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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"All hortatory preaching must have

The Dean of York deplores the Reformation as at least "a grave spiritual blunder!" What ought to be done with such a man ?-- Central Pre: byt rian.

The Holston Methodist says "Southern Methodism cannot afford to let down on the dancing question. If your young members will 'hop,' let them hop out of the Church."

It is always a good sign when the successor has a word of praise for the preacher that has gone before. An old Meth dist steward said that his preacher had ruined himself by evil of the Conference. - Southern Adr.

"Watehman" pleads through the Raleigh Advocate that preachers be paid salaries large enough to enable them to get the books they need: "I think, my brethren, we have been emppling the efficiency of our pulpit by not allowing the preacher money enough to get tools to work with.'

The Kalend ir in an article on dressing for church says: " Anything that is a distraction to sincere devotion, that stimulates vanity is to be avoided; but is there anyway for reaching the bracelets, and those even to the Holy

A new agency for good is opened wherever a religious newspaper is introduced. It will be felt in that household-in the parsonage, in the entire community. The preacher will be helped in his preaching. It is a fearful hard work to instruct, interest, and lead to a higher life, a non-reading people. - Rich. Adv.

According to the Irish Christian Advocate, the contributions to mission -embracing foreign, colonial, Jewish, and Irish-of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland average 2s. 43d. per communicant. The Irish Methodist Church raises for foreign missions £5.317, or an average of 4s. 41d. per member, and, in addition, for home missions £4,500, making a total average per member of 7s. 3d.

A church without spiritual life and power is a needless burden on any community. It can not command the esteem and confidence of even world ly men. The world wants a church to be true to its mission. The world needs such a church, and God cannot bless any other. But even where there is life in our churches it needs to be intensified by a genuine revival of God's work. The spirit of revival is the crying need of the church everywhere. - Religious Telescope.

A Methodist missionary labouring in Africa reports that on going to the coast recently he was saluted by a trader with the remark: "There must have been a lot of heathen people joining your church lately." "Yes, at is so," he was answered; "but how did you come to know it?" "Oh, because there have been a lot of heathen people here buying dresses, shawls," Re. This is another illustration of the way in which the spread of Christianaty promotes commerce.

Was it accident? One of the stories told of a recent conflagration in Boston is that of a man who, when apprised that the fire was raging with dangerous fury, in the excitement of the moment seized a pitcher of water and locked it up securely in his safe, without knowing why he did it. To this accidental circumstance he owed the preservation of the valuable contents of his safe, which were perfectly preserved by the steam from the water in the pitcher. - Home Gazette.

A member of a Western Presbyterian Church, having been excommunicated for an offense, sued the pastor and officers for libel because they published the sentence of excommunication and the reasons therefor. The lower court gave him \$5,000 damages, but on an appeal, the Supreme Court reversed the decision, thereby establishing the right of the church not only to discipline its members for Offenses against its rules, but to pub-

lish their decisions in such cases. - Ex. The law for the suppression of monasteries in Portugal, and forbidding pride and manhood of the American the admission into convents of more nuns after its passing, has, in fifty Years, taken effect to considerable extent : monasteries being at an end. and nuns so few that there are not more than 175 persons, and these Spread over sixty-eight establishments, the youngest survivor being upwards of sixty : of the rest four are between "mety and one hendred, and one is health."-N. W. Adv.

nine years of .

The Churchn ian thinks that the an exegetical basis." So says Bishop final test for a mi ssionary is character, and the scale turn s for Christianity, or abroad, in the whether at home tianity has built proportion that Chri. haracter of the up the thought and c It is, under man who represents it. God, the amount of sp piritual force possessed by the Christ. an teacher which causes him to win. more needed than money. Christian religion is the best its advocates must be adequate mens of the best men.

Bishop Ireland, of the Roman Ca. olic Church, in a recent address on total abstinence and suppression of the liquor traffic, said : - "Our disgrace and our misfortune in America allusions at the fireside to his brethren I blush for the old race whenever I is the number of Irish saloon-keepers. walk along the streets of our cities and read over doorways Irish names prefacing so seldom the words 'bank.' 'commission house,' 'dry goods store: so often the words 'saloon,' 'wines and liquors, 'imported liquors.' To what base uses noble names have sinners saved, the Church enlarged, iniquity." That includes your rat-

remarkable man, Gen (Chinese) Gorswept by blind superstition, enraged by oppression, and in the hands of a triumphant native leader! His act is case of the woman who wears tinkling not audacious, nor the daring of an prodigal returning from his enthusiast. His previous reputation in the province, arising from his honorable and just rule, has given him this immense power and the abiding confidence of the natives. It is the reverence which ignorance ever pays to justice and high ability. - Zion's

> Everything seems to intimate a very large decrease of crime in Britain. Baron Huddleston, in his late address to the Grand Jury of Oxford, said that it was a remarkable and most large and populous there should only be one case for trial at the Assizes. and that a very trivial one, for housebreaking. The influences at work in bringing this round are said to be advance of education, the care bestowed on prison discipline, the extended peration of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies, and especially, in the judge's estimation, the general inculcation by precept and example of the doctrines of temperance. - Tor. Globe.

This is not the time to discuss the subject of the use of the Liturgy in our chapels, but we do not doubt that a very large number of persons have become Methodists in consequence of its use: while on the other hand, a large number of Methodists from the provinces have ceased to attend our chapels when they came to London because of their objection against read prayers. The practical lesson to secure as soon as possible chapels in the Metropolis within easy reach of opulations, in some of which the Liturgy shall be used on Sunday mornings, and in others of which it shall not be used at all. -London

A few weeks ago, the Earl of Shaftesbury in presiding over a crowded nieeting in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, said that institutions like that they had met to support were of vital importance to young men and to the safety of the kingdom. Those institutions must be placed on the broadest possible basis consistent with the vital doctrine of separate themselves from Nonconformists in great movements undertaken for the good of the people. Church discipline was good in itself, but to try and shut out the whole body of Nonconformists who held the great doctrines of redemption and atonement and not to join with them in works of this kind was utterly wrong."

Hon. W. M. Evarts, in his spech at New York on Fore-fathers' day, said : I have seen -- what I never expect. ed to-see in a country like this-a new band of LL D's-a league of liquor dealers [laughter and applause]—that are going to determine what shall be the law and what the methods as between temperance and intemperance in this country. That is not a matter of party; it is a matter of common people. Now, gentlemen, while we have all the great glories, all the splendors, all the pride which have so justly been built around the great repute of our fathers, let us under tand that the American people will never have a heart for all the glories of this feast if they find missing from it the bread and water of spiritual life and

to be one hundred and YOUR DUTY TO SEEKERS OF SALVATION.

The Saviour, however, is always seeking sinners. Some are seeking Him. In some churches a continual revival work is in progress; in others occasionally. The Holy Spirit is ever at work convicting people of sin, throughout the world. In thought or word or deed such are saying : "Oh, that I knew where I might find him." " What shall I do to be saved?" You who have lamented that sinners were en from the hand of the mighty. time, is a gift "angels might covet;" imperious sway over me. Has He a work the t filled the Saviour's hands. done it? "All iniquity." That in-The result vill be-souls converted, cludes your temper, my friend. "All the world made better, God glorified. tling tongue, my sister. "All ini-Wrong counsel, a cold-hearted exhor- quity." That includes your pride of tation, or, to be ap, proached by an in- heart, my brother. "All iniquity." don, entering, without an army or consistent worldly n inded professor That includes your love of money, my body guard, a revolutionary territory of religion, often tends to check desire worldly-minded friend, who art yet a and stifle conviction in he awakened Christian. Find it out-whatever it sinner, or discourage the

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how wrong to neglect, trifle with or

hinder it; how awful will be God's judgments upon those who do it? While many are waiting for more conviction, or feeling, they find they are losing what they had; but others, having the same or less light and conviction, are approached by those alive to God and awake to duty, and "apt to teach" and are led onward through the successive steps to repentance, and confession of sin, and faith in Jesus Christ-into the enjoyment of justification and regeneration; and obtain that "peace that passeth all understanding," and continuing to grow in grace, become "bright and shining lights in the world." You do not need great talents but consecrated talents, all aglow with the warmth of divine love for souls, to make you successful and able "to do good as you have opportunity to all men." Do not wait for a great awakening, but each day strive to ascertain if some near you are thinking about religion. and wishing they were saved : encourwould seem to be that it is desirable age, and converse and pray with them; get them saved right away and united into fellowship with the Church; then when special revival pastor to do all the work of counseling seekers. Act carefully, prayerfully and promptly, and God will honor you with success in leading seekmore depends on you than on him to way to heaven. -Kind Words. make it such. Much time is lost, and labor expended, before sinners are even invited forward, in most revival efforts, because the Church is not prepared to work with seekers, and in many cases the Church is only partly revived and no souls saved and the effort ends. If you will take the Irishman's advice, "Commence before you begin," seekers may be in-

> The strong heart must get its strength from some blessed solitude. Christian Intelligencer.

new-born souls will grow and be

sheltering care of a living Church. -

W. S., in Central Adv.

FULL REDEMPTION.

We can only be saved from iniquity by being redeemed from it. Iniquity obtains a certain right over us by force of the law of habit. Man has yielded himself to be the slave of that which he has voluntarily obeyed. How shall he be delivered from this abject slavery? Only by redemption. When this redemption has been provided and accepted, the lawful captive has been delivered, and the prey has been tak-

so indifferent about their souls, are Now, have we grasped this view of you now awake and willing to help the cross? Do we concentrate our them, if they should say to you as to faith upon this point as if it were a rethem of old, "We would see Jes- ality and not a fiction? He hath giv-9?" To be able to give the right en himself for me to redeem me from ruction, to know the proper word all iniquity, so that the chains of hab eak, to exhibit properly the Spir- it shall no longer bind me. My natusus to such a one, at such a ral infirmities shall no longer exert an "wandering | is-the latent evil, the impurity of thought, subtle forms of self-deception; whatever they are drag them from their hiding places, bring them out of the cave, as Joshua did the kings of old; and as you bring them

How infinitely important at 1d sol. out, put your foot upon their necks and cry, "Christ has redeemed me fr. 'm all iniquity, from all iniquity, fron ' all iniquity !" No more imprisonmen twithin the ribs of that stern skeleton of spiritual death! No more the plain 've cry of inward anguish, O wretch, o man ! who shall liver me?" The joy of life, the boundless streng h of resurrection the inward, God-like development that makes man in some sense Divinethese are the blessed fruits of redemntion, and the glories of the life which by faith in redemption we, through God's mercy, are privileged to lead. -W. H. M. H. Aitkin.

A STRANGE QUESTION. A poor child straying into a Sunday. school one day, asked simply: "Is this the way to heaven?" The superintendent was for a moment startled. Was the school, indeed, the way to heaven? Was he trying to make it so? Were the teachers intent on the same object? The artless question struck home. From desk to class the question went round with a thrill. What were they all doing? Whither were they work begins, engage promptly in in- all tending? The question was like an structing and leading awakened sin- angel suddenly come into their midst ners to Jesus. Do not depend on your | to make a record of all that transpired in that school. Oh, superintendents, teachers, make sure of this one thing : with all your efforts to impart knowledge, make the salvation of the soul ers to Christ. At the "altar," at the of paramount interest : whether your "anxious seat." in the "inquiry school be a model or struggling up to room" and everywhere. Follow every | perfection, be sure that every scholar appeal made by the paster from the shall feel that it is the road to heaven. Christianity. It was insanity in these | pulpit, with earnest efforts to apply | That is a poor apology for a Sunday days for Churchmen to endeavour to the truth to those who listen in the school, where a child can not learn pews. Like other churches whose enough of Christianity to find the way prosperity you covet, yours also shall to heaven! Now, let us all see if we be a revival church. As much or can not make our Sunday school the

CURSING THE HEATHEN.

There are few things which more clearly illustrate the control which Satan has of this world, than the curses vited at the first services and be saved before the meeting closes, and the strong, led by the Spirit, under the exalted. Says a writer :

England rum to the same benighted tribes, eau for the meeting.

and Joppa, and camels carry it upon name is known as a most zealous and said to be as cheap at the foot of test. They tried at first to stop him, Olympus as among the resorts at the but he is a very plucky fellow, and Adirondacks and White Mountains, held his ground. Next morning he It curses the shores not only of our received a large number of letters own beautitul rivers, but also those of from Freethinkers who said that they the Danube and Tiber, and carries its had been much impressed with what

So this ceaseless curse rolls on. While English and American phil- listen favorably to the gospel." anthropy sends to thousands the saving word of everlasting life, British opium and New England rum carry streams death and desolation to hundreds of thousands of poor, benighted souls. What shall be the end? Should not every Chritian pray with the Psalmist, Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the just!"-The Safeguard.

MISSIONARY SHIPS.

That must be a fleet looked kindly after by the Lord of wind and tide which floats in the name of him who calmed the tempest of Galilee and walked its crested waves. The John Williams, in the South Seas, the Ellengowan, Mary (and several smaller ones), for New Guines, the Good News, and the steel lifeboat Morning Star, on Lake Tanganyika, all of the London Missionary Society; the Day Spring, for New Hebrides, of the Free Church of Scotland; the Henry | The office which has been filled by the Wright, on the south coast of Africa, laborious Peter, the majestic Paul, of the Church Missionary Society; and the seraphic John, and by scores the Illalla, on Lake Nyassa: the John of the noblest men who have ever Brown, for the Mendi Mission of the United Brethren, and the Morning Star, of the American Board, for the Pacific Seas and Micronesia - all these occur to us : there may be more, but even so, this is no insignificant fleet, and it represents no insignificant

Our English and Scotch friends have a way of laying the running ex- shall find it."-Rev. S. McArthur, in penses of some of the vessels upon the hands of the children, who respond in New Year's offerings to the amount of several thousand pounds annually. The Morning Star of the American Board was built and replaced by offerings of children who are now, many of them, parents. Another generation of children is now asked to build a new ship; this time with a steam auxiliary, for the more certain and prompt doing of an ever-enlarging work in Micronesia, which no baffling calms can hinder. The call has just been issued and the response seems likely to be taken up with old-time enthusiaem, and the 200,000 shares, at twenty-five cents each, will, doubtless, pone of them be left on the hands of the Board, but be found an object lesson of beauty in thousands of homes throughout the country. The new share certificates are very beautiful. Soon may the new ship float, a thing of beauty, and speed on its errands of mercy till all the isles of the sea wait on Him. - Gospel in all Lands.

FRANCE.

A late letter from Dr. Dodds, in Paris, says:

"Our mission is spreading very mapidly. We have opened a most successful branch at Roubaix and Croix in the 'Nord.' I have news from St. Etienne that the work there surpasses everything elsewhere. It is a densely which flow out from so-called Christian peopled town (you would say city) lands, to blight and destroy the nations the workingmen are mostly miners. who know not God. Wherever the They cram the hall, and have rather gospel goes, under the auspices of a to be invited out than invited in modern civilization, it is attended by France is being covered with evangelthe blasting, blighting influence of the sistic stations. Mr. MacAll has gone dominant evils which prevail in lands to Saintes and Cognac in the two where the name of Christ is named and Charentes, to open a station in each. We cannot keep pace with the de-"A ship sailed out of Boston a few mands that come from all sides. Lateyears since, carrying a few missionaries ly some Roman Catholics near Borto the benighted tribes on the Congo, deaux asked of their own accord for in Africa; but the same ship also bore mission meetings to be held in their

Its casks are rolled aside at Smyrna "The other week M. Hirsch, whose their backs beyond the deserts of able evangelist, spoke at a great meet-Azabia to Ur of the Chaldees. It is ing of Freethinkers in Paris to preblasting mockery to the foot of the he had said, and wished to have a con-Ural chain and the gates of the imp- versation with him. This shows the very prevalent disposition on the part of those commonly called incredules to

THE MINISTER AS PASTOR.

The pastor must also be spiritual. This is the first, second and third. This characteristic of the pastor must never be absent. The man more than the sermon, more than the pastor. Christ must speak through his lips, and through his eyes. His life must be hid with Christ in God. He may not always talk directly on religious subjects; in our modern time boarding-house, or because of some family reason, it may be impossible to have prayer in the family. But gentle. loving words can be spoken for Christ. The child may be kindly remembered; & passage of Scripture may be repeated. which shall come like the benediction of Heaven upon weary and troubled hearts. If Christ, the rose of Sharon, be in the heart, the perfume of his presence would fill all the atmosphere in which we move. blessed the world with their presence, the office which is filled by some of the best men beneath God's stars. needs no vindication from me. God honors us; let us be true to our calling and to our Lord. There is no nobler moste than this: "Whosoever saveth his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake Pulpit Tressury.

It is related that the eminent English Baptist minister, Dr. Rylands, cured his wife of the disposition she had fallen into under the old Calvinistic preaching of bewailing her fate, perdition, as she believed, as follows: She was a peculiarly devout woman, and one day her husband interrupted her complaint by the question, "You can't live an hour without prayer, cam you, Sarah ?" She confessed she did not. "Well, then," said the doctor, "there will be no place for you in hell. The devil allows no praying there, you may be sure; and, seeing you on vour knees, he will say, 'There's old Sarah Rylands at it again-turn herout?" From that time, it is said, she was cured of her mosbid fears. What a frightful amount of mental and soul misery has this false old preaching to

Dr. John Hall says a man came to him and said, "I hear men praying for the baptism and fullness of the Holy Ghost, but nobody testifies that they ever get it." Dr. Hall replied. "They get all they really want." They reach a point where they see what it really means, and they don't want it and the responsibility that at-

Philosophy has sometimes forgotten God as a great people never did. The scepticism of the last century did not uproot Christianity, because it lived in the hearts of millions. Do you think that infidelity is spreading? Christianity never lived in the hearts of so many millions as at this moment .- Bancroft.

Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the where none but God can hear .- I fifty-two hundred gallons of the best New village; and the Mayor gave his chat- infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness.—Hugh Miller.

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

UNFINISHED MUSIC.

I sat alone at the organ At the close of a troubled day. When the sunset's crimson embers On the western altar lay. I was weary with vain endeavor, My heart was ill at ease,
And I sought to soothe my sadness With the voice of the sweet-toned keys

My hands were weak and trembling, My fingers all unskilled, To render the grand old anthem With which my soul was filled. Through the long day's cares and worries,
I had dreamed of that glorious strain, And I longed to hear the organ Repeat it to me again.

It fell from my untaught fingers Discordaut and incomplete, I knew not how to express it, Or to make the discord sweet, So I toiled with patient labor Till the last bright gleams were gone, And the evening's purple shadows Were gathering one by one.

Then a master stood beside me, And touched the noisy keys, And lo! the discord vanished And melted in perfect peace. I heard the great organ pealing My tune that I could not play, The strains of the glorious anth m That had filled my soul all day.

Down t rough the dim cathedral The tide of music swept, And through the shadowy arches The lingering echoes crept. And I stood in the purple twilight And heard my tune again, Not my feeble, untaught rend ring, But the master's perfect st: ain.

So I think perchance the Master, At the close of Life's weary day Will take from our trembling fingers The tune that we cannot pla . He will hear through the jarring discord The strain, although half expressed, He wid blend it in perfect music

And add to it all the rest. -MEKonny.

ONLY ONE SCENE.

It was a dreary, miserable morning; a heavy fog hung over the wretched street; the rain had tallen constantly through the night, and still drizzled in a forlorn way. Pedestrians jostled along, occasionally hitting one another with their wet umbrellas and sloshing the mud right and left over the dirty pavement.

Crossing a filthy street where the thick black mud entered the soles of her sodden shoes and clung with tenacity about her thin ankles, was a young girl of thirteen or thereabouts. She breasted the driving wind and swerved Katy, tell the cook to give her day is at hand. Light is comenot from a straight course ahead, part of my beef tea in a bottle, a the light of immortality, the light although her weapons against the elements were only a ragged dress and a thin faded shawl, of many colors. Tied about her untidy mass of hair was an old hood, while upon her feet an old one sided shoe, unlaced and torn at the other walked bravely on in a seemed utterly indifferent to the rain. And why should she be otherwise? For when one is thoroughly wet and worn a few drops more or less either of water or trouble make no difference. She hurried around the corner; and a shiver passed through her frame with the cutting blast of wind. She shuffled on as fast as possible, considering her soaked feet, held her poor wet garments closely to her as if for protection, and soon turned up a dark court, opened a creaking door in arickety tenement house, and entered. How cold and dark and damp! although just what she expected. A deep sigh escaped her. The "bundle of rags" (called father) on the straw in the corner did not move, and she softly opened the door into another smaller one and looked in. All was hushed and still. On a low couch of straw, covered with a thin, patched army blanket, lay a little girl of seven, pale and faded; but though a clammy sweat stood upon the fair brow, one could not but say, "how lovely!" Yes; though a drunkard's forsaker child, Lena Croft's pinched features were classically beautiful. Amy knelt down by her side, took the little thin hand in her own, and, poor child, although she did not intend to awaken her sick sister, the hot tears that fell from her eyes had that effect, and the blue eyes opened and fastened upon her imploringly. She had begged her father with all the strength and pathos of her young voice to call a physician for Lena, even getting down upon her knees before the degraded man with her earnest of light, revealing a smile on the in the work of the Lord and conpleading; but no, this heartless brought relief to his sick child own and covered it with scalding "keeping the heart open,"-Mora-

haps something worse. have something now?" laughter, and her heart sank was too full to speak. within her. She felt such a "I'll ask God to come for you mised to get something for the sinless sleeper was at rest. sick child and had failed. She gone. "Shure," said one, "oi've | Father, the other!-National Temenough to do without waitin' on perance Advocate. the loikes of yez."

"You may, dearie; you shall, my little lamb! Just wait a minute." And out again she bounded (that freezing, wet, starving child), resolved that she would ring the front door bells and see the ladies themselves as a last resort.

Thinking only of Lena, her poor, tired feet seemed shod with wings. She hurried through the streets and rung the front door bell of the first respectable house. A tidy housemaid opened the door and in answer to Amy's pleading, "Please may I see the lady?" she received, "You dirty girl, to come up these clean steps with your muddy feet. Begone this instant!" and the door slammed in her face. She turned despairingly but re solutely (the sad eyes at home haunting her) and pulled the next bell. As, the servant opened the door, Amy said quickly, "My and the air is filled with seraphic little sister is starving; please give me something for her.

" Beggars should go to the back her step in on the oil cloth so that I can see her.'

" But, shure, she's drippin' wet, ma'am, an covered with mud.'

"Do as I say; let her in." The door was opened reluctantly and Amy stepped in.

"Oh how lovely, thought the nice everything is!" And her individual lying upon the crimson hall couch.

"My poor girl, what can I do for you?' "Oh, ma'am! something for my poor sister; my poor little

sister is sick and dyin', and "Poor child; poor little girl!

cup of jelly, and some bread and meat. And be quick about it."

The poor girl received the package with a thankful heart, and the world looked brighter to her young eyes as she ran to the hovel she called home, although the rain the toe, did duty for one, while still fell pitilessly. As she entered her door the tattered heap in man's discarded boot, hard and the corner moved, and the miserunwieldy though it was. She able father raised himself with difficulty to a sitting posture and looked at her with an ill tempered leer. He had grown so bitter and revengeful in his dissipation that Amy shuddered with dread.

> "What you carryin' so sneakin'?" be fiercely demanded. "Something for Lena; she's

starvin,' father." "Bring me what you've got I'm starvin" and thirstin' too. "Oh, father! I can't; Lena's dyin'," moaned Amy, trying to pass the miserable wreck on the floor; but he raised himself slowly and uttered a threat so terrible, ending with the words, "Pity ve wan't both dyin'; ye better look out or ye will; bring me the basket, say;" and Amy tremblingly handed it to him. Snatching it from her, he swallowed the beef tea and as much of the bread as he could possibly eat; then he rose with difficulty, and, wrapping the cup of jelly in a paper, tottered to the door. Amy stood looking with horrified eyes, but with

"To Washburn's for a drink." "Oh, father! leave me the jelly or Lena will die." And poor Amy wrung her hands in agony.

great effort asked: "Where are

you goin' with the jelly, father?"

" Pick up the crusts that I left; they're good enough for such brats as ye are." And the brutal father turned away.

tremblingly. How could she face keep them capable of harboring her little sister without food again and tell her there was none? But there was no need; Lena had heard all. Through the little broken window came a feeble ray white lips, sweeter and lovelier tinuing in well-doing." Giving to see Jesus. father turned away from his eldest than sunlight. She held out her is one of the most precious means born's prayer and took the money thin hand to Amy, and the heart of grace. Thank God for every that, with God's will, would have broken girl caught it between her and gave it willingly to the cruel tears as she broke forth into conrumseller who was licensed to flood vulsive sobbing.

his home with poverty, and per-"Don't cry, Amy, my good Amy. I'm sleepy; but I love I am so glad you've come, you sister Amy. Kiss me, Amy, ance amount to guilt, particularly Amy! I'm so hungry! Can I for I'm goin' to mamma. I won't when, from negligence, we know be hungry any more, nor cry any not that which we ought to know. Amy looked at the thin cheek more, will I, sister?" Amy's -Abelard.

so touchingly white, at the blue tears were falling faster than the eves that had once beamed with raindrops outside, but her heard Two little feet so small that both may nestle

weight of oppression that she sister, soon-soon. No tears could not speak. She had pro- there-mamma." And the little

One little tired heart has found had rung at many basement doors, peace; up the golden stairs her but the servants had bade her be- little feet have gone. But oh.

THE AGED CHRISTIAN.

" At evening time it shall be light."-

Oftentimes we look with forebodings to the time of old age, forgetful that at even-tide it shall be light. To many saints old age is the choicest season of their lives. A balmier air fans the mariner's cheek as he nears the shore of immortality; fewer waves ruffle his sea; quiet reigns, deep, still, and solemn. From the altar of age the flashes of the fire of youth are gone, but the flame of more earnest feeling remains.

The pilgrims have reached the land of Beulab, that bappy country whose days are as the days of heaven upon earth. Angels visit it; celestial gales blow over it; flowers of Paradise grow in it, music. Some dwell here for years, and others come to it but a few hours before their departure; but doors," angrily answered the girl, | it is an Eden on earth. We may and was about to close the door | well long for the time when we when a gentle voice called: "Let | shall recline in its shady groves, the time of fruition comes.

The setting sun seems larger than when aloft in the sky, and a splendor of glory tinges all the clouds which surround all his going down. Pain breaks not the sweet calm of the twilight of age; poor outcast. "How bright and for strength made perfect in weakness bears up in patience eyes wandered to the sweet voiced | under it all. Ripe truits of choice experience are gathered as the rare repasts of life's evening, and the soul prepares itself for rest:

The Lord's people shall also enjoy light in the hour of death. Unbelief laments, the shadows fall, the night is coming, existence is ending. Ah, no I crieth Faith; the night is far spent, the of a Father's countenance. Gather up thy feet in the bed; see the waiting band of spirits. Angels waft thee away. Farewell, beloved one; thou art gone; thou wavest thy hand. Ah! now it is light. The pearly gates are open; the golden streets shine in the jasper light. We cover our eyes, but thou beholdest the unseen. Adieu, brother; thou hast light at even-tide, such as we have

"O long expected day, begin,
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin; Fair would we tread the appointed road And sleep in death, and wake with God." -Spurgeon.

KEEP THE HEART OPEN

A pleasant story is told of Prof. Sophocles, the Greek professor of Greek at Harvard, recently deceased. He was passing along the street with a friend, when they met an Italian organ-grinder. Watching his opportunity, when be thought his friend was not noticing it, the professor threw a piece of money to the Italian. But the friend saw it and remarked somewhat disparagingly on the close home to our souls. You and charity that encouraged such vagrants. With characteristic diffi- | are unable to solve. We are held dence Prof. Sophocles shalf-apolo- in suspense. We can wait, lookgetically confessed, "I merely did it to keep my heart open!' Keeping the heart open—there is much practical wisdom in that. The human heart is too apt to freeze shut with a crust of selfishness. It needs to be continually kept open by breaking through this crust. If there were no opportunities any more in the world around us for the practice of beneficence, our hearts would grow hard and become quite petrified. Amy opened the bedroom door It is for our own hearts' sake, to the Christ, and of being influenced and moulded by his Holy Spirit. as much as for the sake of the good we do to others, that we single thing better for me than need to keep on ever "abounding opportunity you have of thus

Sins committed through ignor-

LITTLE FEET.

In one cares-ing hand, Two tender feet upon the untried border Of life's mysterious land.

Dimpled and soft, and pink as peach-tree In April's fragrant days; How can they walk among the briery tangles,

Edging the world's rough ways? These white rose feet along the doubtful future

Must bear a woman's load; Alas! since woman has the heaviest burden, And walks the hardest road.

Love, for a while, will make the path be for them All dainty, smooth and fair-Will cull away the bramble, letting only

But when the mother's watchful eyes are Away from the sight of men,

And these dear feet are left without he Who shall direct them then?

Will they go stumbling blindly in the dark-Of sorrow's tearful shades, Or find the upland slopes of peace and beauty

Whose sunlight never fades How shall it be with her, the tender stranger, Fair faced and genile eyed Before whose unstained feet the world's rude highway Stretches so strange and wide?

Ah! who may read the future? For our darling We crave all blessings sweet, And pray that He who feeds the crying

Will guide the baby's feet. -Florence Percy

PERPLEXITIES.

Doubtless the cry, "Why am

I thus?" sooner or later, comes

up out of the suffering experience

of every child of God. For twen-

ty-five years, with intervals long and be satisfied with hope until or short of peace and quietness, I have had these experiences of extreme perplexity and conscious- to find how much of it, if not ab- claim ness of being at my very wit's solutely lost, is frittered away. end, and void of all wisdom to She would discover that one or meet the demands of a seeming emergency and crisis. The emergencies of twenty-five years, as you see, have not only come, but also gone, and leave me unscathed. While impending they have ballast to her mind, as would an ed, "Where are we?" did she reoften seemed fateful as destiny. They were but our Heavenly Father's helps to a clearer vision of language, or to the study of ma- Faster fell the snow; harder blew Jesus, and to more perfect sym- thematics. pathy with him. In his hands they have proved nothing but find time for self-improvement, blessings. And I am able to give up novel reading for a time. testify for him who said, "Seek | She will find the deprivation will first the kingdom of God and his be far less than she would have shall be added unto you," that his self by reflecting that the taste of to go to reach the lane," said Nelword is true. So have I done, and so have I found. God's me | while the appetite for graver thod with me is not to be judged study cannot be found if once realor estimated by any visible or | ly lost. Girls who love poetry known adaptation to a particular | will be astonished at how much good result; but to be accepted they can get by heart by learning as his, and as the most advantage. ous, simply because it is his, and because that which it secures will surely be the best and most desirable. I am at no loss to conjecture how this may be. I can easily believe first, that my Lord desires to bring me into the most by committing to memory .perfect sympathy and oneness with himself. Second, that this consists particularly in a profound and unalterable deference to the Father's will, and his great tenderness of sensibility toward the burden-bearing and the suffering. And third, that he would bring me into the exercise of a faith in him that nothing can disturb. But to know whether Christian faith can be uprooted or blown down, it is needful that it should be blown upon most furiously by every wind of heaven. If it stands bravely through it all, we have an evident and most encouraging result, not to be reached in any other way. Let us bring this I have problems which as yet we ing up and saying, "Lord, I thank thee for this suspense. It throws me more directly, frequently, constantly, upon thee. It bids me cry out of the depths of my heart, My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him; he only is my rock and salvation.' "In John xv. 9, Jesus says, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.' Now I am going to believe that, just because Jesus said it; and believing that, I may well rest firn. as the everlasting hills upon his love, believing that if anywhere among all the inexhaustible treasures of my Lord there were a the things which try me most, then I should have it .- From How

REMEMBER.

A good part of duty is expressed in the simple imperative, Remember. In the hurry of daily life there are hundreds of thing. left undone which ought to be done, and in the majority of cases it is not willful neglect but forget.

whose trade is in the souls of men; break. and it is concerning those neglec ted duties, and concerning those in trying to walk as fast as Nellie. better things, unseen and apt to Just as she got down the middle be forgotten, yet all powerful for of the lane she got quite a fall weal, that the Spirit often speaks | over a huge stump. This stump in the ear of the forward and care- had stood in the lane for years less child of God the single, suffi- and was a very ugly old thing, cient word : Remember. Where | Mattie was soon on her feet again that word is heeded, the soul is and toddled along as best she snatched from peril; where it is could over the rough frozen roads. unheeded, another barrier in the They finally reached Aunt Fanway to Death goes down. Where | nie's, and O what a pleasant eventhe memory of God's teachings, ing they had popping corn and with respect to right and wrong, cracking nuts. is ever present to the mind, there is less chance of transgression; where that memory does not ex- ing fast. Aunt Fannie said they ist, transgression is absolutely had better start home early becertain. - Sunday School Times.

HINTS TO YOUNG WOMEN.

more spare time than is good for | new for little Mattie to be out in them. Many of the occupations the snow, and it was such fun to they are accustomed to look on as catch the big flakes in her wide the toils of their lives—fancy work, paying visits, practising, ground and trees were soon covetc-are, as many married women and not a few girls could tell them, little more than healthful recreations. If any girl would but keep an account of her time for a week she would be startled two hours' reading would hardly I can't see you!" interfere, if properly arranged as to time, with any of her amuse- her up and carrying her in her ments and occupations, and would be simply invaluable in giving burden, and not until Mattie askhour a day devoted to the con- alize that they were lost. Yes, quest of a modern or an ancient lost! out in that dreadful storm!

Let a girl, even if she cannot novel reading is easily regained, one or two verses every morning while dressing, and to find how infinite a treasure through their whole lives will be those "jewels which on the stretched forefinger of fall time sparkle forever," and | thing. which they have made their own Cleveland Leader.

OUR YOUNG FO LKS.

REMEMBER, BOYS.

Little friends, when you are the on the Half frantic with frolic, laughter and noise, Don't ever forget to bow when you meet-When you meet an old man with gray hairs, my boys.

Is the aged man feeble, decrepit and lame Does he lean on his staff with unsteady Never mock at his sorrow, but stop in your game And bow to the man with gray haire, my

If he sometimes halt in his tottering pare To witness the flow of your innocent joys Don't jostle the old man out of his place, But greet his gray tocks with a bow, my

Remember, the years are only a few Since he, on the street with his games and toys,

Was healthy and happy and active like you; And bright as the sun were his curls, my But age has furrowed the cheek that was

While sorrows have broken his once mellow voice: And now there is many a silvery hair On the head where the curls were so bright, my boys. The Spring day of youth is a gem; it is gold.

And gay little friends, if you live to be old, Your steps will be slow, your locks gray, my boys. So, when you are blithely at play on the Half frantie with frolie and laughter and

But Time all its glorious lustor destroys;

Remember to pleasantly bow when you When you meet an old man with gray hairs, my boys. - Independant.

NELLIE'S PRAYER.

It was Saturday, and Nellie and her sister Mattie had been such good little girls all morning, the camp look at it and directly that mamma said they might bring the tools, he inquired how go down to Aunt Fannie's and the chip told him what was wantstay all night with their cousins, ed? Being informed, he was Nellie and Katie.

Aunt Fannie's house was quite a that he might keep the talking great distance, as she lived down chip, returned; shouting as he in the valley, on the banks of the went: "See the wisdom of the ful neglect which is to blame. The river, while Nellie and Mattie had pale-faces! They can make the things which appeal most strong- a nice home away upon a high chips of wood do their talking !"

ly to our attention in this mart of hill just at the edge of the town Vanity Fair are not the things All around the house were large whose acquirement by us would fields and meadows, and in front be to the greater glory of God or a long lane which led down to the our own good. Beneath the nois- road. Soon after dinner, Nellie es which break upon the ear with and Mattie started down that they their suggestions of forbidden might get there before dark. It pleasure, there are softer voices was a very cold day, and as mamwhich whisper of better things ma tied on their hoods she told than are to be found amid the them to do nothing wrong and not brawling and blustering of those to go on the river as the ice might

Little Mattie had some trouble.

Morning came, and when they awakened they saw the snow fallfore it got too deep. As they had promised mamma to be home in time to go to church, they bade their little cousins good bye As a rule, grown up girls have and started. It was something open mouth as they fell. The ered white, and the snow fell faster and faster. The wind and snow so beat against their faces that Mattie could scarcely get along, Nellie kept up a brave little heart

> "O. Nellie! I have lost my overshoe, and the snow is so thick

till Mattie began to cry and ex-

Nellie quieted her by picking arms! On she plodded with her the wind; nothing could they see but the big white flakes. Mattie cried, and Nellie called as loud as she could, but no one could hear

her in that storm. "I think we are on the hill righteousness, and all these things | imagined, and may console her- now, but I don't know which way ie, and they both were crying.

"O. what shall we do?" sobbed Mattie. I am so cold!" "Well," said Nellie, "we will

Down in the deep snow they knelt, and there they asked the good Lord to direct them to their home. This done they wandered on, but had only gone a few steps when they stumbled over some-

"O. Mattie, it's the stump in the lane, and now we can go straight on to our door!" joyfully cried Nellie.

Mamma was soon rejoicing over her lost children, and as they sat before the bright fire in the grate warming their cold little hands and feet, Mattie looked up and

"God answered our prayer. He found us the stump so we could find our way home."—Western

THE TALKING CHIP.

When the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, Dec. 21, 1620, they were truly "wanderers in a strange land"-hence the name Pilgrims. They were not the Puritans, though perhaps as much "haters of music." These people did not bring houses with them, and consequently were, as soon as possible, engaged in erecting buildings for comfort and protection. One of the carpenters, who had employed an Indian to assist him, who had previously learned to speak English a little, went to his work one day without his "square and compasses," so he took a chip and wrote upon it a request that the keeper of the tool chest would send them to him by the chip-bearer. With this chip the Indian was directed to go to the camp, show his chip, and to bring back the tools wanted, he being assured that the chip would inform the man at the camp what was desired.

The Indian did not understand how a chip could talk, since it had no mouth; but he carried it, as directed, and seeing the man at greatly astonished, and, begging THE C 1 TE When

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARCH 16.

THE COMING OF THE LORD. 1 THESS. 4: 13-18; 5:1-8.

When Paul preached at Thessalodied would fail to receive the full and permits of it being washed. blessings of Christ's coming kingdom, given to those who remained alive. Paul corrects this error by showing how all true believers will alike share in the glory of Christ's kingdom. Archangel, the prince or half, or two thirds full. 2. Don't use chief of angels, probably Michael, any oil that will ignite from a light-Jude 9; Rev. 12:7, to whom especially is committed the guardianship of open vessel. 3. Keep your burner the people of God, Dan. 10:17. and wick-tube well cleansed, and the Them which are asleep, the dead in crust rubbed off the top of the wick. Christ Death is frequently spoken 4. Turn your wick down to extinguish of in Scripture as a "sleep", cone. the light Never blow it out under the child was quite well the next day. pare I Kings 2: 10; Daniel 2: 12; any circumstances. Halt the acci-John 11: 11; Acts 7: 60; 1 Cor. 15: dents are caused by blowing out. 18. Our word "cemetery" denotes a | Turn the wick down and let it go out sleeping place. Sorrow not, do not itself. 5. After the light is out turn mourn for your departed friends as your wick down as low as it will if they had lost their part in the bear without getting out of the ratchet kingdom. As others, the rest, all who and keep it so till you light again. have not the Christian hope, whether 6. Never use a lamp or oil can that skeptics or unenlightened heathen. leaks, or is out of order. Get it No hope, the poet Æschylus writes, 'Ot mended or throw it away. Don't one once dead there is no resurrec- give it away. Be careful to obtion: so all pagans held, compare serve rule No. 2 .. - J. B. Cooper Eph. 2:2. Jesus died and rose, Paul had preached that truth to the Thessalonians, and some believed, Acts 17: 3-4. Which sleep, will rise, for Jesus rose again: death is to the Christian, a sleep in Jesus. Bring back to us, by the resurrection when he comes. By the word of the Lord, put in a pinch of salt. The cooler the by a special revelation, compare 2 Cor 12:1; Gal, 1: 12; 2:2 Remain, living on the earth, Coming, advent, return. Prerent, " precede," or go before into the kingdom. Prevent had its literal meaning of "go before" in old English. Lord, Jesus Christ. From heaven, to which he ascended, Acts 1; 11, and where he now is, Col. 3:1. Shout, a signal shout, word of command, order to a multitude, John 5: 28. Trump, the trumpet was used to summon assemblies, Num. 10: 2; 31: 6; Joel 2: 1; and accompanied divine mantestations. Ex. 19: 16; Psalm 47: 5; Isa. 27:13; Matt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15, 25. First before the living are caught up. Then, after the dead are raised. The air, the space between earth and John 17: 24. Comfort one another, in | lemon. your swrrows at the death of loved

ble fathers, so you resemble or are related to light and to the day. Sleep, dullness to spiritual things; in v. 7 it means ordinary sleep (Fausset) Sober, in the widest sense; free from

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all mental and sensual indulgences. Drunken, in the literal sense. Putting on, defensive armor. Faith. graces.

THE NEWLY MARRIED.

a rule, to begin by themselves, together, without the officious direction of others, however well-meaning; and it is good, if possible, to be at home, not at a boarding-house nor a hotel. It may be "love in a cottage," and the cottage may be humble; but it is commonly better adapted to the growth of a true, pure, simple life than "rooms" in one of those nonmilitary barracks which the needs of our great cities are supposed to demand. A "mess-table" is doubtless proper for the officers of a regiment or a group of monks. The passengers of a train or an ocean steamer, of course, can properly dine together; but for young married people, it is best that they should live together, their door closing out the world; that they should be all in all, under God, to each other; that the young wife should not be pursued by calcu lations as to how she looks to a hundred spectators; that he and she should plan together wisely adapt their mode and habits of life to means and prospects, always remembering that it is comparatively easy to go up, but exceedingly difficult to descend gracefully... Better to begin at the beginning, and to conquer the prosaic difficulties of life while the poetry of The conclusion is as follows: To early love is still real, and while the later cares and anxieties of life arm not yet pressing, than to be forced to the task when other and inevitable burdens have to be carried. -Dr. John Hall.

COVERING FLOORS.

A new process of covering floors is described as follows: The floor is thoroughly cleaned. The holes and cracks are then filled with paper putty, made by soaking newspapers in a paste made as follows: To one pound of flour add three quarts of water and a tablespoonful of ground alum, and mix thoroughly. The floor is coated with this paste, and then a thickness of manilla or hardlowed to dry thoroughly. The man- the head, shoulders, feet, or any ware paper is put on. This is alilla paper is then covered with paste place else. There is little excuse for and a layer of wall paper of any a man to catch cold who can control style anddesign is put on. After his circumstances and buy clothes allowing this to dry thoroughly it is and fuel .- The Week,

covered with two or more coats of oil finish vainish," which can be bought already prepared. This is allowed to dry thoroughly, when the door is ready for use. The process nica many believed, Acts 17: 1-17. is represented to be durable and Some among them appear to have cheap, and besides taking the place misunderstood his preaching, and in- of matting, carpet, oilcleths, or like ferred that those of their friends who covering, makes the floor airtight,

ABOUT LAMPS.

1. Keep your lamps full of oil, not ed match applied to the surface in in the Smyrna (Del.) Times.

USEFUL HINTS.

To beat the white of eggs quickly eggs the quicker they will froth. Salt cools and also freshens them.

It the brass top of a kerosene lamp has come off, it may be replaced with plaster of Paris wet with a little water, and will be as strong as ever.

It soothes and cools a feverish patient to bathe him with warm water in which a little saleratus has been

Roasted coffee is one of the most powerful disinfectants, not only rendering animal and vegetable effluvia harmless, but really destroying

Gelatine frosting is made by dis-Together, at the same time with them. solving a tablespoonful of gelatine in back or bowels, sore throat, rheumaa small half cup of boiling water; tism, toothache, lumbago, and any kind beaven. With the Lord, compare thicken with sugar and flavor with of pain or acle. "It will most surely

The Lancet does not approve of Household Panacea" being acknowand special opportunities, or short children's parties, and thinks that ledged as the great Pain Reliever, and periods of time. Thief in the night, not only in winter, but at all seasons, of double the strength of any other to take men by surprise. Sudden de- the amusements of young children | Elixir or Liniment in the world, should struction, that is upon those not watch- should be simple, unexciting, and as be in every family handy for use when ing. In darkness, in spiritual igno. free as possible from the characteris- wanted, "as it really is the best reme-

> In winter keep the bridle-bit wrapped with a piece of rag This is less trouble than warming it in the hand before putting on the bridle on a cold day. With the thermometer 20° below the freezing point the touch of umbrellas, or plait the hair, to say the cold iron will invariably remove nothing of an interdict on building and the skin from the mouth of the ani- weaving.

As the country grows older the love hope, the three pre-eminent old plan of planting large blocks five years. Six bottles of Burdock of trees so closely that their roots Blood Bitters cured him, which he conrun together, does not meet its siders almost a miracle. It was but the former success. It requires more natural result of the remedy restoring heavy manuring than is usually giv- pure blood and perfect secretion. en. Almost all instances of extreme-It is good for the newly married, as ly large yields are from trees that stand by themselves and have been well manured besides.

> The best yeast is made as follows: Boil a handful of hops in two quarts of water ten minutes; strain, and add to the liquor one cup of sugar, six grated potatoes, and a tablespoonful of salt. Let it simmer half an hour, add a cupful of good yeast when lukewarm, and let it rise without being in any way chilled. - Mrs. Jack in Rural New Yorker.

> meal; place it, in the morning, in a tumbler, and fill it up with new milk. Let it stand all day, and take it for supper or for a night cap. The grains will have been softened by their soaking in the milk, and it can be eaten with a spoon. This is said by its advocates to be a specific against neuralgia, and is soundly recommended for sedentary folks .- Farm and

> Some one has taken the trouble to find out, says the Orange County Farmer, how far a farmer must walk to put in and tend forty acres of corn. plow the ground with a 16-inch three horse plow, he travels 350 miles: to harrow the ground thoroughly betore planting, he will have to travel 100 miles; to mark out the same, he travels 50 miles; to cultivate it afterwards, he will have to travel three hundred miles-making a grand total of eight hundred miles, besides the gathering.

Nobody ever caught cold who was invariably warm enough. But there are times and places when one can not keep warm, as out of doors in mid-winter. The winter storm may be defied for a time, because one is uniformly cold, and yet not enough to reduce his vitality. To be cold in one spot and not in another is the fatal thing. Hence the universal acknowledged danger of a draught on

We caution all persons not to buy sizing made by dissolving half a the extra large packs of dust and ashes pound of white glue in two quarts of | now put up by certain parties and called water. After this is allowed to dry condition powders. They are utterly the surface is given one coat of "hard worthless. Buy Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders if you buy any: they are absolutely pure and immensely

> English statistics show a steady decrease of the number of blind persons refurned in the census since 1851, According to the latest return there is one blind person for 1,138 of the population. The decrease in the number of the blind is attributed to improvments in surgical treatment.

> > 318 Monroe St., New York, Jan. 10, 1884.

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> In Madagascar, on the death of the late Queen, the people were forbidden for two months to wear hats, carry

FACT STRANGER THAN FICTION. - It is a fact that Alonzo Howe, of Tweed, had a fever sore that afflicted him for thirty-

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THE LICENSE QUESTION.

In glancing over an old Shelburne paper of a century ago the writer remembers to have seen in one and the same advertisement the announcement of "old Jamaica spirits," Bibles and Prayer books. A century has done something for us, but by no means all that it should have done. May we not hope that another similar period will do so much that those who then live shall look back upon our papers with strange surprise that there should have been in the religious press even an allusion to the terrible fact of licensing men to make brutes of each other. Of this fact it becomes each day more and more difficult to write with an approach to patience.

We are not sure that a gentleman was altogether wrong in making the suggestion the other day that it might be better on the whole to let the traffic go so far as to cure itself by the very madness and villainy it would produce. Certain we are that to take this outrageous, devil-begotten traffic into our legislative halls and to grant licenses to men to engage in it is to compromise with wrong and thus blunt the moral sense of the public. But we have to make the best of a bad matter, since prohibition pure and simple cannot be yet obtained. Were the only difficulty a question of revenue or even of the rum power in politics we should be more hopeful, but the sad fact is evident that the moral sense of the people of our cities in particular is not yet educated up to a point which would guarantee any government the power to carry out a prohibitory policy. It seems therefore that we must wait and work and hope, and meanwhile men must drink and die, and women suffer and children go to degradation and woe, all for the supposed good of a part of our population who fatten on graveyards, according to law.

to the legal merits of the Dominion License Act. A few first-class law suits-if anything connected with liquor can be first-class-will be necessary to settle certain questions of jun isdiction. But it seems to us that, excepting the Canada Temperance Act, the Dominion Act is in many respects an improvement upon previous legal enactments, especially in view of the appointment of inspectors who apparently, in the majority of cases, have been chosen with a good deal of judgment. The amendment which gives an Inspector also to those counties where the Canada Temperance Act is in force, was much needed and will, we hope, prove to be a benefit. One of the most reassuring features of the matter is the evident fear of the

We have no disposition to enter in

rumsellers. In this city it is not likely that the number of retail licenses will exceed half of last year's list, though double that number have paid in their \$10-a little fundurks about that fact-and will oscillate between hope and fear until the 29th inst., when their names will have been published and their intended business proclaimed on the house. tops. At the same time it is to be supposed that our legislative and civic authorities will find themselves under the necessity of raising the rate of licenses so high as to cause the success ful applicants to become watchful for their own sake over illicit vendors. Let us hope that no complications will ensue to cause temperance to suffer from a mixture of laws, and let all true temperance men work to secure the early coming of a day when this accursed traffic shall only be named on our statute books as murder is named there.

NOT EVEN A GLEAM!

Our contemporary, the Church Guardian, finds a "gleam of hope" in several recent events in Methodism. Two things cheer our contemporary. He sees certain resemblances between the Episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church and that of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of England and America; and he also learns that the Rev. J. W. Hamilton, of been permitted Boston, has to remain there several years, as

afferts that "there is a spirit of rest- individuals with a nervous dread of a ressness in the Methodist fold which similar experience; very probably betokens coming danger to, and ulti- they have led to a greater degree of mate destruction of, the peculiar ten- care in ascertaining the fact of death.

Methodist Church of America is really presbyterial in its church polity. The fact that Wesley at the time of its institution proposed certain Episcopal arrangements weighs little. His views of diocesan episcopacy are well ters. Our Episcopal friends have used ma of Apostolic succession in tactual They know that their past system abodes of the living ! was wrong; they feel that they are off the track, and now they are drawing near us by travestying some of the best and most stable features of our system." We did not, because of the adoption of these modes of ours, charge our Episcopal brethren with gradually breaking loose from their

Nor need our contemporary see in he permanence of the Rev. J. W. Hamilton in the pastorate of the People's Church any effort to "work on oundations many centuries older and nore stable than their own." Imagine Bishop Simpson reading that sentence! From the beginning of Weslev's great work the hand of the great Master-builder has been recognized and his guidance sought. Methodism has been conservative—in some cases far too much so—but when her eaders have once unmistakably seen in all cases where the painfully evithe hand of Providence they have set cust-iron rules aside, and in so doing have prospered. The leaving of Mr. Hamilton in charge of the People's Church will not break up the itinerancy, though we believe that whenever Methodist preachers and people may deem it the will of Providence to make any modifications in their sysem, they will make them, without destroying it. Our contemporary may await a consequent crash, but will await it in vain. Some expected destruction when lay delegation came. but a blessing came instead. It was thought a year or two ago that the revision of our English book of services would raise a tremendous dust, but the watchers only saw three or four 'advanced" Methodist preachers emerging from a slight cloud on their

own quicksand moorings."

Do not wait, dear brother of the Guardian, for our downfall. Rather pray for us. Let us agree to give and take what each may find of good in the other, seeking only the Master's glory. As the larger body, we shall lend a helping hand in all that tends to bless our brother man.

way to seek a bishop's hands, while

the satisfaction of faithful Methodists

was increased a hundredfold.

PREMATURE BURIAL.

Frequent reports have of late apmanager of a special and successful peared in the papers respecting alleg-Methodist enterprise known as the ed narrow escapes from living burial, " People's Church." On the first or of changes of position after burnal fact or assumption he bases the charge | which seemed to indicate a brief but that Methodists 'take our system and terrible return to consciousness. We toy with it;" on the second he founds attach little importance to mest of the same Church condemned this tions. He must have some paths the affirmation that "the 'circuit' these, yet they have their influence. course in still stronger terms and by a where He can walk alone without be- made a careful examination of all the advocacy of duty and forceful putting business is not relished;" and then Possibly they may have institled some unanimous vote.

ets of that body." Hence this Instances like those alluded to can but rarely have taken place in our The Guardian is easily pleased. Its northern climate, which permits so quotation from an American paper lo- great a delay in burial. If indeed ses all its force when the writer of it they have ever taken place, it must affirms that the Methodist Episcopacy have been during the prevalence of of the United States is an office and not those violent epidemics which oblige an order, therein agreeing with the as- the authorities, for the safety of the sertion of Dr. Abel Stevens that the living, to demand the early removal of the dead. To guard against them, in southern latitudes, however, where speedy interment must always be the rule, is less easy. It is well known that some of the epidemics which occasionally break out in those lower known. Churches, like nations, have latitudes are often accompanied by an a certain degree of liberty in such mat- experience in which the sufferer, all the while conscious, seems to have so that liberty pretty freely. The dog- lost all control over his physical powers, that eyes, tongue, feet and hands form was not asserted by the Reform. no longer act at his bidding. During ers: it was introduced later from this cataleptic stage, and when physiabroad. Many customs too they have cians have been too busy to use any adopted from others. It was only special tests, there is a danger that, after the Methodists and Baptists in to the horror of the patient, he may this city had held religious services be removed to his final resting place. for many years on Sunday evenings, The writer has been told of a soldier which were attended by a large num- in a military hospital with yellow feber of Episcopalians, that Bishop Inver, who saw a certain foreigner apglis discovered that such services were pointed for the work bring in what authorized by Scripture and the the latter with grim humor called the Primitive Church;" and almost every "vooden schacket" and place it beside thoughtful citizen who hears the his bed. Just then, by a superhuman Cathedral bell on New Year's eve effort, he regained the control of his knows that it is for a service peculiar physical powers and startled the offi to Methodism for more than three- cial by a bound from the bed to the quarters of a century. If we are not floor. A still narrower escape, of mistaken, Bishop Binney mentioned which the writer was told by a gentleour revival services, which once man of the highest standing, took brought upon us bitter opposition and place during the last and terrible epiridicule, as an illustration of the re- demic in 1864, when Bermuda was sults to be expected from the use of the resort of thousands of strangers omewhat similar means under the drawn thither by the exciting busiother name of "mission." We accepe ness of blockade running. One evented the compliment, but did not say ing a number of bodies were taken to as we might, as the leading Church of the burial place and laid down within the Dominion or the Continent, have the enclosure, while the bearers went said with much more force than the back for another instalment. What Guardian: "Now why should our was their surprise, as they re-entered (Episcopal) friends thus take our sys- the enclosure, to meet a man who had tem and toy with it? Why do they burst the slightly fastened coffin lid not come in at once and be consistent? and was making his way back to the

> prevalence of a fever epidemic the authorities came to remove his body tor interment. His wife begged for delay, and succeeded in securing a short postponement. At the appointed hour the officials returned, to find the door so securely fastened that they a second time retired, leaving Mrs. Whitehouse at liberty to continue the use of measures which resulted in the restoration of her husband to consciousness and to a work in which he became a highly esteemed veteran.

The moral of such incidents is that the utmost care should be observed dent symptoms of decay are not clearly present.

The Memorial Notice, on another page, of an aged Methodist, five of whose children are now residents in New York, may serve to remind us of the great losses which Methodism in these Lower Provinces is continually sustaining. The writer a few years ago received a number of young persons into membership with our church in a certain Nova Scotia village, but nearly all these before his own removal, had received notes to pastors in the United States. Numerous ministers have contended that Methodism in the American cities has well held her own. We have no disposition to argue whether the three years' pastorate of Methodism is working satisfactorily in those cities or not, but we think that the influx in past years from the British Provinces, to say nothing of the equally heavy drain in certain Northern cities.

of the Methodist Episcopal Church in

British Columbia is following California in her treatment of the Chinese and is disposed to lead Canada to do what the United States has already done. Memorials have reached Parliament from the Pacific coast asking their exclusion in the future, and their non-employment on our public works. That there are grave difficultise involved by their presence in great numbers must be admitted, but we hope that no hasty legislation may be taken. The people of California a e beginning to reap the practica' benefits of the anti-Chinese law pushed through Congress mainly by the politicians of that State. The Independent says :-"It was ho ped that, if Chinese laborers were driven out and kept away, white laborers in sbundance would come in and take their places; but this does not turn ont to be a fact. The consequence is an increased demand for labor with an inadequate supply, which has already had the effect of raising the price charged by the remaining Chinamen, and subjecting the purchasers of labor to numerous inconveniences and disadvantages. Housekeepers feel the inconvenience when they seek to procure good name! house servants, and have to pay higher wages. The farmers, especially the growers of fruits, who need to hire a large amount of labor, particularly in the picking season of grapes, are embararssed and seriously injured by the exclusion of Chinese laborers." This is but one side of the argument. How long is it since Englishmen complain-

A return brought down the other day at Ottawa gives an estimate of the year's drink bill in the Dominion. According to the paper the number of gallons of spirits consumed in New Brunswick was more than double that of Nova Scotia, but on the other hand Nova Scotians are represented to have used nearly two and a half times more beer than their neighbors in New Brunswick. There is less comfort in this fact to Nova Scotians than some might suppose. Our observation of beer drinkers has confirmed the truth of a remark once made by a soldier It was in one of the West India to the writer, that "it is little use Islands that the Rev. Isaac White- talking about the Gospel to a man house, a Wesleyan missionary who whose brain is muddled by beer." It was present at the organization of the seems to confirm the bad habits of all an obituary does not at once appear Eastern British American Conference, who use it. As has been said: It narrowly escaped an early termination stupefies, animalizes and destroys all of a most useful career. During the the finer feelings, which are blunted if not entirely dethroned in all beerguzzlers, and leaves the poor victims to live and act like brutes. The following remarks, from the Pacific Medical Journal, should be carefully consider-

ed of the restrictions of the Chinese?

A whiskey-drinker will commit murder only under the direct excitement of liquor; a beer drinker is capable of doing it in cold blood. Long observation has assured us that a large proportion of murders, deliberately planned and executed without passion or malice, with no other motive than the acquisition of property or money. often of trifling value, are perpetrated by beer-drinkers.

We believe, further, that the hereditary evils of beer-drinking exceed those proceeding from ardent spirits: first, because the habit is constant and without paroxysmal interruptions, which admit of some recuperation; secondly, because beer drinking is practiced by both sexes more generally than the spirit-drinking; and thirdly, because the animalizing tendency of the habit is more uniformly developed, thus authorizing the presumption that

The arrival at New York of the heroes of the "Jeannette" expedition furnished the pulpit orators of that city with a theme for a recent Sabbath. The utmost possible was made of heroism, but little was done in the way of showing any practical results from such cost of life and treasure. People are beginning to question seriously whether the discovery of a frozen island pays for the risk of attempting an entrance to those eternal solitudes whose gates swing open to the adventurer, too often to close behind upon the country districts of the East- him forever. Talmage well said, "It ern States, ought to have given Meth- is a great thing for the world to know odism a large increase of adherents when it has reached the impossible. All sensible and enterprising men sympathize with the Greely relief expedition, but not a dollar more, nor The Hamilton District Conference a life more should be sacrificed in merely scientific expeditions. There Canada at its recent session in Dun- is now no need of a northwest passage, ville, Ont., carried by a large majori- for the face of nature has changed. ty a resolution repudiating any con- Our continent is cut through in three nection with the petitions to Parlia- places, and why go up where the ment against union, and deprecating world will give us the cold shoulder the course pursued by said petition- when we can go through the heart of ers. The London District Conference of the continent! God has some reservaing questioned. He has set up his processes of an establishment in Lon- of truth.

burnished barriers, and armed sentinels are pacing up and down, and h

It is Spurgeon who uses these words which ought to be read again and tering o' ar Church:

any church members think that a they do nothing wrong and make no trouble, they are all right. Not chariot and we are all engaged to drag Some of you do not put out your hands to pull; well, then the rest of us have to labor so much the more, and the worst of it is, we have to draw you also. While you do not add to the strength which draws, you increase the weight that is to be drawn. It is all very well for you to say, " do not hinder." You do hinder, and you cannot help hindering. If a man's leg does not help him in walking, it certainly hinders him. Oh, I cannot bear to think of it. That I should be a hindrance to my own soul's growth is bad indeed; but that I should stand in the way of the people of God and cool their courage and dampen their ardor-my Master, let it never be Sooner let me sleep among the clods of the valley than be a hindrance to the meanest work that is done for thy

In reporting a cheering revival from the Berwick circuit, the Rev. John

Through you I would also say to the friends of the Berwick camp meeting that at an official meeting last autumn it became evident that either the grounds must be disposed of to meet the indebtedness and the whole affair closed up, or that a new departure be made in hope of securing greater spiritual and financial success. The meeting finally agreed to go forward and inclose the grounds accord ing to a previous resolution and make the necessary improvements. The committee has accordingly accepted tenders for all the fencing material, which is to be delivered on the first of May next. We are confidently looking to the share holders and friends to his mission work. for the promised assistance in perfecting the contemplated improvements.

Our young ministers may read with profit a paper on "the ministers' dead line," from the pen of the Rev. E. B. Moore, which appears on our sixth page. There is much practical truth in it, put in forcible words. ----Sometimesa minister grows uneasy because The editor has to be guided by circumstances. We endeavor as nearly as possible to give such papers in the order in which they reach us, but can sometimes insert a short one where we cannot find room for a longer

The notice of the publisher of this paper in reference to Premium Books seems to have been misunderstood. To all subscribers for the whole year the book was offered at \$2.30: the offer of the paper and book for \$2.00 to new subscribers about the middle of February was made on the ground that the book would be an equivalent for the previous numbers of the paper from January, which they would not

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Just before the delivery of one of his recent lectures in Boston, Joseph Cook was asked a question in reference to People's churches. His anawer had reference to that recently the vicious results are more generally built by the Methodists at a cost of \$100,000.

A model People's church has been dedicated lately to its high uses in Boston, and if you wish to see my answer to this question look at that church! It is evangelical to commence with. It rents no pews. Mr Emerson said religion in our time has become pew renting. It intends by the blessing of Heaven, to be aggressive and to reach the whole population. It is full of the revival spirit. I do not know that People's churches ought to stand entirely outside of de- or the New Distillery." Those who nominations. I rejoice that this People's church belongs to one of our most aggressive evangelical bodies of Christians. I should not think more of it if it were to sever itself from that connection. It is denominational, but still it is substantially unsectarian. A People's church loses more than it gains by cutting the cord that binds it to some one of the great evangelical denominations.

In reply to the question whether unfermented wine is a fact, and whether its use should be required in the communion service, he said

There are in New York and Brook. lyn, in London and Edinburgh, many establishments which claim to sell unfermented juice of the grape. I am not now to enter upon the question as to the unfermented wine in biblical times; for the inquiry does not bring up this vexed point. A distinguished

don that claims to sell unfermented wine." He gave me authority to say has placed the sign there, 'No ad mit. that he was fully convinced that unfermented wine, or unfermented juice of the grape, is now sold in London and in many places in the British Islands. Thousands of English and Scotch churches use only what is called unfermented wine at their commuagain to the many converts now en- nion service. In the United States, great numbers of churches use only unfermented juice of the grape at the Lord's table.

The question is one that should not be allowed to divide the churches all, sir; not at all. Here is a and produce bitterness of feeling nevertheless I believe, that, in a quiet way, we ought to promote the use of the unfermented juice of the grape at the holy service of the Eucharist There is not the least doubt that & reformed inebriate is justified in abstaining from the use of wine at the communion service, lest it should awaken a thirst which he is unable to control. Offered wine by his pastor, a reformed drunkard may stumble over his spiritual misleader into temporal and eternal ruin.

PERSONAL.

Will Carleton, the well known poet, whose poems have been published for vears by Harper and Brothers, is the son of devoted Methodist parents.

Rev. Samuel Checote, for twelve years principal chief of the Creek Nation, has been for 31 years a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop M'Tyeire is preparing a History of Methodism," in view of the Centennial. The New York Adcocate, judging from an extract published, expects it to be a valuable contribution to Methodist history.

The Primitive Methodist minister under whose preaching Mr. Spurgeon found reace with God is still preaching, It was lately announced that he would preach the same sermon that was so blessed to Mr. Spurgeon.

Rev. Dr. Henry Blodgett, for many years a missionary of the American Board in North China, has returned thither after a vacation. Though offered \$5,000 a year to act as interpreter by the government, he returned

At a pleasant gathering at the Kave street church on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. W. G. Lane was presented with \$345, the total sum subscribed in view of the recent prosecution of that gentleman by the government. The list contained the names of a number of prominent

We learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. S. T. White, of Hamilton, Bermuda. The editor of this paper is only one of the many ministers who have shared the hospitality of this excellent lady. To the husband and children, to whose welfare she was so devoted, we tender sincerest sympathy. Mrs. White's death was preceded only a short time by that of her sister Mrs. Dickinson.

Rev. A. McKeown, D. D., a Nova Scotian, and brother of the late Rev. H. McKeown of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, is closing a most successful pastorate. Through Zien's Herald we learn that "in the pulpit he ranks second to no other preacher in the city, while all the details of ministerial work have been carefully looked after. Under his labors there has been a gradual revival work, resulting in an increase of membership nearly two hundred." His present field is Portland, Me.

LITERARY Etc.

The publishers of Henry Ward Beecher's sermons-Messrs. Fords Howard and Hulbert, of New Yorkpublish his discourse on "Wendell Philips," one of the finest portraitures yet drawn of that remarkable man. It is sold at ten cents.

Precepts for Preachers, In the Pulpit and Out of It, compiled from many authors by Rev. W. Griffiths, is from T. Woolmer, London. In several chapters Mr. Griffiths has grouped a representative collection of the best thoughts of the best writers on the ministry and its work. The busy minister may thus avail himself of those best instructions without the labor of perusing them all. Young ministers should read it with great advantage.

The American Sunday-school Union-Philadelphia, publishes Struggling Upward, by Sarah J. Jones, who recently gave the public "Downward, may have noticed the graphic touch with which she pictured the career of the distiller as he dragged his whole family into ruin, will be glad here to trace the struggle of a reme nant and their ultimate escape. This book is full of touching incidents and sound teaching. Its price, in attructive binding-276 pages-is \$1.25 Book and Tract Society.

A volume which we should like to see in every Methodist home, is the second series of Sermons, by Rev. W. Morley Punshon, LL.D., just issued by the Rev. T. Woolmer, London, and to be ordered through our Book room. To say that Dr. Punshon's sermons were eloquent would be to venture a trite remark : they were the work of a master of eloquence. He who reads them will find, as we have found, not merely a pure and elevated diction, but with it in rare combination, "conscience searching appeal,

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The Committee appointed by the Nova Scotia Conference to confer respecting the interests of the Children's Fund will meet at Truro, Tuesday, March 25th.

If any brethren in the ministry or any Quarterly Board have any suggestions to offer in regard of what is from them in any form most convenient. Communications may be addressed to me.

A. D. MORTON, Secy. Ch. Fund. Pugwash, Feb 28th, 1884.

For the WESLEYAN. OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK. No. VII.

the Canada Presbyteric n :- " Now let motive power be test ed by the results. Let the Victoria, an'd the other Arminian school in Mon creal, stand for all Street. 250 posters for general misthat the motive power of Arminian- sion. 18,000 cards in the houses and ism can do for theological education in the works. Advertisements in daily the Methodist Church, With num papers. bers about equal we have six Theological Colleges fairly well equipped, nearly all paid for, and most of them fax on the way to a liberal endow- entered the inquiry room, and tiftyment. Our college buildings in Hali- five children. The week-evening fax, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and congregation increased during the Winnipeg are-well, the Guardian is week. On the second Sunday aftera good neighbor and we won't hurt its noon the chapel was filled with men son on the 24th ult. received four feelings by comparing those buildings who had been admitted by ticket, and with Victoria. Princely sums have after a most impressive service forty been given to several of these colleges men came nobly forward to be spoken in order that the genuine article may to in the vestries, together with be taught to our students for general twenty five boys from the Wesley tions to come . . . If ,as the Guardian College. At the end of the fortnight alleges, Methodist people should give 660 names had been taken besides a more diberally for theological educa- large number of children. Each contion because they have a more liber- vert has been furnished with a list of al system of theology the answer isthey don't. . . . Arminianism does not quest to place a cross opposite the seem to be a strong enough system to class in which he chooses to meet. induce men to endow chairs to teach

comparison-probably not wilfully. But let that pass. Dr. Dewart hits the nail on the head with a sledge hammer when he asks wealthy Methodists, "Whether they are willing that we should permanently occupy a second rank in any department of church work?

The Presbyterian Church is one of

the grandest churches in the world,

notwithstanding her obselete Augustinianism. The good old days of sneering at Methodism are pretty well over 100 uncertain. with her. She willingly acknowledges and power of a church that has much in common with herself. It is quite true that in this matter of educational work she is in advance of us. The Presbyterian Church is a nation. al church. She entered upon her career with the nation behind her to help her. She had two centuries the start of Methodism. The Methodist Church is in no sense national, but cosmopolitan. She entered upon her career with the nation behind her to kick her. The nation did its duty in this particular most valiantly. The confession of the English liturgy, "We have left undone the things which we ought to have done," could never in the Anglican sense be applied to the attitude of that sect toward Methodism. What the Episcopal body thought "ought to be done" to our church was done with a vengeance. And yet it is our proudest boast that God has so enlarged our borders that we never could command the men we wanted, but had to take what we could get. From the outset however our

church has fostered education. A comparative statement of what has been done during the last century by Presbyterians and Methodists in the matter of education, no Methodist would shrink from. If there are ignorant Methodist ministers, so are there ignorant Presbyterian ministers. The one who asked the writer, pointing to a chromo on his study wall : " Was that chromo painted in this room?" would inevitably be laughed at by ninety nine out of every one hundred of his brethren. Still it must be confessed that th Peresbyterian ministry as a whole has been in advance of us in literary culture. But the stand has been taken by our church, by which the hitherto unquestioned boast that the Presby terian clergy were the best educated in Canada may in the future be modified. It never was true as a whole; for we have and always have had men the peers in classic attain-

true in part. It is yet true in part. The year 1884 will, however, see our doors closed against any man whose literary acquirements are not equal to those of the average Presbyterian minister. A man called of God to preach, must preach. If he cannot educate himself, the church must educate him To thrust him into the work in defiance of church law would be an injustice to himself, to the peo-

ments of any in the world. But from

the causes above mentioned it was

ple, and to the church. AN ENGLISH REVIVAL MIS-

SION.That our readers may understand how our English brethren prepare and carry on their revival work, we copy the following from the London Meth-

being felt throughout the entire town, the first of November.

preparations were commenced a out three months ago. It was thought that the time had come for a great effort, which should enlist the activities of the whole of Sheffi ald Methodism. Believing this, the services of four ministers, greatly o wned by God in evangelistic labours, were engaged, one for each chapel.

The mission was mangurated by an all day conventio a at Norfolk Street, presided over by the Rev. H. Hastling, meeting in class. chairman of the district. The Rev. desirable in the interest of this Fund, A. MacAula, the Rev. W. H. Tindall and the Rev. Thomas Cook delivered addresses on Winning Souls and Filling (hapels,' 'Holiness,' 'Consecratior . and Service,' &c. ; and nearly all the ministers of the Sheffield circuit s took part. The words spoken

w sre searching and yet encouraging, and the power of God was deeply felt. Mr. Cook commenced his work at Carver Street on Saturday, January 19, after the following preparation :-Special prayer during the previous week. Special choir of fifty or sixty for singing mission hymns. Visitation of all the houses within a quarter A late number of the Christian of a mile of the chapel. 2,000 copies Guardian quotes the following from of 'Joyful News,' with advertisement, distributed, 1.500 addresses to mem. bers circulated. 150 bills in shop windows. 200 posters for Carver

The chapel was crowded the first Sunday, the power of the Highest was felt, and sixty-nine above fourteen the Carver Street classes, and a re-On Thursday a tea was provided for all the inquirers and class leaders, The Presbyterian is unfair in its and above 500 responded to the invitation. The numbers gathered into the Carver Street Society will not be large in proportion to the total of names registered, as the following analysis will show, but most of the churches of the town will share in the blessing. Of the 500 who were present at the Thursday tea, 200 promised | the Sydney Methodist church. to join the Carver Street Society, 50 promised to join the junior classes. 50 belong to other Methodist societies. 100 belong to other denominations.

THE WESTERN FLOODS.

The Western Advocate learns from the Rev. T. G. Dickinson, that the towns of Harmar and Marietta, since the waters receded, present an appearance that can not be described. Harmar was swept by the fierce current of the Muskingum, which tested the strength of every structure in the town. The water attained the height of 8 feet 11 inches in excess of the flood of 18:3, and three feet more than the famous flood of 1832. Not one house escaped the water, and the majority had water in the second story. All except fifteen houses were deserted, the occupants finding shelter with some country friend or encamping on the hill. Fences, barns, carriage houses, coal sheds; kitchens, porches, all frame attachments, of every character, were swept from their foundations, and many taken off in the angry waters. Many small residences were taken away, and many others rendered unfit for occupancy. Not a few have no house to return to. Some lost all they had in the way of clothing, furniture, etc. Marietta was washed by the current of the Ohio, and the washing was most thorough. Many houses were taken away, others completely wrecked. Our Methodist churches lost

THE CHILDREN'S WORK,

A Boston despatch of the 21st ult. to the N. Y. Tribune, says: The Sunday school children of America have already sent three different vessels to co-operate with the missionaries in the Micronesian Islands, and will soon send a fourth. The first was built in 1856. After ten years' service her name was changed, and she was lost at sea. In 1866 the children built and equipped another Morning Star. She was wrecked in 1869. In 1870 another Morning Star was built in East Boston and sent out. She is still in active service, but is not, The Journal says, equal to all the demands upon her. It has been decided, therefore, to build another, a brigantine, about twice the size of the present vessel, to be supplied with steam as

an auxiliary power.

Once more the children have been called upon, and the subscriptions, of the rate of twenty five cents from each one, are flowing in. The new vessel, it is estimated, will cost \$45,000; and one dime annually from each subscriber will pay the running expenses. It is but a few weeks since the subscriptions were asked for. Already \$25, 000 has been received, and the American Board has determined to begin the vessel at once. It will be called the Morning Star. She will be built at Bath, Me., and her measurement will be about 1,425 tons. She is to be in Boston ready to load in September,

METHODIST NOTES.

Special services have been held for three weeks in Fredericton. A number of persons were to be received probotioners last Sunday evening

During the revival services lately held in the Methodist church, Portland. N. B., about forty persons professed conversion, nearly all of whom are

The bill respecting Methodist Union passed through the House of Commons committee on Tuesday. The incorporation act passed without inportant amendments.

seems to be no flagging of interest in the Methodist Institute though it has been open since the first of November, every Friday night but two

The revival services in the Exmouth street church, St. John, are being continued this week. Mr. Read, we learn mising state. Earnest and wise acfrom the daily papers, is being helped by his brethren and is working with and the pastor, Rev. J. J. Teasdale,

Cur Country estimates the present | Methodist population of New. foundland at 44,000. This is regarded by some as below the mark, though it indicates a handsome advanceon the figures of the last census.

At Queen Square church, St. John, the new organ, presented by Mr. J. Bu'lock, was used for the first time on Sunday and was pronounced by competent judges a most excellent instrument. A recital was to be held on Tuesday evening.

At Albert, N. B., Rev. L. S. John persons on trial, but during the following week buried three old members. At two places on the circuit God's work is being revived and sinners converted.

We learn through the /St. John Telegraph that on the 26th ult. the Rev. Silas James, of Gagetown, adpersons and also gave the right hand of fellowship to nineteen, who were thus admitted as members of the

Temperance Hall, Sydney, under the auspices of the Methodist choir, and remarks that "some of the more forty persons were led into the life difficult choruses were rendered in and liberty of the Lord Jesus Christ. that peculiarly exquisite style which | Dr. Bolton and his family entered into has always distinguished the choir of

Rev. J. Astbury remarks that when visiting the White Haven appointment at the beginning of the year, our friends pleasantly surprised us by placing in our hands a very appreciable New Year's gift. Late in people at Chaso."

The Rev. B. Hills, B. D., writes: a voung man.

The Rev. John Johnson writes God has richly blessed us at Berwick through special services, which have recently closed. The church has been greatly revived. Some who had departed from the fold have returned, and over thirty persons have feast and invited their teacher, the connected themselves with the classes, most of whom are happy in the Lord.'

The Editor of the Christian Visitor, who has been visiting Elgin, Albert Co., N. B., says in his paper: "The Methodists have a neat little church at the Corner and Rev. Mr. Williams is pastor, who, if he don't work himself to death on his large field, will succeed in building a Mission House, and otherwise developing the resources of his people in the line of church

students' missionary meeting in the Methodist church on Sunday evening the 24th ult., was largely attended. Interesting addresses were delivered by several of the students, and appropriate music was furnished by the choir under the charge of Prof. Cranz. The collections during the year amounted to over one hundred dol-

At a meeting held last week at the Woman's Missionary Society. The present membership of thirty, it is hoped, will be largely increased. Miss Louise Ray was chosen President of the new association, which selected widely followed.

The Carleton Sentinel reports very successful religious services at Northampton and Hartford, Carleton Co. The Methodists of Richmond contemplate the erection of a parsonage. A correspondent writes: "Quite a number of young persons have decided evening the plan of service was changed, Rev. Mr. Tippet asking for testimonies, and thirty-nine persons spoke within the space of fifty minutes. Our church needs a refreshing shower of Divine grace."

was opened on the Preston road, about three miles from Dartmouth.

service, after which Rev B. C. Borden, A. B., preached. Mr. Huestis also preached in the evening. This church has been built, free of debt, in a neighborhood where there had been no Methodist preaching. A good congregation is likely to be secured, who will be watched over by Mr. Downing, in charge of the Laurencetown circuit. Some of the most active promoters of this work are not yet members of our

church; we hope they soon will be.

For several weeks services have been held in the schoolroom of the Grafton street church, with blessing to many souls. Not a few of those who united with the church last win-According to the Truro Sun, "there ter have been active helpers in the present services. A number of persons from other congregations have been present, and some of them have found their way to the inquiry room, to be pointed to Christ. The various interests of this church are in a protivity is seen in many departments, finds his hands upheld by a praying people. The s.rvices are this we k being held at the Coburg road church, which is too small. Not a moment's to the new church.

Many thousands of conversions are reported in our English, American and Canadian Methodist exchanges of

A layman of the Church South sent a check for \$40 to be used in sending the Christian Advocate for the use of the inmates of one of the State prisons. - Christian Standard.

In the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States, the pastoral limit is five years, and the proposition is now under discussion to remove the limit altoget her.

Mrs. Annie R. Reese, of Baltimore, has made a very valuable addition to the library of the Anglo-Japanese ministered the rite of baptism to four | College at Tokio, Japan, by presenting to it the library of her late husband.

At Grace Church, Boston, Francis Murphy closed his labors on Feb. 13th. Each evening for more than a fort-The North Sydney Herald speaks in | night he addressed large audiences upon high terms of a concert given in the the Gospel temperance reform. More than three thousand people signed the total abstinence pledge, and more than the work with heartiness and zeal. Since the meetings they have had their hands full in caring for many who were unable to care for themselves

The following are some statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States: The number of bishops 10, of presiding elders 447. the same month a similar surprise and | Five ministers have been expelled and favor was fughished by our generous | 35 have withdrawn. The whole number of itinerant preachers is 12,546; of local preachers, 12,026. The members in full connection reach the num-We are enjoying a blessed revival at ber of 1,601,072—an increase of Mapleton. Several very clear con- 28,895. The members on probation versions. Old and young are coming | are 168,462-a decrease of 7,382. The forward. This week has been one of deaths have reached 22,668. There great power. We look for much are 18,741 houses of worship, valued more. Father Lodge is renewing his at \$69,422,276, and 6,607 parsonages youth and labors with all the vigor of | worth \$9 815,809. The census of Sunday school scholars reaches 1,691,065 These are only statistics of the Northern Church.

On Jan. 28, which was New Year'sday in the Celestial Empire, certain Chinamen in London who attend the Methodist mission school, held a Rev. George Piercy, to be present. On the following evening Mr. Piercy invited his Chinese pupils to a Me thodist tea-meeting. The company consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Piercy, twenty-five Chinamen, one Arab, one Canadian, and eight other persons (English). Ample justice was done to the yam cha-the drink tea-and in the programme of the evening's proceed. ings, was a talk on Canada, interpreted by Mr. Piercy. One of the Chinese songs was taken from the works of Sung-to-po, one of the two great The Sackville Post says that "the poets of China—the Burns of their poetic literature.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

St. Luke's Hospital, New York, has, since the beginning, taken care of 5,324 Roman Catholic patients, but has not received one dollar from the Roman Chucrh.

In Salt Lake City the Congregation house of Mrs. W. G. Ray, a Mission alists have a self supporting church of Band was formed by the young la-dies of the Brunwick street church, and Methodists each one nearly as to be worked in connection with the large. There are also 80 Sundayschools, with 4,150 scholars.

Twenty deaf mutes in Norwich, Conn., are members of a Congregational church, and they have formed a the name of "The Reapers." The ex. | Bible class under the charge of a teachample of these young ladies should be | er familiar with their method of conversation.

The Fourth International Sunday-States and British North American Provinces will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of June next. The central thought of the Convention will be: "Organization \$115,000 without having received any to be the Lord's. Last Wednesday for Evangelization." Delegates are subsidy. The correspondence respectchosen from all evangelical deling the Eastern Extension and Picnominations, pastors and laymen.

An American magazine, reviewing the past year, says: "The most marked missionary event of the year has been the wonderful work of Dr. On Sunday afternoon a small church | Mackay, Presbyterian missioners, in

S. F. Huestis read the dedication Seminary is already established, with England. Mr. Blake made a scheme many native students preparing for ent speech in support of a motion vir-

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

"I never should have struck him if I had been sober," said a condemned murderer, in his remorse over his crime through the contentions of a

The polling in Toronto upon the question whether the sale of liquor should be separated from groceries, took place last week, resulting in the largest vote ever polled in the city. The result was a victory for those desiring separation, the majority being

A gentleman writes from Summerside, P. E. I., to the Yarmouth Herald that "under the Canada Temperance resolution dropped. In the Senate Act, which is rigidly enforced in this the Canadian Pacific resolutions pass-County by a branch of the Dominion ed their second reading by a vote of Tomperance Alliance, the sale of intox 39 to 16. On Tuesday the debate on icating liquors has been most effect- the budget was also closed, having ually stopped.'

The town council of Moneton placed in their estimates \$1000 for the enforcement of the Scott Act. At delay should be allowed in reference a meeting of representatives from churches and temperance organizations in Moncton, Mr. W. J. Robinson was chosen candidate for Mayor at the election to take place on the 10th instant.

GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION.

A lady now occupies a seat in the press gallery at Ottawa, as correspondent of the Toronto News.

The wages of seamen sailing from St. John have not been as low for some time as at present.

It is believed that the N. B. Railway authorities have decided to make Woodstock their headquarters. If our city fathers also issue licen-

ses they will turn the city into a sort of pandemonium. The St. John News says that "dancing seems to occupy the time of a

thing better to do this winter." It is thought probable that the 19th Regiment which sailed last week ostensibly for Malta, will be sent right

large number of people who have no-

The Era says that the buildings recently destroyed by fire at Charlottetown will be replaced by a stately row of brick and stone structures.

on by the Sucz Canal to the Soudan.

Messrs. W. F. George, Timothy Hicks, and Harmon Humphrey, of Sackville, have engaged the Alexan. lria. Anchor line, to carry a cargo of live stock to Glasgow. Last year, about thirty steamers

sailed from St. John, N. B. with cargoes of lumber. Three are in port there now for similar cargoes and others are on the way. The steamer Juliet, from London,

had a most perilous voyage, having been shut in by a number of large icebergs for some time. She passed a ship on fire of 1400 or 1500 tons.

A number of masked Americans crossed the boundary at Sumas, B.C., on the night of the 27th ult., and from the British authorities and hanged him to a tree. The excitement over the outrage is intense.

We are sorry to learn through the Herald, that a building of the Oxford manufacturing company, Oxford, with a quantity of machinery and three thousand yards of cloth, was totally consumed on Monday night. Loss. \$8,000; insurance only \$2,000. Work will only be interrupted for a few

The New Brunswick Local Legislature was opened at Fredericton on the 28th ult. by Lieut. Governor Wilmot with the usual ceremonies. The new members this session are Dr. A A. Stockton, of St. John, and Messrs. Killam of Westmoreland, and Glasier of Sunbury. The Telegraph says that Mr. Glasier appeared to advantage in moving the Address and created a very favorable impression.

The Legislative Council and the Assembly were ocupied the past week with the Revision of the Statutes. The latter body has also had the finances of the Province under review. We want a revenue of about a million and al half, but have little more than half that sum to meet claims presented. mittee of this House, consisting of seven members, be appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the claims of this Province to a larger allowance of subsidy from the Dominion Government. The Act relating entered Tokar at noon on Saturday. school Convention for the United to the Nictaux and Atlantic Railway proposes to extend the time for the completion of the road from June, 1884 to June, 1885. It was stated that the company had already spent starved. The remainder had joined tou Branch Railways makes a pamphlet of 47 pages.

R. resolutions the breez in the Do- await orders. The British have reminion Parliament may be regarded covered all the guns and rifles capturas over. On the 28th at., Sir Chas. ed from Biker. Capt. Speedy les Formosa. Whole villages, it is said, Tupper, Minister of Railways, was started for Abassinia with a letter have forsaken their idols, and nun- served with a writ for a tending the from Queen Victoria to King John. For this remarkable work, which is 1885, and will sail for Honolulu about Mr. Jas. Turner presented the church | dreds of the natives are turning to session of Parliament while holding He will p obably remain an Abyssines in the name of the trustees, and Rev. Christ, and a flourishing Theological the position of High Commissi ner in as Brit sh resident.

tually impeaching him. On Monday Sir John A. Macdonald introduced his bill respecting the Independence of Parliament. One clause of the bill provides that Sir Charles is hereby indemnified in regard to any action at law against him for penalties under the act of 1878, and that this act may be pleaded as a bar to any action in court to recover a penalty under the Independence act. The first reading was carried by a majority of 46. ()n Monday notice was given of a resolution to be moved on Wednesday by Mr. Davies, of P. E. Island, concerning the claims of that Province for a share of the Fishery Award. The attention of the Government was called to the St. Stephen slottery swindle. When Mr. Foster's prohibition resolution was called he was absent, and the been the shortest debate of the kind for years. After passing one or two items on the free list, the committee rose and the house adjourned. In the Senate the Canada Pacific bill went through committee" of the

In France nearly all the railroad ticket and signal clerks are women, who are paid as much as men. They are preferred because of their sobriety.

New Orleans has taken up the sulject of cremation. A society has several hundred members, embracing most of the physicians and many lawyers. merchants, and other business men.

A Spanish newspaper states that in Tangier recently a negress of seventeen was sold for \$39, one of twenty-five for \$42, another, middle aged, for \$35, and a girl of eleven for \$37.

Over 34,000 of the 4,440,882 pieces of mail matter that were sent to the U. S. Dead Letter office last year contained checks, money, etc., to the amount of about \$1,030,000.

An English Judge lately refused the expenses of three tradesmen who prosecuted men for stealing goods from their doors on the ground that by exposing their goods in the way mentioned they held ou: a temptation to steal.

Sophie Menter, the celebrated pianist, has been elected honorary member of the Philharmonic Society of London in place of Wagner. This is the first time the honor has been

accorded to a woman. An English Earl has purchased the island of Orkney, Scotland, for a country seat. He thus obtains complete control of the island, which he will devote to hunting and to his horses and dogs. All the inhabitants were given a sum of money and a pas-

sage ticket for the United States. Last week's dynamite explosions caused great excitement in London Infernal machines were found in the clock rooms of the Charing Cross and Paddington Railway stations wrapped in American coats and papers. The clock work in the machine was of American pattern. There seems no doubt that the plans were arranged in America. The English Government, has decided to send a took an Indian suspected of murder- | courteous despatch to America relative ing a merchant at Nootsack, W. T., to the matter, and orders have been cabled to English detectives in New York to inquire into the character and antecedents of all persons sailing from New York and Boston for English ports since February. The Freuch Government has decided to expel from France all suspecte d dynamiters

The attack on the Arabs took place on Friday last, the British troops advancing till near Teb. After an advance of three miles the earthworks of the rebels came in sight. The guns were mounted and standards flying. At 800 yards from the rebel position, a fort with two guns, the British halted, having marched on as a square. On a movement of the British the Arabs began by firing a shell. Soon after an advance was ordered. and the troops who had been lying down rose and approached the rebel works. The rebels held the position deperately. As the British advanced firing the rebelserose within two hundred yards of them and rushed headlong with their spears upon the British line. Having cleared the ground in front, the British attacked Fort Barnaby and carried it with a desperate fight. Gen. Graham decided to pass the night at Teb well. The British forces captured four Krupp The Hon. Mr. Pipes gave notice of a guns, two howitzers and one machine resolution to this effect : That a com- gun. Nineteen officers received wounds, including Baker Pasha and Col. Burnaby, both severely wounded. The British loss was 24 killed and 142 wounded. The enemy acknowledged that 1500 of their number were killed. The British troops A few shots were exchanged with the cnemy, when 4000 rebels holding the town, fled. The garrison found at Toka numbered 70 men who were half the rebels. After further supplies the British will move on to Tamariof, where Usborn Digma is to be found. A later report states that the British have slready buried 2,300 rebels. Gen. Graham's forces have been order-With the vote in favor of the C. P. ed to return to Trinkitat and there

THE MINISTER'S ' DEAD LINE.'

Review,-challenges the attention and the last fifteen years, great advance may claims the support of the reading world. have been made in respect to the The first and second numbers are at sources of theological opinion and belief. hand, each containing papers vigorously New departments of professional study written, fresh, and suggestive. The may have been opened, and new meth-Review comes as the exponent of pro- ods of professional study developed. As gressive Orthodoxy. Its birth-placeas its title indicates - is Andover Theological Seminary, and it is edited by five of the Faculty of that Institution, assisted by a splendid corps of contributors. What may be called the Saluta- ter before us, has recently been retory in the first number is written by opened in the Independent. What shall Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, whose way of be done with old sermons? To this putting things in attractive and eloquent. question three answers may be given. He defines the theological, ethical, and Preach them. Burn them. Use them. practical purpose of the Review by The unfortunate tendency of our itinerchanging the word "live," in the mem- ant principle is to suggest the first men. orable sentence struck out by one of tioned disposal of them. Of those who sils, etc. the early fathers, into "think." "Let tamely yield to this suggestion we have us learn to think as well as live accord- nothing more to say. They have aling to Christianity." Disclaiming all ready reached the dead line. Their intention of exciting or prolonging theo- next want is a tombstone with a suitable logical controversy-of which the world inscription. Those who are courageous than enough-the purpose of the than wise. Some years ago a good large hearted discussions of Christian said to me, "I have just burned all my truths," to study to discover the great- old sermons." For a moment I thought ness of Christ, and "set over against he was brave. But when I reflected the terrible magnitudes of human how such productions come into being, misery, and sin, and guilt the magni- that they are born not only of the inteltudes of His person, His cross, His lect, but out of experience of the soul, lordship, His final coming as the Judge I concluded he was rash. The old of mankind." This salutatory is follow- Roman General, leading his troops into ed in both numbers by papers from an enemy's country, burned the bridge able pens, short, bright, suggestive, and behind him. He who burns his old sufficiently advanced. The writers treat sermons tears up the highway before of topics confined to no particular him. He makes an uncalled for offer church, but belonging to universal ing to Moloch. The children of Israel Christianity.

One of the most interesting features of this new candidate in the field of religious literature is the Editorial department, which contains brief discussions of current issues, and events. In the February number there is in this department an article on the "Dead Line" of out fresh resources the mind which the Ministry, which should be carefully read and pondered by all whom it may concern. With your permission I shall reproduce some of the salient points with sundry comments. According to the popular estimate the minister's dead line lies at fifty years of age, that is, his usefulness is supposed to end when men in other professions are in their prime. At that age the minister is docked for repairs, or lies rotting on the beach-if he have no dock to run intowhich occurs at a certain period, but with which age has nothing to do.

The popular opinion of this dead line is supported at two points. At the approach of middle life some men, no matter what their line of business, suffer a diminution of nervous energy. This loss is more marked in the pulpit because the power of thought, the power to project one's individuality upon an audience lies in this subtle personal quality. Other men again, without this nervous energy, are on the dead line from the start, and long before middle life the public at least is fully persuaded that such is the fact. Such men did not reach that fatal line at any particular time: they were always on it. Another point at which this popular opinion is supported, is where the minister passes through experiences-which, alas, are so common to the most of us-experiences which embitter and disl earten him. His outlook on the world becomes changed. His faith in man has failed. Cornered by circumstances which he cannot control, soured against the world at large, because his language does not ring with his earlier hopefulness and inspiration, he is said to have reached the inevitable dead line. But there are exceptional cases, and with all deference to other professions the ministry does not claim the monopoly of them.

Our author attributes the real decline in pulpit power to two causes:-" the expenditure of intellectual resources, or to monotony in the method of preaching." If this be correct, to state the reasons is to suggest the cure. Vary the method, absorb the resources which lie everywhere around us, and the thing is done. In truth, the latter alone is sufficient. The stroke of the pump handle may always remain the same; no one finds fault with that: what we want is the fresh water, sparkling and clear from the hidden depths.

Passing by, then, as of less account frequent paralytic strokes. what is said of method, for we can see no more reason why a minister should undergo such a radical change to keep himself fresh, than that a physician should change his practice from Allopathy to Home pathy for a similar purpose, the advice suggested on the acquisition of ecources is worth laying to heart. What is needed is not so much the enlargement. "There comes a - time when, in the use of himself, every man ought to be wiser than his masters. awake with Christ, his God. But some ministers at forty have not at all outgrown their teachers of fifteen friends to mourn his loss-besides his once became interested in her sincerity!

A new periodical—the Andover while, and this holds specially true of a present fact, biblical and historical criticism are contributing richly to the pulpit, where there is sufficient insight and learning to use these contributions."

An old enquiry, pertinent to the mathas already had enough and more enough to do the second are more brave Review is to promote "large-minded, brother just starting for a new circuit laid the truit of their bodies in the arms of that god; he lays in the same arm the fruit of his soul, a sacrifice not so wicked, but quite as useless as the former. Neither is such a sweeping destruction of one's work any security against the dreaded dead line. Withturned out the burned offspring will turn out others just like them. Indeed the quality will be poorer, for the unconscious repetition will lack the inspiration and vigor of early life. The last answer remains, use them. Old sermons are the result of certain processes of thought and feeling. Make these results the starting points of other processes. What is it one of our poets says about making "stepping-stones of our dead selves to higher things!" Let waiting for a freight. Tais dead line is all that is true in the old, all that is ina decline of power, real or imaginary, spirational in them be carried along with per to about two hundred people. We the new. It is said of a celebrated

artist that he wept before his great work, while others were gazing on the masterpiece with breathless admiration. When asked the reason of his tears, he replied, "I weep because I have placed on that canvas the highest conceptions of my genius. I can do nothing better. I have reached my ideal. I might as well die." No true minister of the Gospel will ever come to that point. The result of all earnest study will be to open deeper fountains of truth. He will come to no dead line till he ceases '- at once to work and live." In his soul will flash brighter visions of the Christ. More and more shall the beauties of the divine goodness glow before his eyes of faith. His tongue shall grow more eloquent, his language more persuasive, and his power for usefulness

increase of age. I can find no better words with which to close than those used in the article before me. "The French have a saying which has in it as much of philosophy as of sentiment, 'From forty to fifty is to many a man the saddest time of his life, for he is then in the old age of his youth: at fitty he may if he will, pass over into the youth of his cld age!"" E. B. MOORE.

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Annapolis. 25th, Feby. 1884.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

ARCHELAUS C. WORDEN. Died at Blissville, Sunbury Co., N. B., Feb. 8th, 1884, Archelaus C. Worden, son of Archelaus Worden, late of Cornwallis, N. S., aged 59 years, after a lingering illness of about eleven months, during which he suffered from

For the last twenty-five years Bro. Worden has been a member of the Methodist Church, and in the past gave much and labored hard for the cause of Christ. During the past few years, changed circumstances have deprived him of privileges he once enjoyed; but But the charm of her grace and culture during his illness, in talking with his was crowned by a spirit of earnest, hapfriends, he gave them the assurance py, all-prevading piety which was irrework of self-reconstruction as of self- that he was trusting in Him who is sistible. Wishing to perfect herself in "mighty to save." And when his life the knowledge and practice of the on earth was ended he feel asleep to French language, she secured as a

the funeral

The Rev. Elias Slackford preached the funeral sermon before a large number of the friends of the deceased who had spect to his memory.

JERUSALEM, N. B.

The end of the third year on this mission is rapidly approaching, in view of which a few words about the success

of the term may not be out of place. 1. A piece of ground has been secured by deed to the parsonage property. The parsonage has been much improved inside in the way of plastering, papering, carpeting, chairs and cooking uten-

2. The church in Jerusalem has had three coats of paint on the outside, new doors, roof finished, papered inside and additional lamps purchased.

3. The following improvements have been made on the Jones Creek church -new foundation, new roof, wainscotng and papering.

4. Shingles have been purchased, with which to put a new roof on the Clones church, which we expect to do as soon as weather will permit. 5. As already stated in the WESLEYAN,

we have built a new church at Olinville, which was dedicated in December last, All the above erections and improvements, with one small exception, are

paid for. This small debt we expect to remove in the spring. For the above success we thank God and take courage." In the above note, attention has been

confined to the material prosperity of the spiritual prosperity shortly.

R. OPIE. J r silem, Feb. 20, 1884.

SANTIAGO, CHILI.

Under date of Dec. 29th. Miss Hannah Johnson says: Last Monday we pent in sitting up our Patio and dressing a Christmas tree for the Sundayschool children. Our tree on Christmas eve was very pretty, and the grown people, of whom there was a goodly number, enjoyed it as much as the children. Before the presents were displayed, we had a magic lantern exhibition which took very well. After the presents were distributed we gave a supthe new process, and the old will always are now enjoying figs ripe and fresh thrill with life because incorporated with from the trees, you would not know recovered in a breach of promise suit. them by what you get in boxes. They are a long shaped fruit, with a thin black skin, very sweet and insipid in taste. Then the delicious strawberries. cherries, apricots, pears and peaches arc brought to the door by the fruiterers every few hours, until one almost gets tired of seeing them.

The day before Christmas and Christmas day the common people are allowed to live on the Alameda. They literally move there with their families, and have their stands of truit of all kinds there, as well as stands of cheche or beer. Men, women and children are fond of it. Then this is a country of grapes, and there is plenty of wine as well as of other kinds of liquors on the stands, and also many little ornamental articles made of the common mud and prettily painted.

The Alameda is a very wide double street, and beside the regular sidewalks, has a wide walk in the center, on each which there are trees and statuary and fountains, the band playing here in the summer months. Our Institution is on this street, which makes it very pleasant. So far the weather has been beautiful -not a day will be the months for that. Just think of living in a country where there are no winds or storms for eight months or often ten of the year, and as for earthquakes, if we judge by the last twenty years, you need not fear for my safety. They do have them occasionally but very slightly. We are now having three ladies visiting us, two from Coquimbo and one from Conceptionteachers in our mission work there. Several of the teachers will go to the country during the holidays, and perhaps I may go for a few weeks when

Of Miss Elizabeth Beach, one of the victims of the Columbus, a writer in Galignani's Messenger says: "Miss Beach came to Paris to study French. Her personal attractions and her intellectual gifts made for her many friends. teacher one of the best professors in Bro. Worden leaves a large circle of Paris. He was an unbeliever, but at than these knew then. They are still Five of the children now reside in New asked her to recount to him anything

thinking and reasoning upon the data York, one of whom-the Rev. Jarvis that had most interested her. She lisfurnished in the class-room. Mean- Worden, who is laboring in New York tened attentively to Pasteur Bersier, and City,-arrived in time to be present at on Monday morning repeated all that she could of his sermon. The professor was interested, not only in the language, but in the matter, asking her where she had heard that. The third gathered to pay their last tribute of re- Monday he was still more impressed, and exclaimed, 'I must hear that preacher for myself.' He did so; not only once, but many times, and became a changed man."

BREVITIES.

Bank cashiers are very properly judged by their disappearance.

The light of friendship is like the light of phosphorus-seen plainest when all around is dark.

"Hurry, mamma," said the little innocent with his cut finger, "it's leak-Was there ever a man so utterly vile

and degraded whom some woman could not be found to pity and forgive? The average salary of Methodist ministers in New England is \$560. And yet good people howl because young

men don't crowd the profession. The young man who pays sixty dollars for a suit of clothes is always ready to borrow the money from another man who pays twenty dollars a suit. There's

a moral to this, loys. Lying is like trying to hide in a fog. If you move about you are in danger of bumping your head against the truth; as soon as the fog blows up you are

Cheeky passenger: "Any fear 'o my disturbing the magnetic currents, captain, by goin' near the compass?" "O, no, sir. Brass has no Captain: effect on it whatever, sir."

gone anyhow.

the circuit: will send a few lines about German laborer; "sit down and make yourself my equal." "I would haff to yourself my equal." "I would haff to lomplete in 50 Volumes the Teuton.

> " Etiquette now admits of a second plate of soup." This is all right, but if a man's appetite will not admit of a second plate of soup, etiquette is worth nothing to him.

> De young man what would w'ar a tight shoe 'case he thinks it looks better is pavin' 'tention ter his foot ter de negleck ob his head, an' in airter life de foot will 'track de mos' 'tention. The Duke of Wellington on being

> asked by Lord Wharneliffe, "Is drunkenness, in your opinion, the great parent of all crime in the British army?' replied "Invariably!" One of the wealthiest firms in the

State of Maine is composed of two brothers of Augusta, whose only original capital was \$5,000, which their sister "Trust men and they will be true," says Emerson. We showed this to a respectable grocer. He grew livid with

where that Emerson fellow lived. There was mischief in that grocer's eye. We did not tell him. "Me - get married and settled down?" exclaimed the commercial traveller, in answer to the question. " Not much! I could never bring myself to

rage, seized a club, and wanted to know

A city youth, who was taking an airing in the country, tried to amuse himself by quizzing an old farmer about his bald head, but was extinguished by the old man, who solemnly remarked, 20. Young man, when my head gets as soft as yours, I can raise hair to sell.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton says: If we can judge of the civilization of nation by its women, England must rank high above all countries. The many charming acquaintances I have made there inspire me with new hope for my sex, and the memory of them will enrich the sunset of my life."

At a certain dinner party the American statesman, Mr. Colfax, declined to take wine, whereupon a noted Senator, who had already taken too much, exclaimed half jestingly across the tabletoo warm, but January and February " Colfax dares not drink." "You are right," was the answer, "I dare not." And a braver reply could not have been uttered .- Broad Aze.

> Some wags once went to an old Methodist preacher with a very doleful look " Bad news, on their faces, and said, bad news!" "What is it?" "Why, the devil is dead, and as you made your living by fighting him, we cannot imagine what you will do now." "O, since the davil is dead I will find plenty to do taking care of you, his poor orphan children. When did your father die?"

How to get people to church is a much discussed question in these days. When Mr. Spurgeon was asked how he succeeded so wonderfully in keeping his church full, he replied, "I fill the pulpit and let the people fill the pews. Dr. Chalmers told part of the secret when he said: "A house-going preacher makes a church-going people.' an old divine spoke wisely when he said: " A good example is the loudest bell to toll people to church."

It has come to pass a thousand times in each generation that men have lived in the midst of books and have died in old age without either knowledge or wisdom. No mind has ever been truly educated unless it has marked well the actions and impulses and the rewards and punishments of its fellow-men, as they had been happy or miserable, have risen or fallen by its side. The days all speak; the years, fifty, sixty, or seventy, teach wisdom. Other things being equal there is an education in Pickford & Black's Wharf, Halifax, N.S. years before. They now know no more widow, five sons and four daughters. As subjects for French conversation he days and years, which no classical course can ever give.

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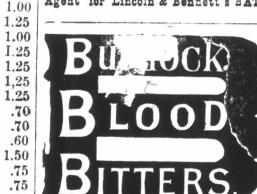
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