spiritual characteristics" read "scriptural characteristics."

Halifax Notes.

The large number of immigrants which are now arriving at this port would indicate to a superficial observer that Canada is to receive a fair share of great human tide which is now flowing from Europe to the shores of North America.

Of those who thus remove their power and influence from this land, a great many are members of our churches. The five Baptist churches in Halifax and Dartmouth must have several hundred members residing in Massachusetts, and every summer the number of such non-resident members is largely increased.

Since Pastor Grant, yielding to the emphatic demand of his society, has wisely consented to withdraw his resignation, the Dartmouth church seems to have started forth on a new lease of energetic activity.

The Queen's Jubilee is beginning to attract some attention, although as yet we do not hear very much on the subject. In all such matters our people are rather slow to move; but when they are once started they do splendidly in making up for lost time.

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and would like to hear the bigger hills clap their hands above, as the traveller toils upward, let him by all means start at once for Advocate, take some good sermons, a little patience, and—a cushion. Scrip and purse not needed.

Three of us took up the carriage of Capt. R. Davis, and travelled through a romantic defile, resembling a Highland glen, with a beautiful brook or river-let, (don't correct that Mr. Editor; you couldn't object to it, if you had been with us), to gladden the eye and ear all the way, to pay a brotherly visit to the aged Rev. Samuel Thompson, who lives at the village of Salsburg.

Rev. F. Beattie, a valuable member of our ministerial corps, is about leaving Parrboro and the interests connected. It is a pity that he could not stay among us, but he believes he must go elsewhere. A good, sound man, in body and in mind, is imperatively needed on this important out-field.

The Pastors of Spring Hill and Amherst exchanged on Sunday, the latter taking Bro. Murray's place at Southampton, and West Brook. Bro. M. is doing a good work in these three sections, is seeing the cause prosper, and is happy in the affections of his people. The exchange brought a great blessing to one man's soul, we know; and it is hoped it was a benefit all round.

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W. J. STEWART.

Home Again.

I desire through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to say to friends that I have returned, from over a two month's sojourn in Philadelphia where I was under medical treatment, somewhat benefited and strengthened. To brethren in the ministry and many friends who sent me words of sympathy and cheer, I wish to express grateful and heartfelt acknowledgments. My health will scarcely admit of my resuming pastoral work, but I hope to be of some service in the vineyard of the Master as He may open the door.

Sunday the 22nd I spent in St. Martin's, having a desire to see the progress being made in the building of the Seminary. The stone foundation is all in, and brick-laying is going forward rapidly. A large number of mechanics are now at work and more are being employed so as to complete the edifice this year. Brother William Vaughan is beginning agency work in Albert county, and at his request I accompanied him to Hopewell and Harvey and preached in those places last Sunday morning and evening respectively. I am glad to say that our generous benefactor, Capt. Masters, although he has lost somewhat by failures, assures us that his \$10,000 shall be forthcoming, notwithstanding what has occurred.

I was pleased to find Rev. Dr. Bill looking so well and still able to do so much for Zion's interests. He expects to attend the Acadia anniversaries, and it will be a pleasure which I hope I may be able to share with him.

Literary Notes.

The June number of The Eclectic has an attractive table of contents, which indicates both strength and variety. Prof. Huxley has the place of honour in a paper entitled "Science and Pseudo Science," which severely attacks the Duke of Argyll. Robert Louis Stevenson, in his article, "The Day after Tomorrow," attempts to show what would be the result, should Henry Georgeism or Socialism be victorious. The author of "John Halifax" talks very sensibly about the marriage relations and divorce under the head of "For Better or Worse." "Fluctuation in Trade and Wages," by George Howell, "The Decline of the Drama," Harry Quilter, and "The Making of Britain," by Archibald Geikie, are all articles of noticeable interest. Baron Tennison contributes a jubilee poem, "Carmon Secular," There are other papers of interest, and a capital short story, "The Romance of a French Parsonage." Published by E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond Street, New York. Terms, \$5 per year; single numbers, 45 cents; trial subscription for 3 months, \$1. Eclectic and any \$4 Magazine, \$8.

Harper's Magazine for June contains The Excavations at Susa; Great American Industries, Part VI.; A Sheet of Paper; The Kentucky Pioneers; On Keeping Birds; The Route of the Wild Irishman; Stephen Wyncerle (A Story of Puritan England); Social Studies, Second Series; Mexican Notes, Part III.; April Hopes, A Novel, Part V.; Narca, A Novel, Part VI.; American Railroad Legislation; Poems; Editor's Easy Chair; Editor's Study; Monthly Record of Current Events; Editor's Drawer. An excellent number.

The Homiletic Review for June closes another volume of this valuable and growing monthly. The leading article is by Dr. Gordon, of Boston (the fourth in the symposium), on "How the Pulpit Can Best Counteract the Influence of Modern Scepticism"; Dr. Wm. Ormiston discusses The Character of Samson; Dr. Lawson, How to Develop Benevolence in a Congregation; Dr. Marvin B. Vincent, Ministers' Vacations; Dr. Mable, of St. Paul, Miss., The Application of Sacred Oratory; Dr. C. S. Robinson, Creation Learned by Faith; etc., etc. Careful readers will not skip Homiletic, Pastoral Theology, and Study Table, by Prof. Hopkins and Wilkinson and Dr. Ludlow, two well known writers. A full index closes the number, making 13 volumes in all. Published by Funk & Wagnalls 18 and 20 A-stor Place, New

York. \$3.00 per year; 30 cents per single number.

Wide Awake, best of young folks' periodicals all the world over, begins its 25th volume and celebrates June with a number of singular richness and promise. Charles Egbert Craddock (Miss Murfree) begins her second and long-expected young folks' serial, "Story of Keeodon Bluffs." Mary Hartwell Catherwood begins the first installment of "Secrets at Roselandia." Lizzie W. Champney begins an Indian story, "Lost Medicine of the Utes." Harriet Prescott Spofford comes with a poem as bright as its title, "A Splendid Fire." Clinton Scollard a dainty touch, "The Little Maid of Chamouni." Edwin Lassetter Byner writes a fiery scare-story on a runaway railroad train. Grace Denio Lichfield tells how the earthquake shook Menone last winter. Selma R. Hopkins takes "A Young Prince of Commerce" into what goes on inside the railing in banks. There are thousands of men and women to whom these two are important papers, not to speak of young people. Ways to Do Things, chapter fifty-six, "For the Summer Cottage" by Susan Power. Worth reading by those who have to furnish cottages. C. F. Holder tells of Sentinal Birds that watch over animals. J. M. Parsons tells a grandmother story of how she began her fortune and Denver by blanketing cabbages to keep off grasshoppers. And that isn't all. We haven't mentioned the pictures which add a great deal to the pleasure of reading. Such treasure of civilization without any mixture of barbarous stuff is not to be found in any other way we know of, except in wisely chosen books, and then is only got by systematic reading. Wide Awake for June can be got by sending 20 cents to D. Lothrop Company, Boston. Subscription, \$2.40 a year. A sample copy sent for 5 cents.

The Pulpit Treasury for June presents aid which every presbyter needs. Its frontispiece is the portrait of Dr. James M. King, of New York City. There is also a sketch of his life. The Sea-less World, by Rev. George Gladstone, A Children's Day Service by Dr. Wm. M. Taylor, and an Independence Day Service by Dr. Wm. Fawcett, are full sermons, timely, important and abound in strikingly expressed truths. Leading Thoughts of Sermons are by Drs. Meyer, Smith, Clemance and Bishop W. Walker. There are also a number of interesting articles by well known writers. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies 25 cents. E. B. Treat, publisher, 771 Broadway, New York.

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Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

BRANTFORD. Pastor G. E. Good exchanged with Pastor Engstrom to be settled at St. George. The church there generously added to their former gifts for our new house of worship the following sums: Collection, \$4; G. Hibbard, Esq., M. F. P., \$1. The friends at the Harbor are disappointed that there have been but two responses (Clinton street, St. John, and St. George) to the resolution passed by the Association at the laying of the cornerstone of the new meeting house, 1, 6, that each church in the Association be recommended to take up a collection, in aid of the building fund. Brethren, kindly attend to this matter at once, and so aid us to complete our building as soon as possible. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by A. E. INGRAM.

AMHERST.—Amherst church had three additions by baptism on May 8.

LOWER AYLESFORD.—Four persons united with the Lower Aylesford church last Lord's day—two by baptism and two by letter. E. H. HOWE.

TANOOK.—This church is without a pastor at present, and we are hoping that some good man, clothed with the Holy Spirit, may come and labor with us in the gospel this summer. E. MASON, C. Clerk.

PETROBRIDGE.—The Rev. C. Alward still continues his labors with us, but we regret to say his time expires July 1st and he intends to return to his home in the States. Bro. A. is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and his labors have been a blessing and comfort to the church here. His place will not be easily filled, we fear. May the Great Shepherd send a faithful man to lead His flock in this place. Brethren, pray for us. CLERK.

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received a change of heart. Some have joined the church, others will be grieved in the next laborer. How I regret leaving dear friends who have shown so much kindness to both my family and myself. This has been my first charge, but it has been a happy one, for I have realized the presence of the dear Lord all the way through. I am seeking a field of labor. If any church wish me to visit them, I shall be glad to hear from them at Mansfield, Sunbury County, N. B. JOSIAH WEBB.

CORNWALLIS ST. CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR have been informed, through your correspondent, of the revival which has been in progress in this church since last January. This old, historic church has been sojourned for some of the most powerful revivals that have swept over this section of the county. During the past few years so many marked and visible manifestations of the Spirit's power has been felt, but rather a gradual growth, resulting now and then in a more abundant shower of divine grace. Last autumn, from the general influence of the meetings, it soon became apparent to all that a rich blessing was in store for the church; and as the writer was absent in Morgan Park, Ill., the deacons were recommended to secure the services of Mr. A. F. Brown as a supply during the winter. This good brother accepted the offer of the church, and went to work with all his might for the Savior. Since then twenty-five have been converted, savingly converted to Christ, and several have been restored. The church has been thoroughly quickened. The converts are nearly all young people; some are from the Sunday school, and take great delight in attending God's word. I wish here to express my gratitude to the Rev. J. W. Manning, of the North church, for his kindness in administering the Lord's supper and baptizing the candidates for the church. As a church we are doing fairly well. We are in debt for our parsonage, which hampers us considerably, but the Lord will provide.

A. W. JORDAN.

HARVEY.—A few months ago the New Horton church purchased an organ, the benefit of which in the service of God is felt by all. Last Sabbath, for the first time in Harvey, we were assisted in the service by instrumental music. We have changed the hour of preaching here to the afternoon, immediately after the Sabbath school, which is helpful to both pastor and people, as he can be in the school once a fortnight, and the congregation is not so tired. We have been in the year throughout, although some who attend live four miles away, driving this distance almost every Sunday during the winter. They sacrifice much in order to sustain a winter school, and are an example worthy the imitation of many others. His church opened again on 8th inst. under favorable circumstances. Two persons received the hand of fellowship last Sabbath—one on experience, the other by letter. L. M. W.

MARSHALL, C. B.—The church here is within a pastor, consequently religious interest is very low. The church is in a scattered state yet. We are looking for the Rev. Mr. Kidson from New Brunswick every day to settle among us. May his coming be in the fullness of the gospel of Christ Jesus. L. McI.

ANTIGONISH.—I have visited the church at Gooden twice. A revival of religion has been in progress in the community, and our brethren have shared in the toil and in the blessing. I baptised eleven, May 8th, and welcomed three into church fellowship. Bro. Stains (Lio) is now visiting his old home in this place. His presence, no doubt, will greatly aid the new converts, and be pleasant to himself. We baptised two at Antigonish last Sunday, May 22nd. The religious interest here remains steady. I visited Tracadie last week. They are holding on their way, and have grand social meetings. W. B. B.

DEBERT RIVER, COLCHESTER COUNTY, N. S.—Eight persons have been baptised in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, at Debert River, by Rev. C. H. Martell recently.

ONTO, YARMOUTH, MAY 27.—God is richly blessing us here. Notwithstanding it is the busiest time of the year for both men and women, our vestry has been well filled night after night during the past weeks, with eager worshippers. Twenty-two have followed their Lord in baptism in the last three Sabbaths. Quite a number of hearts are trusting Jesus, and many of them we expect will follow him soon. We are very happy in our work. Surrounded by an excellent band of working Christians, we expect real progress in our work for Christ. H. N. PARRY.

POWASH, MAY 30.—Fort were added to the church yesterday by two baptism and two restoration. The Lord is prospering this church, and more will follow. C. C. BURGESS.

GOWLAND MOUNTAIN.—God is blessing us. We baptised Sunday, May 22nd, and yesterday, May 29th, we baptised in connection with 1st Elgin Baptist church. To God be all the glory. I. W. CARPENTER.

PERSONALS.

Dr. Bill is on a trip to Nova Scotia. He intends to be present at the anniversary at Wolfville this week, visit Billings, his old home and the home of his family, attend the opening of the new house of worship at Port George, where he preached over forty years ago, and go on from there to Yarmouth Co. Yes, we will have a very pleasant trip. There is not one in a thousand, at his advanced age, so full of energy and vivacity as he.

Rev. R. E. Phelps is visiting the churches in Cumberland, and Colchester counties, N. S., and is preaching the gospel with great power.

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N. B. EASTERN.—Rev. W. Camp, Moderator; Rev. F. M. Young, Secretary; meets at Campbellton the third Saturday in July, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES. B. H. Eaton, M. A., Q. C., President; Rev. E. Kristand, Secretary; at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday following August 18th, at 10 a. m.

N. S. AFRICAN.—Rev. A. W. Jordan, Moderator; P. E. McKerrow, Clerk; meets at Halifax on the first Saturday in Sept'r.

N. S. EASTERN.—Rev. Joseph Murray, Moderator; Rev. T. B. Layton, Secretary; meets at Little River on the second Friday in September, at 10 a. m.

NOTICES.

The next meeting of the Ministerial Conference of Hants Co. will take place at Falmouth, on June 7, at 10.30, a. m. May 25. J. W. BROWN, Sec'y.

Ministers and delegates who purpose attending the N. S. Central Baptist Association meeting, in New Germany, Lunenburg county, June 25th, will please forward their names to the undersigned on or before 14th. J. W. BROWN.

The Quarterly Meeting of York and Sunbury is to commence June 10th, at 1, p. m., with the Upper Queensbury Church. It is very desirable that the churches send their pastors and delegates up to this Quarterly Meeting. The Rev. Fred Crawley is to preach the quarterly sermon. Dr. Day, the financial agent of the Convention, is expecting to be present. T. A. BLACKADAR.

Keswick Ridge, May 20. Sec'y Treas. The General Annual Meeting of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College will be held in the College Building, Wolfville, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 5, p. m. A large attendance is especially requested. A dinner and social gathering will be held in connection with the meeting. Special rates will be given on the railways as follows:—On the W. and A. R.'s return tickets will be issued on May 30th at Annapolis, and on May 31st, June 1st and 2nd at all stations to Wolfville for one and one-third fare, good to return to and including June 4th. On the intercolonial railway, all persons attending the anniversary exercises, and having paid a full first-class fare to any station en route to Wolfville, will on presentation of certificate to that effect at Charlottetown Sunday school, receive first-class tickets to stations from whence they have paid fare, free of charge. Said tickets to be issued May 30th, 31st, June 1st and 2nd, good to return on and including June 3rd. S. W. CURRIEMAN, Sec'y Treas.

To W. M. A. SOCIETIES IN N. S.—During this week the printed slips prepared in order to furnish the necessary statistics to be used in compiling the Annual Report, will be sent out to the different W. M. A. Societies and Mission Bands in Nova Scotia. It will be great assistance to our societies if they will faithfully fill up all vacancies, and append their report. As the N. B. and P. E. I. Societies have adopted the same plan, we hope this year to be able to give a clearer account of our standing than we have hitherto done. Any society or mission band which has been omitted, will immediately receive the required slips upon receipt of a postal card by the secretary. Will the county agents be so kind as to send in their reports to the secretary by the 31st of July, which is also the latest date for receiving the filled in slips. MARIA R. SELDEN, Prov'l Sec'y for W. B. M. U., for N. S. Halifax, May 27th, '87.

The Woman's meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, in connection with the Southern Baptist Association will be held at Hampton Station, on Monday, June 13th, at three o'clock, p. m. M. E. MARSH, Sec'y Ex. Com. W. B. M. U.

The P. E. I. Baptist S. S. Convention will meet with the Cavendish church on Friday, July 1st, at 10 a. m. The Brethren who have received cards assigning subjects to their respective schools will please answer at once so that the programme can be arranged. A. H. LAYERS, Chairman of Com.

The Carleton and Victoria Counties' Quarterly Meeting holds its next session with the Grand Falls Baptist Church, June 11th. Conference at 2 p. m. Opening sermon by Bro. George Howard, at 11 p. m. Bro. W. F. Parker to preach quarterly sermon. Bro. J. C. Bleakney, alternate. Arrangements have been made with N. B. Railway, whereby delegates can be accommodated with reduced fares. W. F. PARKER, Sec'y.

Meetings of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, will be held in the College Library, June 1st-8 p. m., after the public exercises on Thursday, also on Friday the 3rd. Ministers and delegates who purpose attending the N. S. Western Baptist Association meeting in Digby, June 15th, will please forward their names to the undersigned prior to June 8th, stating what they may be expected and by what conveyance. J. S. BROWN.

The Southern Association will meet with the Hampton Village Baptist Church, on Saturday, June 11th, commencing at 10 a. m. Persons who intend being present are requested to send their names to the undersigned on June 4th, that provision may be made for their entertainment. A. A. MARSH, Clerk, Hampton Village.

At the last session of the Southern N. B. Association the following resolution passed (see Year Book, page 162). Resolved, That the churches of the Association be requested to prepare their letters and send them to the Clerk of the Association one week before the Association meets, and that he prepare a digest of the letters and read the same to the Association. As the Association meets June 11th, pastors and clerks of churches will please send their Association letters to the undersigned on or before June 4th. G. O. GATES, Clerk. Address 55 Queen Street.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATES ATTENDING THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. Ministers and Delegates to above Association travelling by South Shore Steamship line who have paid one full first-class fare will, on presenting certificate of attendance from Clerk of Association, be entitled to a return ticket free. Those who have travelled by the Western Counties Railway line, and the Windsor and Annapolis Railway line, having paid one full first-class fare, from any station, will

get return for one third fare, on presenting certificate from clerk of Association. Delegates travelling on S. S. "Secret," between Annapolis and Digby, on presenting a certificate from their pastor or clerk of church, will get a return ticket for one first-class fare.

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And could we tell in language plain The Saviour's merits great and free, A prayer would rise up to the throne, The Saviour's God, save even me!

Selected Serial. NINA BRUCE. BY ROSE HARTWICK THORPE.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued. "Very appropriate," Neil remarked, dryly, with a comical grimace at Ned, which brought on an uncontrollable fit of laughter, and sent both boys out of the room for a few moments.

But it would be too tedious to mention all the contributions to that lunch basket; suffice to say, that when Dr. Downey and his wife arose to go, the lunch basket was bountifully supplied, and there was an extra cake which could not be crowded into it.

"This," said the doctor, "was made by a little woman, who put as many rains and prayers into it as Mrs. Dodge did into Ned's pie; but this cake was not intended for the lunch basket at all, unless the supply from elsewhere fell short. This—Here, wife, present it yourself!"

"This," said Mrs. Downey, taking the beautiful cake from the doctor's hands, and going over to Neil's side, "is for the brave fellow who must stay at home. We have seen how manfully you have kept the struggle out of your face, though it would creep into your eyes when you were not thinking; and, believe me, Neil, we all honor you for the part you have begun so nobly."

"Neil tried to thank her, but that choking sensation held him up to his throat, in spite of himself, and because it would not be polite to whistle 'Yankee Doodle' just then, he nearly 'broke down'; but everybody had something to say at that moment, and he congratulated himself that his 'epilepsy of soft-heartedness' had passed unobserved.

"My child," said Elder Williams, drawing Nina to one side, just before taking his leave, "I shall have no anxious hours on your account this winter, farther than your delicate health will cause, because you go from among us shielded and protected by a stronger arm than ours; but Ned—Oh, Nina—Nina—you must become a true little woman, for your brother's sake. He will meet temptations of which you know nothing, while away from home, and he will be ailing and ailing, because you will be all-sufficient for your brother's protection from sin!"

"I hope so," said Nina, thoughtfully. "If God helps me, I can keep Ned from forgetting 'home and mother,' and you know, Mr. Williams, he won't go far astray if he remembers them."

"That is true," said Elder Williams, laying his hand on her sunny head. "'Home and mother' are words which carry a charmed spell with them. Good-bye, dear child, and God bless you in all things."

When the Bruce family, in company with Dr. Downey and his wife, reached the station the next morning, in order to see the young travelers well started on their journey, they found the "waiting room" quite full of their friends and acquaintances. Nearly all the boys and girls of Ned's and Nina's acquaintance were there to bid their young schoolmates "farewell."

"See here, Ned," said Meade Broome, motioning Ned to one side. "I brought this into my pocket before I came, 'cause I thought you might need it down in Texas among them desperadoes. I hate awfully to let it go, but it's of no use to me here, and I know you'll bring it back all right. It's awfully careless in the old folks to send you off there with nothing to protect yourself with."

Meade drew a large, fierce-looking revolver from his pocket as he spoke. "It's bigger than I wish it was," he said. "I'll make you live, 'cause I'll take care of you. It's used to be father's, but mother's so afraid of it she won't miss it."

"Thank you, Meade," said Ned, gratefully. "But I asked Dr. Downey about getting one for me, and he said that I wouldn't need it. The folks at home would worry more if I had one than if I went without it. It's awfully kind in you to offer it, and I'll bring you something when I come back."

"I think it's awfully risky going unarmed," said Meade, in an aggrieved tone of voice. "But if you're willing to take the chance, I oughtn't to complain. Bring me a horned toad, Ned, that's a good thing. I've always wanted one."

which might have been staid, but could scarcely have been more sincere. Then the bell rang; the engine roared, and the iron wheels began to revolve faster and faster. The journey which they had anticipated with feverish anxiety was fairly begun.

Nothing of consequence occurred on the way to Chicago. Dr. Downey was present, to "have an eye upon things," though, to all appearances, Ned had the sole charge and responsibility of everything.

Just before they reached Chicago, Dr. Downey made the acquaintance of a gentleman, who said that his wife would start for New Orleans in a day or two. This decided the doctor on the route his young charges were to take. Although it was farther by the way of New Orleans, the tickets cost no more, and they would have the advantage of a travelling companion, who would, the doctor was certain, have a kind of motherly charge over them.

After purchasing the tickets to San Antonio, Texas, via New Orleans, Dr. Downey called upon the lady who intended going South. It was necessary to hire a hack to convey him to her home, which was near South Park, on one of those beautiful boulevards which make such delightful rides. Nina and Ned accompanied him; for Nina had improved the early part of the day, while the doctor and Ned were attending to the business part of the trip, to take a long, refreshing nap. She was thoroughly rested, and enjoyed the ride quite as much as the doctor for his expense.

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"I look out for pickpockets," cautioned the doctor, as he said "Good-bye" to Ned. "Guard your little fund of money closely, my boy, and remember what it cost the 'dear ones' at home to raise it. I have purchased sleeper tickets for Nina. She must go as comfortably as possible; but you can get along with precious little, I can tell you."

"With a few more words of caution and advice, Ned and Nina were leaving once more for New Orleans at night, by taking the morning train from Chicago, they would reach Louisville some time in the night. The doctor decided that it would be better for them to make their change of cars at Louisville in the night, and all ready to wake Nina in time for the change we make in the night."

"Have you an upper or lower berth?" questioned Mrs. Blake, eagerly. "Nina has a lower berth," replied Ned. "Why do you ask?" said Mrs. Blake, affectionately addressing Nina. "I will go with you and have charge of you. I did not secure a sleeper ticket at Chicago, and I am glad now I neglected to do so. The lower berth is plenty large enough for two."

"Mrs. Blake," said Ned, despondently, as Nina sent a pitiful appeal across to him from her brown eyes, "Nina prefers to sleep alone. Her cough is troublesome at night sometimes, and she is so restless that she requires all the space she can get to sleep about in. I can secure you a sleeper ticket now, if you wish it. The berths are not nearly all taken."

"Thank you, Ned. I shall not require it," said Mrs. Blake, as she gathered up her bundles, preparatory to accompanying Nina into the sleeper. "Nina's cough won't disturb me in the least, and I am quite used to sleeping with children; so her restlessness will not annoy me a great deal."

"I am afraid that I am a very selfish girl, after all, Ned," said Nina, as she talked on her brother's arm on her way to the sleeper, with Mrs. Blake following them. "It seems to me that I had much rather sit up all night, than to share my bed with her. I know that my dislike for her is very wrong, and I shall ask God to forgive me, and to send me like her a little."

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"Well, then, I just don't care if she does," replied Ned, in still louder tones. Mrs. Blake could scarcely help hearing him; but she did not hesitate to appropriate a part of the sick girl's bed. She was thoroughly selfish, and these two children were nothing to her, only as they could contribute to her comfort and save her something in her travelling expenses.

She not only occupied a part of Nina's berth, but so much of it that Nina lay in a cramped, uneasy position, pressed close against the corner of the car. It will scarcely be wondered at that a few hot, homesick tears dampened Nina's pillow that night. How she longed for Mrs. Blake's companionship, as she lay in the narrow space which Mrs. Blake allotted her!

Ned could not sleep for thinking of poor little Nina's unpleasant situation. "I did not know that a woman could be so mean," he said, savagely. The hours crept on, and still Ned thought angrily of Mrs. Blake, and the next day, which would be burdened by her unwelcome presence.

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He awoke to find himself in the embrace of the large old gentleman, whom he had already seen in the car. When he took his own seat. "Eh! what's the matter?" exclaimed the man, releasing Ned, and gazing about vacantly. "Ho! there! Here, conductor, this boy's been trying to rob me."

"There's been an accident," cried Ned, starting up from the car. His first thought was of Nina. "O God," he prayed, "don't let any harm come to Nina."

A cup of hot tea as well as the lunch. And how she did eat! Ned declared that she had a most stupendous appetite for a sick lady. "Now Nina," said Ned, as twilight began to gather, "I have ordered your berth to be prepared for you, and with a gentle soot on the wood train, you must go to bed at once. Your cheeks are quite flushed. 'Oh if Dr. Downey mistrusted that he had inflicted upon us, in sending her in our company, he would not sleep a wink to-night.'"

"I am so glad he does not know," said Nina, wearily. "Dear doctor, he meant it for our best; but I shall rest when I am away from her. Do you know, Ned, if I stayed with her long I am afraid that I should have 'gagged' too; but isn't it early to go to bed?"

"No, you must get all the rest you can, because we have to change cars in the night," said Ned. "So we do," replied Nina. "What if I shouldn't wake up in time?"

"Don't give it a thought, Nina. I will wake you, and will give you plenty of time to dream."

"Do I understand and go to bed just as if I was at home?" asked Nina, in amazement. "Just the same," said Ned, proud of his superior knowledge, obtained when he visited the sleeper.

"How funny," said Nina. "I will bid Mrs. Blake good-night before I go." "Where are you going?" asked Mrs. Blake as Nina came to her seat to bid her good-night.

"Ned is my doctor, and he says that I must go to bed early. He has ordered a bed made up for me in the sleeper," said Nina, so heartily glad that she was to be relieved of the society of her troublesome companion, that she brightened up considerably.

"Why, that is nice," said Mrs. Blake, with Nina thought; a real unselfish pleasure in her voice. "Does Ned have a berth in the sleeper too?"

"No," said Ned. "I shall take my pillow and bunk down here, anywhere. All ready to wake Nina in time for the change we make in the night."

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right for speaking so disrespectfully of me." Ned learned that, on account of the accident, the train could not go on before morning. "So you need not get up, Nina, dear," he said, as he came back to Nina. "Have you rested any?"

"Not a bit, Ned," said Nina, with a sob. "She squeezes me up against the wall so that I can't sleep. Please, Ned draw the curtains while I dress, and then you lie down on the front side so that she can't see back. I know I can sleep if you are here."

"When Mrs. Blake came back, she found her place occupied by Ned, who pretended to be so sound asleep that she failed to arouse him; and, with a most uncomplimentary remark, she turned away."

"I know it is right," said Nina, when she was gone. "Poor little Nina is nearly worn out; and I am sure that the doctor would say I do quite right in securing a good night's rest for her, even at the risk of appearing ungrateful to a lady."

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—A Post-Express reporter chanced to be standing beside the delivery desk of one of the city libraries when a well-dressed lady of thirty approached the desk. The librarian was cutting the leaves of a new copy of the "Last Days of Pompeii," every now and then stopping to read a passage from the famous novel. The lady glanced around indelicately at the children, and said to the librarian: "I would like to see something new in the way of nice-reading. Nothing very strong, you know, something light and amusing. That is a nice looking book you have there. What is it?"

"It is the 'Last Days of Pompeii,'" said the librarian. "Last Days of Pompeii," Pompeii—who was Pompeii? what did he die of? I never could bear tragedy."

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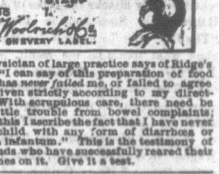
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Judith's Way.

BY SARAH D. HOBART.

Farmer Keene faced his young daughter-in-law with a very decided frown of disapproval. "It's all nonsense," he said, "a farmer's wife's no business hiring work done. The Betsy's always made her own dresses, and what's good enough for her is good enough for the rest of the family, I calculate."

"But I never made a dress in my life! I don't know how," protested Judith, the tears rising to her eyes.

"Then it's time you learned," said the stern mentor departed for the field, leaving his daughter-in-law overwhelmed with shame and self-reproach.

Love was his life; discord the one thing that made existence unendurable, and this was not the first time in her two years of married life that she had unwittingly thrown some bombshell into the peaceful family circle.

First, it had been her request for a woman to help in house-cleaning. She was slender, and quite unused to severe labor. She had been a teacher of music before her marriage, and had learned house-keeping in a fragmentary fashion.

Now, John was a hard-working, ambitious young fellow, overflowing with brains, energy and hard labor the excess of capital which his father put into the partnership. He could not be spared from the field in the busy season, nor could he take his one man from playing or reading to do house work.

So it came about that house-cleaning was a movable festival at the Keene household, filling up the intervals of farm work from the 1st of April to the last of May, and straggling down into the winter months, something to fall back upon always when no other work crowded; and that sense of order and system which Judith's experience as a teacher had cultivated was continually outraged.

She fretted over these things in secret, trying not to pain John with her reproaches. He had a heavy load to carry of his own. The farm, in which he held a half interest, was heavily mortgaged, and the utmost prudence and economy were necessary.

He was very fond of his young wife, very proud of her delicate, refined ways, and he did not realize that she was made of finer fiber than his mother and sisters, and could not bear the same burdens.

They prided themselves on their business ability. There were no women in the township who could do better than her to send superior wares to market, or turn off more work in a day.

Sister Jane, the eldest, boasted that for ten years her washing had been on the line Monday morning an hour before that of any other household in the neighborhood. Her dresses were known as the best better-maker in the section; Blanche, the third, supplied her family with groceries and herself with pin money by raising poultry; while Grace, the youngest, made a practice of doing her washing, cleaning, baking and ironing in one day, devoting the two succeeding ones to the head-dresses which naturally followed, the said head-dresses being referred to by the rest as a striking proof of poor Grace's ambition.

The mother, it is true, had given out under this pressure, but she entered her wonderful feat she had performed in her youth. She seemed to pour Judith the sun of all the rest, and her heart sank when she first began to realize how much was expected from John's wife. She was proud too, and could not endure to be looked upon as incapable, nor to lose the prestige she enjoyed as the wife of the favorite son and brother.

She had tried to follow the examples given her. Butter-making was, as yet, conducted on the farm on a small scale, and she found this one of her most agreeable employments. She possessed the nice touch, the keen judgment necessary to the skillful butter maker, and in that line was a pronounced success.

stress for the work she herself could only have executed humbly by a week's persistent effort. She spread out the dress pattern upon the table and looked at it despairingly. It was a cashmere, a birthday present from John, of his favorite color of green. She then she heard John's step upon the doorstep, and he confronted her before she could wipe the treacherous drops from her eyes.

"I'm going to town to get the horse shod," he began, then stopped abruptly. "Was, what's the matter, Judith?" "Oh, it's nothing," she was all smiles again, and the cloud had vanished. "But why don't you shoe the horses yourself, John?" Her husband gave her a glance of surprise.

"Because I don't happen to be a blacksmith," he answered shortly. "I expect Green will be here to tea. He's coming to fix the pump."

"But you surely could do that, John," urged his wife. "Yes, but it's my regular trade, and he will do it in half the time. I must get some nails and spikes. Jones will begin to work on the woodshed to-morrow, and the Jordans are coming to lay over the north cellar wall, Friday."

"But why don't you build the woodshed yourself? and why don't you lay the stone wall?" she persisted. John looked at his wife as if he were beginning to doubt her sanity.

"Because I am neither a carpenter nor a stone-mason. A Jack-of-all-trades is a master of none. I should like to know what all you, Judith?" "Just this," she pushed him down into a rocking chair and seated herself upon his knee. "I've been thinking of what father said this morning, that the farmer's wife had no business to hire work done of the farm. I know you half agreed with him, by your looks, and I am wondering why so much more should be expected of the farmer's wife than of the farmer? You quite resent the idea of becoming blacksmith, cooper, mason, and so on, but you see no inconsistency in the expectation that I shall be cook, laundress, housemaid, dairymaid, seamstress, and a score of trades besides."

"A Jack-of-all-trades is master of none." "It is any wonder that women accomplish all the little things in particular, while they diffuse themselves over so vast a territory? There is one thing that I can do well. I was considered a good music teacher, was I not?" She looked in his face anxiously.

"The best in Drayton," he answered, proudly. "Thank you. Now I am a poor seamstress. I have hated the sight of a needle all my life, though I learned sewing because it was womanly work, and I wished to be womanly. Mrs. Flynn would be glad to do the washing, which is a terrible strong enough to do, and which is a terrible tax upon my vitality. A half day's work at my profession would pay her for the laundry work for several weeks. Don't you see what it all means, John? I want to take back my music class. Can you help me when I say the word? We are only half a mile from the village; my work would enable me to put a strong girl in the kitchen, and I think life would be pleasanter for all of us, while I would be doing the one thing I can do well in the straggling under a burden I am not strong enough to carry. Say 'yes,' John."

She caught his face in her hands and looked coaxingly into his eyes. "I don't want my wife to work for a living," demurred that obstinate individual. "But I am working for a living, and I am not strong enough to carry. Say 'yes,' John."

"But you are working at the occupation you love best, to which you feel yourself perfectly adapted. I, on the contrary, am working at what I do not like, nor understand, simply because tradition demands that women shall be Jack-of-all-trades and masters of none. I have no gift; let me improve it. Let me try in my way, for a year at least. I know I shall be more helpful to you," and she pressed her lips against his cheek.

John surrendered ignominiously. "That was twenty years ago. I was reminded of it all today when I read in the paper that Mr. and Mrs. John Keene had just sailed for Europe to put their oldest daughter in school at Leipzig."

Judith's way was a success. Her old pupils came back to her, and brought a host of others in their train. Her management kept the household machinery from friction, and her family lacked no comfort.

A little song composed for one of the class anniversaries proved so popular that she sent it off for publication, and it proved a decided success. It brought her a handsome sum of money. Her publishers asked for more, and she cultivated her gift to the utmost. It was not a great nor a rare one, just a talent for composing striking melodies, but to-day you will find her sweet, simple, wholesome songs in every home where music is loved and cultivated.

The farm was freed from its incumbrance long since, and Judith will tell you that it was his wife's sound advice and untiring energy that aided him in lifting the burden. Father and Mother Keene live happily in a cottage in the village near by. The sisters are very proud of their brother's wife, and the surest recommendation of any new plan or experiment to their judgment is that it is "Judith's way."

THE FARM.

Firming the Ground.

Some years ago that veteran gardener, Peter Henderson, read an essay before the National Association of Nurserymen, Florists and Seedsmen on "The Use of the Feet in Sowing and Planting." His object in preparing the paper was to impress upon his hearers the great importance of "firming" the soil over the seeds after sowing, especially when the soil is dry, or likely to become so, and he urged them to remember what he said, and to act upon it, because of the immense loss to the agricultural and horticultural community from the habit of sowing seeds loosely, or of placing plants in hot and dry soils. This loss, he added, is all the more to be regretted when it is known that by "firming" the soil around the seed or plant we have, in most cases, a certain preventive.

Among several instances of the value of the practice, Mr. Henderson mentioned one which is well worth repeating. On the 21 of July, 1874, he sowed twelve rows of sweet corn and twelve rows of beets, tread in with the feet, and sowed every alternate row of each. In both cases the corn trodden in came up in four days, while those unfirming remained twelve days before starting, and would not then have germinated had not rain fallen, for the soil was dry as dust when the seed was sown.

The result of this experiment was that the seeds which had been trodden in grew finely from the start, and matured their crops to a marketable condition by fall. The unfirming rows, on the other hand, did not mature at all, as they were not only eight days behind the others in germinating, but the plants were also to some extent, enfeebled by being partially dried in the loose, dry soil.

This experiment demonstrated two things— that a firm crop, even in the vicinity of New York as late as July 2nd, will produce "roasting ears" in October, when they are a delicious addition to the stock of table vegetables, and command a ready sale at a high price in the market; and, that without firming the corn will not germinate at so late a date.

These who are intending to plant corn and other seeds late in the season—or, in fact, at any time, now or later—would do wisely to keep this advice of the eminent gardener constantly in mind, and to act upon it, as occasion requires. But one caution needs to be remembered. Mr. Henderson says:

"By no means tread or roll in seed, if the ground is not dry. The soil may often be in a suitable condition to sow, and yet be too damp to be trodden upon or rolled. In such cases these operations may not be necessary at all, for rainy weather causes the seeds to germinate, of course; but if drought, the treading or rolling may be done a week or more after the seed has been sown, if there is any reason to believe that it may suffer from the dry, hot air."

Another advantage which results from firming, and no small one, is that in case of beet, celery, turnips, and any other crop sown in rows, the seeds of these crops are not so liable to rot, and to be lost through neglect of this simple means of making their survival sure.

Medical Virtues of Onions. A mother writes says: "Once a week invariably, and this was generally when we had cold meat dinner, I gave the children a dinner which was hailed with delight and looked forward to. This was a dish of boiled onions. The little things know not that this was doing the best of medicine for expelling what most children suffer from—worms. Mine were kept free by this remedy alone. Not only boiled onions for dinner, but chives also they were encouraged to eat with their bread and butter, and for this purpose they had tufts of chives in their little gardens. It was a medical man who taught me to eat boiled onions as a specific for a cold in the chest. He did not know at the time, till I told him, that they were good for anything else."

The above appeared in the Lancaster News-Free, and having fallen under the eye of an experienced physician of that county, he writes as follows:

"The above ought to be published in letters of gold, and hung up beside the table, so that the children could read it, and remind it of every cold, and family complaint to which onions the whole year round. Plant old onions in the fall, and they will come up in least three weeks earlier in the spring than by spring planting. Give children of all ages a few of them raw, as soon as they are fit to eat; do not miss the opportunity to make a meal of raw onion, three or four times a week. When they get too large and strong to be eaten raw, then boil or roast them. During unhealthy seasons, when diphtheria and like contagious diseases prevail, onions ought to be eaten. The spring of the year at least once a week. Onions are invigorating and prophylactic beyond description. Further, I challenge the medical fraternity or any mother to point out a place where children have died from diphtheria or scarlatina anginae, etc., where onions were freely eaten."

COMMENDING THE PRINCIPLE. To-night I desire to commend to our dear friends present the principle and practice of total abstinence—total abstinence from that which is wholly injurious, and cannot, as I think, except in some very remarkable cases, be of use to anybody. It does seem to some people as if it were an awful thing to abstain from the taking of alcohol. I suppose they do not find it difficult to abstain from chloral, opium, and other poisons. Why they should feel so difficult to abstain from alcohol I cannot tell. This I know, that those who find it most difficult are the persons who ought to abstain with the best result. He who can easily abstain, to whom there is no temptation in the drink, let him do it because he can do it so easily; but he who cannot, he will destroy himself, he is caught in the net, and he determines to abstain. I think a Christian man especially should resolve that nothing shall ever conquer him, let it be what it may; that if there be anything, however proper or however pleasing, which is getting the mastery of him, he will destroy himself. He will not suffer himself to be conquered. Shall you, shall I, be bit and bridled by any kind of habit, and shall our souls, which Christ has set free by His own redeeming blood, become the slaves of us or of that? No, by the grace of God it is not to be! If it should seem to you difficult for us to abstain, let us prove our manhood, our strength of mind, our freedom from slavery, and resolve to do it.

"But I take a little," says one, "medicinally." Yes, there are a good many who do that, and the doctors must be dreadful fellows. They seem to be always recommending the best people I know just to take a little. I am not sure, however, whether the doctors have really got on this recommendation. Sure I am that when the doctors give their recommendations the other way they are not always followed with quite so much avidity.

ADVANTAGES OF PRACTICE. I think most people will find their brains clearer, their thoughts brighter, their hands steadier, their judgment cooler and their spirits more equable, if they put the spirits altogether away, and all such things. I cannot conceive of abstinence doing anybody any hurt, nor of being any difficulty to a man who is a man; and if he thinks the slightest good might come of it, I think he should do it. If he felt he might harm himself, I say if he did good to others, let him do it; but if he is certain from the testimony of many it can hurt nobody who practices it, and may prove invaluable to many others, let him do it, and do it at once for his own sake. I was very pleased to meet the other day with a Christian who said, "I always take my glass of wine, and think I shall do so as long as I live; but I know there is a danger in it, and therefore my children have never tasted any. They have been brought up to feel that there is a danger about it, but they never have it, either at the table or anywhere else. That is very good of that brother. At the same time, if his children grow up as smart as most people's children, they will one of these days put some very curious questions. Aunt said, 'Now, Jane, you ought to go to bed at once. Little chickens go to roost early.' 'Yes, aunt,' she said, 'but the old hen always goes to roost with them.' Our children do draw strong inferences, and will probably draw the inference that, if father takes the glass of wine it is not good for John, it cannot be so good for papa himself; and possibly it may not."

FOR THE SAKE OF SERVANTS. We must often deny ourselves things apparently safe to ourselves if we feel that they would be unsafe to those we love, and if that be the rule with you, I think many of you will very soon take the pledge. Do of this kind of your children and servants. Our servants and neighbors will follow us, especially if we are persons of influence. I have heard of a laird who said to his gillie, "Sanders, what would you like to take?" He said he would like to take what the laird took. "I am going to take pale ale," then, laird, I should like a pair of ale, too." You will find that mostly people are willing to take what the laird takes, and we are little lairds in our way in the circles in which we move. If we take pale ale, they will want a pair of ale. It only differs in a letter or two, but does not come exactly to the same result. They say we cannot get home safely at night, because our coachmen are drunk; we cannot leave our house in safety, because our servants have been known to take too much—and great fault is taken of it. "The horrible drink," the master says, when he goes home and takes his glass of sherry, because certain men do not come to work till long past the proper hour. "It is a shameful thing our working classes should drink so much. I think I'll have some champagne."

TEMPERANCE AND THE DOSE. I used to regard—I cannot say I have very much altered my opinion—intoxication as a sort of cutting off of one limb of a deadly tree, and I fancied my business was to lay the axe at the root of the tree, and leave others to saw away at the branches. But soon I began to find that, in cutting down the tree, the topping off of branches was servicable to the woodman. A tree will come down all the better, and all the more safely, because the awkward limb that was in the way has first of all been removed. So I will use the saw as best I can, and get rid of the accursed bough of this accursed sin. What multitudes have been hanged upon this branch! How many, like Absalom, have been entangled by the hair of the head in these branches of the tree! I like this Gospel Temperance because it does not forget the axe. What if we make men sober if we leave them self-righteous. The work is not done. What if we deliver them from drink—yet if they are not delivered from pride, the work is not done. It might even be possible that, under some lights, we might have done them evil instead of good—only, remember, in some lights—look in the trust and clearest light it must always be a benefit to have saved a man from the sin of drunkenness and to have led him to a higher benefit. Still, it is the Gospel which is the power of the Spirit of God renewing the heart and changing the mind. It is that which is God's great machinery for the salvation of the sons of men. Fresh Jesus Christ. Lift Him High. Tell of the wonders He hath done. This I believe to be the best and most precious work that can be performed by men, and these two things go together.—Freeman.

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