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At his home, in London Township, on Jan. 14, 1903, Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, D.D., in the 82nd year of his age.

At the manse, Wilton Grove, Westminster, on Tuesday, the 13th January, 1903, John Ferguson McCrae, eldest son of the Rev. D. L. McCrae.

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Note and Comment.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is quoted as saying that Parliament will not meet until the first week in March.

In Madagascar silk is the only fabric used in the manufacture of clothing. It is cheaper than linen in Ireland.

The London correspondent of a provincial paper calls attention to the fact that the Queen has never made a public speech.

The Minister of Education has announced that in view of the overcrowding of the four Ontario Normal schools, another will be built at some point between Toronto and the Soo.

The Dominion revenue for the past six months is \$3,579,007 in excess of that for the corresponding period of the preceding year, and the surplus over all expenditures is \$7,589,862.

Representatives of the Lord's Day Alliance and the Dominion Trades Congress interviewed leading members of the Government at Ottawa with a view to promoting stricter observance of the Sabbath in various branches of work under Federal control.

In Europe and the New World the most inveterate gamblers are the Spaniards and their descendants. Among African tribes the Haussas run the Chinese very close; and there are some Kanaka tribes in the South Seas who push the hazard of gambling beyond the grave, and stake their very bones on the last throw of the cowrie shells, which they use as dice.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been addressing meetings of his constituents. Speaking at Cullross, he said it would be a good thing if Parliament for the next half dozen years applied its attention to the subjects of temperance reform and the housing of the poor, and gave less attention to the questions of foreign complications, which had recently occupied so much of their time.

An example of the late Archbishop Temple's directness of speech was his reply to certain students of a theological college of which he was head. The doctor was digging in the garden when a deputation approached and laid bare a terrible grievance. The country folk, it seemed, had not treated the students nicely—"in fact," said the spokesman, "they do not treat us as if we were gentlemen." "Because you're not," said Dr. Temple, and went on digging.

It is rather curious to learn that after all his expensive attempts to suppress the rabbit in Australia the plague is no nearer a cure than ever. The Premier of New South Wales has received a petition from pastoralists and others in the State urging that a committee should be appointed to consider remedies. They also suggest that a reward of \$250,000 should be offered for a means of combating the pest, and a sum of \$50,000 voted for practical experiments.

Mr. Justice Real, of the Queensland Bench, recently expressed a remarkable opinion while hearing a will case in Brisbane. He said that if he had his way he would not allow any man to make a will after he had arrived at a certain age. He had had a good deal of experience of old people, and he found that after they arrived at a certain age they became so much under the domination of the people around them that their lives were not worth living unless they did what they were wanted to do.

The Society of Friends has invited the various Christian bodies in the United States to send delegates to a conference on the "liquor traffic" to be held in Washington in March, 1906. "A temperance conference of the churches," remarks the New York Sun, "would be interesting for the opinions which it would elicit, whether or not an agreement upon a policy could be had or not. The three years and a half before the meeting will be by no means too long for the preliminary discussions and proposals, and a conference called by the Friends ought to be irenic in its deliberations."

If the London Metropolitan Tabernacle is no longer the mighty force that it was in the palmy days of the great Spurgeon, it certainly maintains its position as the church with the largest membership in the Baptist body. Its records for the year tell of 3,563 communicants, and of 21 mission stations and 22 Sunday-schools. "Son Tom," as Pastor Thomas Spurgeon used to be affectionately styled by his famous father, is an apt and thoughtful preacher, and has the earnest sympathy of all the churches in his efforts to keep up the Tabernacle work in a way worthy of the world-wide reputation of the place.

There is talk of a Union between three of the small sects of Presbyterians in Scotland, the Free Presbyterian church, and the original Seceders. The congregations of the last-named body number thirty, and there are many signs that these will have a hard struggle in the future unless some means is found of attracting new adherents. It would undoubtedly be an advantage if these little fragments could be pieced together, but it is a question if it is possible to do so. And even were it possible, it would but retard the inevitable result—the extinction of these small communities, and the absorption of their members into the Church of Scotland or the United Free church.

A brilliant ceremony was witnessed at Delhi, New Year's Day, when King Edward of England was proclaimed Emperor of India. The exercises were held by the Viceroy, Lord Curzon. The great plain outside the city is described as filled with hosts of the king's Indian subjects in holiday attire. Chiefs of tribes mingled in the crowds, and the colors of the different uniforms and native costumes were like the rainbow. The ceremony at Delhi was similar to what was intended for London last June, when the king's sudden illness broke the plans. King Edward's message to his India subjects ended as follows: "I renew the assurance of my regard for the liberties of the Indian

people; of my respects for their dignities and rights; of my interest in their advancement, and of my devotion to their welfare. These are the supreme aims and objects of my rule, which, under the blessing of Almighty God, will lead to the increasing prosperity of my Indian empire and to the greater happiness of its people.

The Presbyterian Standard refers to the notable fact that Greek and Catholic and Protestant are all agreed on the doctrine of the Incarnation of the Son of God, however much they may differ on other doctrines of the Christian faith. The chief reason, that paper thinks, is that the whole subject of the birth of Christ is suffused with the child spirit, with which and about which men cannot quarrel.

The question that has arisen as to the possibility of the Island of Martinique subsiding altogether recalls some curious incidents in the volcanic region of the Pacific. Some years ago Aurora Island, in the New Hebrides, entirely disappeared one night, leaving no trace behind. Seventeen years ago a new island made its appearance in Tonga, and was promptly "annexed" by a loyal British trader, who "boarded" it, waded knee-deep in the soft scoriae to its summit, and proudly hoisted the Union Jack. Falcon Island lived for about a dozen years, attained to the dignity of growing a few banana and cocoanut trees, and then one day disappeared as mysteriously as it came!

Dealing with the solemn subject of "Current Irreligion," Archdeacon Sinclair, who had gained many friends among non-conformists by his consistent endeavors to keep the public life of the city pure, contributes some weighty words to the January number of "The Quiver." "We appeal," he says, "to the men and women of pleasure to respect, at any rate, a great characteristic national institution, and to have some pity on those who have to minister to their selfishness. We implore them not to give up the habit of worshipping God, at any rate, once on the Lord's Day, whether in town or country. We implore them not to encourage amusements in their homes, which cause scandal to the serious and impel the irreligious to greater and more general invasion of the Rest Day."

Mr. Jonathan Hutchison, F. R. S., the distinguished surgeon, sailed for Ceylon upon a four months' tour in that island and the mainland of India. His purpose is to gather materials whereby he may convince everyone that badly cured fish is the cause of leprosy. He is convinced himself, and needs no more facts; this trip is undertaken for the conviction of others. There are about 100,000 lepers in India—a number which has apparently remained stationary for many decades at least, and Mr. Hutchison's self-imposed task, undertaken in his seventy-fifth year, is to ascertain the distribution of the disease, and its relation to fish diet, especially as regards the Brahmin, whose religion forbids him to consume anything that has lived. The bearing of causation upon prevention is here particularly direct.

Our Contributors.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Concerning Laziness.

BY WOODMORE.

"As lazy as a yellow dog." Is a yellow dog particularly lazy?

Laziness—I have been thinking about it. Do you say a penny for your thoughts? Do you say my thoughts are dwelling on a worthless subject?

Perhaps my thoughts are not worth a penny; and it may be that the theme of my musing is of more worth than you suppose. Anything thought to the bottom brings its reward with it.

Laziness is a relative term. What would be laziness in the case of one man might be activity in another. A man of supple frame and vigorous health who should customarily saunter along instead of walking briskly, might be thought lazy; but that gait in a cripple would excite no remark but of praise, perhaps, that he could do even so well.

There are different species of laziness. There is the fat stupidity that nods and sleeps and dawdles. The adipose matter may be the cause or the effect of this. It is hard to say which. "The fat boy" in Dickens' "Pickwick Papers" is the classical instance of this.

There is the laziness that is superinduced by want of ambition.

The subject of this form of laziness believes in letting well enough alone. He is in a rut and wants to stay there. He does not reform society nor the individual. He thinks what sufficed for his fathers may well satisfy him. He believes the condition of things to be all that is required, or, that if "the times are out of joint," some one else and not he, was "born to set them right."

There is the laziness that seems busy and is not.

Much reading is only a sort of lotus-eating, "an anodyne draught of oblivion." The faculties are not concentrated upon the matter in hand. The reading is just a species of intellectual loafing.

There is a kind of indolence that springs from indecision of character. The mind is divided between two courses of action and the man ends in going nowhither and doing nothing. This was Coleridge's case. The poems he might have written, the thoughts that lay in him unuttered, thoughts the world "would not willingly have let die."

Some men do not know their limits or their powers and so rest content with inactivity. Thus Browning writes:

"This low man sees a little thing to do,
Sees it, and does it;
This high man with a great thing to pursue
Dies ere he knows it."

But the idleness inexcusable, the plain, unadulterated inertness is that form in which a man plainly hates work. He and work fell out early in his life and never became reconciled to each other. He was born tired and never got rested. A religious fanatic once said to the writer, "There is my brother, a son of my mother but not a son of God. Let him, a son of the Devil, provide for me a son of God." He was answered that though the world owes every man a

living, it is each man's business to collect the debt; and a saying of Paul's was quoted, to the effect that the man who will not work may not eat. His excuse was ready, and I am afraid the admonition was wasted upon him. Truly

An idler is a watch that wants both hands,
As useless if it goes, as if it stands.

Ask thyself, my soul, Muller's three questions:

Is this a work needing to be done?
Is it for me?
Must it be done now?

If the answer be in the affirmative—do it at once and with thy might, "For the night cometh."

The Great West.

BY REV. A. MACVICAR, HUNTSVILLE.

When so much is being written on the Great West it seems a mad attempt to put one's self in print to say anything more, or, perhaps, repeat what has already been before us in the pages of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN. We have an almost boundless territory, and, as for supplies of almost everything necessary for man, the words bountiful and inexhaustible seem too limited to convey a fair idea of the many blessings of our heritage.

MANITOBA. In my reading, the possibilities of this country were much emphasized on finding that Manitoba is larger than England, Scotland and Ireland combined, that of 2,400,000 acres in Red River Valley only 550,000 are as yet taken up, and that of a possible 12,000,000 acres of good wheat producing land in this province only 1,850,000 are under cultivation. The flood tide has now come, the eyes of the world are upon this western land and with such returns as 26.1 bushels to the acre, as reported for the harvest of 1902, the plough of the world will in few years be furrowing these vast plains for their share of God's bounty to the great Dominion.

The Superintendent of the agricultural farm near Brandon places the average cost of an acre of wheat at \$7.87. In this is included no less than thirteen matters of expense—seed, board, threshing, hauling, etc., which at last harvest's average production, wheat being placed at 50 cents a bushel, would mean over \$518 clear profit per hundred acres. Wheat is away above 50 cents, so that the inducement to come is without many parallels. This little strip (74 million acres) of the great lone land (Rupert's) was only detached in 1870 and united to the Dominion, yet its capital has a population of 45,000 and is fast outstripping many of the cities of the east. Snow falls to the depth of only 14 in. and the average yearly temperature is 32.7°. Water can readily be had by digging ordinary wells and the streams, rivers and great water sheets abound with fish and wild fowl.

ASSINIBOIA is only about half the size of Manitoba but is 450 miles from east to west, the first 120 of which are well nigh

equal to it for the staple product No. 1 hard wheat. Within its limits are six large rivers, the valleys of which are all excellent for mixed farming.

Wood abounds on Moose mountain to the south over an area of 450 square miles.

In the Moosomin and Quappelle districts the surface to the depth of 12 to 18 inches, consists of a vegetable mould, requiring no fertilizers and is unequalled for fertility. On the north are the Touchwood hills furnishing excellent grazing. Coal abounds on the Souris river, and owing to the absence of rust and insect pests the wheat crop holds first place in the Great West.

The west part of Assiniboia for 330 miles is a grazing country and possesses the famous Buffalo grass. This usually withers at midsummer and recommences growth at the root, while the blade sheltered grown cures without losing much of its nutritive qualities. Chinook winds, abundant water supply in the streams and rivers, together with natural shelter adapts the country for grazing as is abundantly manifest in the sale of three year old cattle off the plain at \$40 per head. Snow in N. Alberta falls for two or three months only. Nor is this land of the wild sunflower without other natural attractions as Morning Glory, Wolf willow, bush cranberries and blackberries everywhere abound to the joy of cowboys and shepherds, who, as early as 1896, had committed to their care not less than 30,000 cattle and 60,000 sheep.

SASKATCHEWAN, a still nearer neighbor of the parallel of 56° north, has a more moderate climate than either of the foregoing. Here crops have hardly ever failed. The average yearly temperature is 60°. Seeding is completed in May and harvest ends about the 21 of August. The district knows neither cyclones nor blizzards and, while cattle do better with shelter for three or four months in the year, horses will winter well on the plains and return fat in the spring.

In both Saskatchewan and Assiniboia (especially the latter, where fifteen fields have been found) coal is abundant, and although chiefly bituminous and lignite, it forms a great source of wealth to the country.

ALBERTA, where are found the foothills of the Rockies, is a little less in size than Saskatchewan, and is naturally divided into two sections, N. and S. Alberta. In the south the annual rainfall is about 12 inches, being scarcely enough for wheat so that irrigation is restored to extensively.

In the south is found the famous bunch grass which cures on the plain without losing any of its nutritive qualities and supplies abundant fodder both winter and summer for fitting cattle for the market. Already over 300 miles of irrigation ditches penetrate the district, as the water supply from the mountain is abundant. North Alberta is extremely fertile, mild and has abundance of pure water. The leading town is Edmonton and although in latitude 53° 29' north, can boast of being on an equality in that respect with Dublin, Hamburg, Liverpool, and farther south than any of Scotland, Denmark, Norway or Sweden, while it is 455 miles farther south than the capital of all the Russias. The scenery is varied and beautiful. Here are no monotonous end-

less prairies, nor awful mountains, but sketches of level and undulating land with hill and dell clad in grass, flowers, groves consisting of aspen, poplar and spruce, lakes and ponds. Coal is inexhaustible and crops out along the banks of the rivers and, a year ago, at least, could be laid down in Edmonton for \$1 60 a ton. As for the farmers they could get it undelivered for 50 cents a wagon load, at the mouth of the mine.

Educational facilities are almost unequalled; any four families in a community may demand a school, if twelve children between five and sixteen can be found to attend, the expense to each family being from three to eight dollars. Government grant to the extent of \$330 is allowed each school. Dairying in Alberta is a grand success. Succulent wild grasses in addition to vetches, peavine, red top and blue joint abound. Game in the way of bird, beast and fish of endless variety everywhere abound. Last year there were shipped to England from Edmonton alone \$100,000 worth of furs. The climate is excellent and peculiarly healthy for children, owing to bowel diseases being hardly ever known to exist in the district. Along the Upper Peace, and in the valley of the Liard, and even northward as far as Fort Simpson, according to government report, the climate is much milder than Manitoba.

This unusually mild climate, in so far north portions of N. America, is accounted for by Prof. Macoun as follows: The chinooks on the plains of New Mexico pass over the eastern slope of the Rockies and the heat is not dissipated till it reaches Alberta, so that the isothermal lines here are as low as along the St. Lawrence. The late Prof. Dawson accounts for it, mainly, from the longer period of sunshine in this northern part. In addition the country here is only 10' from the coast bringing it directly under the influence of the chinook from the Pacific through the half dozen or more mountain passes. N. Alberta seems to hold the palm for quality of wheat, as in 1876 it was awarded first place at the Centennial, having on exhibition wheat that went sixty-eight pounds to the bushel.

Need anything be said regarding British Columbia, a sea of mountains, which differs from the less mighty, wheat laden prairie stacks of the eastern districts only in that those are gold and silver laden, and directly of God's own building. As a wheat producing province it will never rival the provinces in Esse (Manitoba excepted) above mentioned, for, while the soil is, generally, equally rich and the yield equally good, the quality of the kernel is inferior because of its softness.

The Better Way.

It is better to laugh than to weep,
Though the heart be ever so sad;
For perhaps the unselfish smile
May make a sadder heart glad.

It is better to trust than to doubt,
Though the way seem dark and drear,
For faith looks upward to God,
While doubt can but end in fear.

It is better to love than to hate,
For life at its longest is short;
And love is God's perfect law,
But hate, his plans, must thwart.

—New York Observer,

Notes by Nemo.

I have had much pleasure in reading Professor Knight's "Some Nineteenth Century Scotsmen," with its more than sixty biographical sketches Messrs. Oliphant Anderson and Ferrier have published it in attractive form, and considering the amount and variety of its contents it is not dear at \$2.50. Many of its stories tell of deep thought and fierce conflict and give one an idea of what "the strenuous life" was to many able men of our own and the preceding generation. I clip for the benefit of DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN readers the following restful picture which comes in as a delightful change, after reading of so many intellectual giants, with their discoveries in science and their discussions in philosophy.

Thomas Jackson: 1767-1878.

Professor Thomas Jackson held the chair of Theology first in St. Mary's, St. Andrews (1836-51), and afterwards the same chair at Glasgow (1851-1874.) On his return from professorial life he returned to St. Andrews and settled in one of those old houses in South street, with a long narrow garden, a delightful retreat at the farther end of which is a pleasant summer house, with a walled-in room, in which were a table and chair, etc.

His aim in coming back to St. Andrews in old age was to write a book which would settle a long out-standing controversy of the ages, not only in Theology but in Philosophy, and bring discordant Scotts together in unity; although he had never till then written anything for publication. He used to retire day by day, dressed in the solemn suit of the ecclesiastic, to this garden-sanctum; where, on the table were daily placed, a large folio ream of spotless paper, quill pens, and a bottle of ink. Day by day, or rather morning by morning, he was seen to enter, and after some hours of meditative retirement, and absorbed reverie, to return to his house. He found that he had, in colloquial parlance, "hard nuts to crack." He wrote and destroyed his writing. He went forward and he went back; but every morning there was the fresh white folio spread open before him and the renewed attempt to grapple with the problems of the ages. At last the delightful old man was unable to continue his peregrination; and after a short illness was "gathered to his fathers." Some one afterwards went down to the summer-house, where so many hours of studious leisure, and "strenuous idleness," had been spent. One sheet was found on which were written the words—which were his contribution to the questions of all time:

Theology is everything,
And everything is Theology.

These two golden phrases were all that he ever left.

A picturesque figure in the streets of the City he seemed a sixteenth-century man, who carried—in his whole mien and bearing—the lament that he had been born in degenerate days. He was a mystic of the highest order, and one of the kindest of men.

Literary Notes.

In the December number of the Studio Gabriel Mourey writes of Manuel Robbe, an Etcher in Colours. Then follows an article on Some Modern Australian Pillow and Point Lace, and one which will be of special interest to Canadians on

A Canadian Artist in the Azores: H. Sandham, R. C. A. Two most interesting articles are those entitled Some Recent Architectural Designs by Arnold Mitchell and The International Exhibition of Modern Decorative Art at Turin. An article on a Greek Painter: Nicholas Gysis, and the usual interesting Studio-Talk complete an excellent number. 44 Leicester Square, London.

MORE BIBLE STORIES WITHOUT NAMES, by Rev. Harry Smith, M. A. (Oliphant Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh.) The author's first series of 'Bible Stories Without Names' having received a cordial greeting he has been encouraged to send out more of the same kind. The plan pursued is an excellent one for the purpose of interesting young people in the Bible and testing their knowledge. Some story from the Bible is told in a fresh living style, all the names being left out, and at the end of the chapter a number of questions is given. The answers to the questions are contained in a small detachable booklet at the end of the book. We commend this book to Sunday School teachers, and to those who wish to teach the children in their own home. This kind of work is much needed now.

A MOTHER'S DELIGHT.

IT IS TO SEE HER LITTLE ONES HEALTHY, ROSY AND HAPPY.

All mothers delight in seeing their little ones bright, rosy and happy, but unfortunately all mothers do not use the best methods to gain this result. When baby is cross and fretful they give him "soothing stuffs," believing they are aiding him—but the result is just the opposite, as these soothing stuffs are poisonous and dangerous. Baby's Own Tablets should always be used and they will be found a prompt relief and speedy cure for all the minor ailments from which little ones suffer. All experienced mothers use these tablets and all mothers who use them praise them. Mrs. S. M. Black, St. Peter's, N. S., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for most of the ailments from which little ones suffer and I find them the best medicine I have ever tried. No mother should be without them in the house."

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The Quiet Hour.

Paul at Athens.

S.S. Lesson Feb. 1; Acts 17: 22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT: Acts 17: 17. He preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

By Rev. James W. Falconer, B.D., Halifax, N.S.

Ye men of Athens, v. 22. The gospel of Christ is for the learned as well as the ignorant. It is simple. So simple that the mind of the child may grasp it, it is so profound as to call forth the amazement of the wisest men. It is said that when the great scholar and teacher, Bengel, was dying, he sent to the College near by for one of the professors to come and see him. None of the professors could be found, and a young student came into the sick chamber, and for a time sat silent. What could he say to help one who knew so much more than he? At last the dying man asked him if he had nothing to say. He replied, "I remember that it is written in the First Epistle of John 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'" "That will do," said Bengel, and he rested his soul on this promise like a little child.

His declare I, v. 23. All nations have some god or gods. Many of these gods fill those who worship them with terror, and the desire to please them leads to a great deal of suffering. Paul was troubled when he saw people worshipping false gods, because he knew the evil and misery of such worship. Are we troubled when we think of what the heathen are suffering from their false beliefs? We ought to be, and we ought to take our full share in the work of making the true God known to them.

God that made the world, v. 24. Yet there are many Christians who seem to think that they can learn about God only in the church and on the Sabbath. But He "made the world and all things." He is present in the smallest things we see. The winds and the waves and the sky are all His. He is as near to us on week days, when we are about our ordinary business, as on the day specially set apart for His worship.

Lord of heaven and earth, v. 24. The smallest and the greatest things in the natural world speak of the Creator's power and wisdom. The microscope discovers in each scale on the wings of the butterflies brought forth by the million every summer, a jewel fit for a monarch's crown. The telescope brings within the reach of our vision a multitude of worlds, each of which moves steadily and safely in its orbit because the forces acting on it are under perfect control. And the God whose glory blazes in the Southern Cross has revealed His heart of love in the darkened Cross of Calvary.

He giveth to all life, v. 25. Our life with all its blessings is a daily gift from God. We should be filled with wonder if some one were to put life in a dead body. If we could only see things more clearly, we should find equal reason for wonder every day. The breath that we draw this moment would be our last unless God gave us another.

Hath made of one (Rev. Ver.), v. 26. God is the Father of all men. He has made them all and provided a home for them. In His eyes the white and the dark, the wise and the unwise, belong to one great family. How unlike the great Father we are, if we despise any member of the human family because of his poverty or ignorance or color!

In him. . . . we move, v. 28. In the wireless telegraphy of Marconi, the operator at one station sets astrir currents of air which travel with magic speed over the miles of space, until they reach a second instrument and cause it to give forth sounds precisely like those made by the first. So God acts in many ways on the hearts of men. We may hear Him speak, if we will but listen, in the myriad voices of nature, in the commanding tones of conscience, and in those longings after Him which are but our answer to His invitation.

Repent, v. 30. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He has told us all we need to know about God and heaven and duty. No light is of real value to us unless we follow it. If we keep our backs turned to the light, we shall go down in darkness that ever grows deeper. And to repent is just daily to turn our faces towards the light and walk in it with our backs to the old life of sin. This God requires of us and will help us to do.

Judge the world, v. 31. All excuses will die away upon our lips in the presence of Jesus as Judge. We shall not be able to say that we sinned because our temptations were too strong for human nature. For He, too, wears that nature and in it was tempted and overcame. We shall have no reason to complain of His judgments as harsh and severe, for they came from One who has proved Himself to be a kind and loving Saviour. But what joy will be ours if we have accepted His offers!

A Prayer.

BY REV. GEORGE MATHESON, D. D.

Lord, teach me to pray. Teach me that form of prayer which marks the boundaries within which I may ask of Thee. Teach me to desire that by which Thy name shall be hallowed, to seek that which shall hasten Thy kingdom, to wish that which shall be consistent with Thy will. Teach me before all things to say "our Father." I sometimes forget that I have a brother, forget that he has wants common with my own. I sometimes lose the remembrance that the satisfaction of my want may mean the impoverishment of my brother; I say, "Give me this day my daily bread." Restore to me, O divine Love, the memory of Thy cross. Restore to me the fading sense of Thy kingdom, Thy power, Thy glory. Remind me that Thy kingdom is service, that Thy power is sacrifice, that Thy glory is humanity redeemed. Revive within me the sympathy that feels another's pain, the charity that weaves another's hope, the love that participates in another's joy. Let me cease to thank Thee that I am not as other men; my prayer shall become Thy prayer when I shall ask through Thy Spirit. Amen.

I find that it conduces to my mental health and happiness to find out all I can which is amiable and lovable in those I come in contact with, and to make the most of it. It may fall very short of what I was once wont to dream of, but it is better than nothing. It keeps the heart alive in its humanity, and till we shall be all spiritual this is alike our duty and our interest. —Moravian.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Bible Study. One Verse at a Time.

Isaiah 55: 6; Paper VII.

BY MRS. ANNA ROSS.

Prayer at the beginning. "When Thou saidest, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee. Thy face Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me."

God's double entreaty. "Seek ye the Lord" "Call ye upon Him."

The first three verses represent God seeking us, calling yearningly after us. This sixth verse invites us with all earnestness to turn round and seek Him who is seeking us, to call upon Him who is calling us, to come to Him who has actually come with outstretched arms to us.

When shall I seek Him? While He may be found. When shall I call upon Him? while He is near. If I seek Him while He is seeking me, and call upon Him when He is calling me, then there shall surely be a finding, and to find God is to find everything. Ottawa Ladies' College, Jan. 15, 1903.

Jottings of Missionary Life.

Under the above title may occasionally be given extracts from letters of Mrs. A. H. Grace, formerly Miss Bessie Ross, of Brucefield and of McGill University, who went out in 1901, to begin her missionary life in Allahabad, India.

A Garden and a Donkey.

"Our garden has lovely roses now, and some violets. I must enclose one. There are lots of annuals up, but few blooming yet. The dholre, (washerman) has a little donkey, on whose back are tied the bundles of clothes when he goes down to the river to wash. This donkey has a voice that scrapes thro' the midnight air like street scrapers—sharpening knives—dogs in pain—and friends in glee—all blended together—all intensified, hideous beyond description. This donkey sometimes breaks from his tether. The donkeys are usually hobbled, the little front feet tied together, so that they cannot go very fast, or wander far away. But this wicked animal recently broke loose, and, in search of a delicacy, devoured the border of fresh, young sweet-pea sprouts. We did not say he was quite welcome to his meal."

"The Riddle of Life."

"Dr. Hall of New York has just concluded his series of lectures here. Everyone was impressed. Large Indian audiences assembled, and, as never before, society people were interested. The Lieut. Governor was there. The Chief Justice attended nearly every day, several judges, the commissioners, and some who do not enter churches. Archie says he combines rare intellectual breadth and culture with profound spirituality. He preached on Sunday on the "Riddle of Life," and quoted the motto on the monument to Beneson in Germany—'Let us walk in the light of the eternal' I would have liked to have seen him this time, but could not on account of our dear baby."

Glimpses of a Missionary Home in Allahabad.

"Did I tell you of the way our old sweep-er blessed the baby when he first came in to see him. He is very old, and is getting feeble, and a gray head and beard give him a patriarchal appearance. It made me think of Simeon blessing Jesus. Old Suphri is a heathen, but there is more religion about him than in many a nominal Christian. Their devotion to, religious observances, such as they have, rebuke me often and

Our Young People

often. Pray for old Suphri, I wish we could teach him of Christ and His love, but with so little command of the language, it is hard to teach much yet. A Christian Indian comes now once a week to our compound, to talk of the true God to any of the servants who are willing to listen."

"I have had some such pretty receptions. One day the cook's wife came with her baby and two other children, and the old coolie woman who tried to commit suicide for revenge—all to see the "beta bata."

"The cook's wife wore her prettiest clothes, which consisted of a crimson jacket, and loose bloomers, fitting tight from knee to ankle. A fine muslin veil was thrown over her head and covered the jacket, and there were plenty of silver ornaments in her ears, on her arms, ankles and toes. She is a pretty little woman. The old coolie woman was so delighted, she chuckled all the time. She is a widow, and wore no ornaments. She is wrinkled, and has no teeth, and is very poor. But they held the baby, and were so pleased over it.

"All the servants take a deep interest in the birth of our eldest son. It is pathetic to see the religious way in which they bless him when first they see him.

"Are you tired of chit chat about our baby? He fills my whole horizon at present. It is drawing me into closer sympathy with the women in the compound. I hope our dear baby will be a magnet in the direction of Christian teaching. Hitherto these servants have not cared to listen when a teacher was ready to tell them the old, old story. But "a little child shall lead them."

"Such a beautiful verse has been discovered this week. Neither Archie nor I ever noticed it until now. "The Lord thy God bare thee as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came unto this place." Deut. 1. 31.

"I was so much enjoyed watching Archie walking about with his little son, trying to soothe him when he cries, shielding from any breath of wind—so lovingly bearing the wilful wee boy. And this is but a faint image of the Heavenly Father's loving care of each of us."

Alone With God.

The late George Mueller, who conducted great orphanages containing hundreds of children by faith alone, and who received nearly a million dollars in answer to prayer, told how he found out the will of God as follows:

1.—I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.

2.—Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3.—I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Bible.

The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

4.—Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with his Word and Spirit.

5.—I ask God in prayer to reveal his will to me aright.

6.—Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge.

In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.—Rams Horn.

Decide To-Day.

Christian Endeavor day.

Heb. 3 : 7-13.

Suggestions on Topic.

There are many lime-depositing springs in the world. Their water dissolves the limestone over which it passes, and then when it runs over a decaying leaf which has fallen into the spring, the chemical products of the leaf's decay causes the water to let go of the lime it had dissolved and deposit it upon the leaf, so that after a while there is a stone leaf, a perfect copy, in everything but life and color, of the leaf whose place it had taken.

It is something like this that is meant in our Bible lesson when we are told not to harden our hearts when God calls us to become Christians. The great current of worldliness that surrounds us all is full of stony substances, hard and cold as marble. If we remain in that current long, we are sure to get a deposit of worldliness on us. Our love, our better feelings, our noble ambitions, our hopes of heaven, our delight in God—all these are turned to stone. Our hearts are hardened.

The leaf must stay in the spring where it has fallen, but we need not remain in this deadening current of worldliness. We can leap out of it. We can be separate from it. Christ will plant within us springs of living water. He will lead us beside the still waters. He will be to us the water of life.

This is a very real thing, though the Bible speaks of it as I have, under the form of a parable. Hearts are actually hardened—so changed that they can no longer hear God's voice or respond to his call. That terrible date may be at hand for you. Decide for Christ now. O, why not decide this very night?—Christian Endeavor World.

Seed Thoughts.

If we decide for God, that very minute we decide against the things that God hates. One decision carries the other with it. We cannot serve God and mammon. The knowledge that this is so is what keeps millions from the Kingdom to-day.

Men complain of life as being very complex nowadays. Really, to the Christian, life is and must be very simple. It is made up of just two things, at bottom—to choose Christ, and to do what Christ says. That is all.

Max Müller wrote a great sentence when he wrote, "Lost time is lost eternity." No minute stands by itself. Every instant has eternal reflections, perpetual issues. When you lose a minute, you lose all that that minute could have accomplished by its prolongation forever.

The prodigal in the far country was not saved when he said, "I will arise and go to my father." He was saved only when he actually did rise up and go to his father. No man is saved by a conviction of sin, or by the determination to reform. He is saved only by going to Christ and falling at His feet.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Power and Results.

C. H. WETHERBE.

There must be the possession of some kind of power in order that one may produce certain results. This is a very plain and reasonable proposition. It must be true, therefore, that one needs spiritual power that he may produce spiritual results. Paul declared that it was the power which wrought in him "mightily" that issued in the fruits which accompanied his labors. He disowned having any natural power which could effect the mighty deeds that attended his ministry. So, to-day Christians must have the power of the Holy Spirit if their labors shall result in saving blessings to others. Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman of New York tells the following striking incident:

"I had in a former parish a young Irishman. All would declare him to be ignorant, and he was, but God marvelously used him. This was the secret. With a heart burdened for the men of the city I called together a few of the men of the church and, laying before them the plan I had in mind, told them first of all that we could do nothing without the infilling of the Holy Ghost. When this had been explained I noticed this man leave the room. He did not return while the meeting was in session. When I sought him I found him in one of the lower rooms of the church, literally on his face before God. He was in prayer. I shall never forget his petition: "Oh God, I plead with thee for this blessing." Then, as if God were showing him what was in the way, he said: "My Father, I will give up every known sin, only I plead with thee for power." And then, as if his individual sins were passing before him, he said again and again: "I will give them up; I will give them up."

Then, without any emotion, he rose from his knees, turned his face heavenward and simply said: "And now I claim the blessing." For the first time he became sensible of my presence, and with a shining countenance, he reached out his hands to clasp mine. You could feel the very presence of the Spirit as he said: "I have received Him; I have received Him." And I believe he had, for in the next few months he led more than sixty men into the kingdom of God. His whole life has been transformed. He is just now being set apart to preach the gospel." Here is an impressive instance of the personal possession of a large measure of the Spirit's power followed by corresponding results.

For Daily Reading.

Mon., Jan. 26—Double-mindedness dangerous. Jas. 1 : 6-8
 Tues., Jan. 27—Decision in seeking God. 2 Chron. 15 : 10-13
 Wed., Jan. 28—Decision for service. Luke 9 : 57-62
 Thurs., Jan. 29—Decision in obedience. Neh. 10 : 28-31
 Fri., Jan. 30—Decision in loving God. Deut. 6 : 4, 5
 Sat., Jan. 31—Blessings of decision. Josh. 1 : 1-7
 Sun., Feb. 1—Topic. Decide to-day. Heb. 3 : 7-13. (Christian Endeavor Day.)

That man may well despair of success who undertakes the task of lifting his associates up to a plain higher than that he occupies himself.

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CANADA TWENTY YEARS HENCE.

At the present rate of progression, Canada twenty years hence will be an important country. It is no mean country to-day. It has taken a new start. Its exhaustless natural resources are attracting the attention of the world. Capitalists from Britain and the United States are investing their millions; the eyes of the landless are being directed in this direction; and it may be safe to assume development and population will rapidly increase.

As to population, Canada cannot very well refuse men and women from all parts of Europe, though naturally preferring those who speak the English tongue. A large influx of people from England, seems probable in the near future; and we are every week hearing of settlers from the North-Western tier of the United States removing into the Canadian North West. This latter movement is not altogether to the liking of the newspapers of our neighbors. As they say, many of these settlers came from European countries the merest raw material of citizenship; they have been thrown into the hopper of free institutions; and now Canada gets the finished product! Clearly Canada is to be congratulated. For promoting the development of our great North West, one Canadian or "American" trained farmer is worth a dozen men from many parts of Continental Europe.

What has been already witnessed in our North West, is but the type and beginning of that which shall be within the next twenty years. We have witnessed the laying of the foundations and the rearing of the frame work of civilized society. Where a few years ago a wilderness, now the home, the school, the place of worship, municipal institutions, the newspaper, the library, the apparatus of law and order! All these things were carried with them to the North-West by sons of Ontario. The foundations seem to have been well and truly laid.

Great things may be rightly expected of the Dominion within the next twenty years. More people. More capital. More rail-

ways. More shipping. Better roads. Free rural postal delivery. Better newspapers. Better educational ideas and methods. Some beginnings of a national literature, a national art, and a national music. A subsidence of racial faction and political corruption.

What of the Churches? A broader and truer conception, let us hope, of what the religion of Jesus Christ really is; a growing breadth and tolerance that shall, before the twenty years elapse, make themselves manifest in at least a federal union of Protestant Churches. To Canada is likely to come the honor of leading in this regard, just as Canada took the lead in the union of the separate branches of Presbyterianism and of the separate branches of Methodism.

Life in Canada during the next twenty years will be worth living.

THE PRAYER MEETING AGAIN.

"Senex" writes in the Herald and Presbyter:

"There is no more discouraging fact in our churches to-day than the neglect of the weekly prayer meeting. In many of them the attendance is less than 20 per cent, when it might be 60 per cent, if all would go who could, by putting in their plans and engagements for the week."

If, as has often been suggested, the weekly prayer meeting is the gauge of the spiritual life of congregations, then we must be driven to the conclusion that many congregations are in a spiritually comatose condition. Why should not professing Christians be so interested in the congregations with which they are connected that they will resolve, and continually act upon that resolve, that they will regard the prayer meeting as a standing engagement that is not to be broken for any worldly pleasure or business demand? That would bring the attendance at the mid-week service up to high-water mark, and growing spiritual life will be the result. God will honor those who honor him in this way. "Them that honor me I will honor."

The Wine and Spirit News, the organ of the liquor traffic in the State of Ohio, has the following which indicates how the liquor fraternity everywhere are feeling that they are being sorely squeezed by public opinion: "In Missouri they have a law which compels every dealer, once a year to secure, through petition, a majority of the names of the property holders in his block, school district or township, before he can enter upon another year of business." The paper quoted says, such a requirement would raise a tremendous howl in Ohio. They have a more drastic requirement in Nova Scotia—not merely "a majority," but two-thirds of the rate-payers. Here is a valuable pointer for the temperance people of Ontario.

The Rev. Dr. Thompson, Sarnia, is at present on a visit to Queen's University, where he is lecturing to the Theological students on the important subject of Pastoral Theology. Dr. Thompson has made this subject one of special study for many years and freely imparts to the students the fruits of his wisdom and experience.

A FAITHFUL MINISTER.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. G. Cuthbertson, who passed away suddenly at his home in Toronto on Thursday evening, Jan. 16th, in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. Cuthbertson served the Presbyterian church faithfully for nearly half a century, and was well known in Western Ontario as a man of real ability and strongly marked character. Before going to Toronto to spend the few remaining years of his life Mr. Cuthbertson was for twenty years the pastor of the congregation at Wyoming and Plymton; before that he had a similar term of service in St. Thomas, so that he was a well known figure in the London Presbytery before the division, and he was clerk of the Sarnia Presbytery from the time of its formation until he left its bounds. It may be noted that he and Dr. Proudfoot, another prominent minister of the same district, passed to their rest within a week of each other. Thus we are again reminded that in all circles of the church's life one generation is giving way to another; and we can offer no more appropriate prayer than this, that the younger men coming forward may be able to perpetuate and enlarge all that was noblest in the life of the past.

Mr. Cuthbertson's work was mainly in the neighbourhood of London and Sarnia, and within the bounds of the Synod of London and Hamilton of which Synod he was at one time appointed the moderator in recognition of his long and valuable services. Through his visits to the General Assembly, he was known to a much wider constituency, as he was always attentive to business, took a keen interest in important questions and could make a brief, suggestive contribution to a debate. In his prime, Mr. Cuthbertson was a preacher of no mean order—a man thoroughly loyal to the teaching of Scripture and the great central doctrines of the Church; at the same time possessing broad, human sympathies and a sharp insight into human nature. As a business man, he was clear in his thinking and straight in his methods. He had a strong contempt for clumsiness and crookedness. He would have rendered splendid service in a larger field than that, which in recent years, was committed to his care; but there is no need to repine at that. The strength of the Presbyterian Church, throughout the world, consists in this, that thoughtful, able men are rendering efficient, unostentatious service in quiet places. It is not good for a Church, any more than for a store, to have all its best goods in the front window; the most showy qualities are not necessarily the most effective. Mr. Cuthbertson, at any rate, was always a man who valued sterling realities more than glittering appearances.

Mr. Cuthbertson did not often make excursions into the realm of literature, outside of the fascinating fields of Presbytery minutes; but some sketches about THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, about two years ago, show that he might have done attractive work in that line. We wish to express our sympathy with Mrs. Cuthbertson and the family who mourn the loss of one, who through so many years, kept for them a bright and cheerful Christian home.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

By the time these words reach our readers the Rev. Dr. Gordon will have taken the reins in hand as the new Principal of Queen's University. He will receive a hearty welcome by the staff, students and the citizens of Kingston; and although the formal installation will not take place until a later date, there is much work of a practical kind that needs to be done. A large institution such as Queen's University has now become, possesses a varied internal life and has complex relationship with the outside world. Principal Grant left a real living University which is not dependent upon any one man or any one faculty, for its continued vigorous existence. Hence the new Principal is not called to the work of making a university in the same sense as was the case a quarter of a century ago. But that means that there is all the greater need for a wise, scholarly, Christian gentleman at the head of affairs. The Principal is the head of the institution, the bond between the many members of the staff, the chief to whom the students look up, the representative of the colleges to the government the church and the outside world. In the performance of these varied and important duties THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN wishes for Dr. D. M. Gordon success of the highest kind.

There is no need to depreciate the great work of Toronto University, or to despise the effort of any other College, in order to recognize that Queen's has become an important educational centre in the Province of Ontario, and especially for the Eastern part of the Province. The government has already to some extent acknowledged this and will we have no doubt continue to do so. The late Principal always insisted that the main thing about a university was its men and not its buildings. Still it may be noted as a sign of the vigorous activity in connection with Queen's at the present time buildings are in course of erection which, when complete, will have involved an expenditure of about a quarter of a million dollars. Truly this is no small sum for a Province like ours, especially when we remember that there has been no Rockefeller or Carnegie to give generous aid. A handsome sum has been given by the government towards the science buildings; and this aid may be said to be well merited when we remember that the students have subscribed about thirty thousand dollars, and the city of Kingston gave a building that has cost fifty thousand; while the University itself has undertaken increased expenditure for equipment and teaching. In these matters it is the practice of wise governments to help those who help themselves; in England, for example, Imperial aid is used to encourage local effort. As Principal Grant used to point out each case must be taken on its own merits; and if another university were to arise elsewhere with the same strength it will have equal claim on public support. It will be a sign of real progress that there is great activity in higher education. Though practically non-committal Queen's has still close and

friendly relations with the Presbyterian church; and the new Principal is a man who, while enjoying the respect of the larger public, is fully trusted by his Presbyterian brethren. The problems that have in this connection to be solved need not be treated hastily; they demand careful consideration, and all impartial observers will credit the authorities of Queen's with a desire to be faithful to the best traditions of the university, and to consider carefully the claims and interests of all concerned.

THE CASE OF DR. WILKIE.

The announcement of a meeting in Toronto, last week, of friends of Dr. Wilkie, reminds us that there has been dissatisfaction, more or less widespread, with the action of the last General Assembly, in severing Rev. Dr. Wilkie's connection with our missionary work in Indore, after twenty-one year's service there. Fresh and fuller light, it is claimed, has come to hand, which, had it been before the Assembly, would have changed the course taken. Meetings have been held of those who desire that Dr. Wilkie's connection with our work in Indore, should be continued, at least until this fresh information can be laid before next Assembly. An influential committee has been appointed to lay Dr. Wilkie's case before the Foreign Mission Committee; but so far, apparently, not much has come out of this action. The whole matter has awakened considerable feeling, and the course of proceedings is being watched with much interest.

It is well known to the whole church that almost since its inception, there has been friction in the working of this mission field, and apparently it is getting no better. While of course every instance of disagreement among missionaries, or between them and the Foreign Mission Committee could not be made public, and should not be, yet we cannot but feel, that, in a case of such long standing and which has reached the stage which this has, there has had been altogether too much reticence, and mystery maintained as to this case by the Foreign Mission Committee. The mission is the mission of the whole church, and since it has to supply all the means for carrying it on, it has had certainly a right to know with some degree of fullness and preciseness exactly what is the trouble.

THE CRITIC'S CORNER.

Independence And Journalism.

Sometime ago I noted the retirement of Mr. Willison from the Globe for the purpose of pursuing his journalistic career on a more independent line. After due acknowledgement of the great ability of the Globe's retiring editor, it was pointed out that the path of independence is a difficult one in a country where party zeal is so strong and where parties are so evenly matched. Still I was glad to welcome the new movement, as anything is better than stagnation, and we must be grateful to the men who seek to save us from being victims to "machines" of any kind. Now, however, the Globe has made an effective reply by calling to its office a man who up to this point might be counted as one of the strongest representatives of independent journalism. Speaking

for myself, I do not think that the Rev. J. A. Macdonald does justice to the situation, in the following words of his valedictory:

"I am quite aware, that to some thoughtful and earnest persons, my decision to leave what is called religious journalism for what is called secular journalism, and to assume the control of a newspaper, more or less closely identified with politics, is a somewhat doubtful proceeding."

The former editor of the Westminster does not here show his usual precision and force. With the more "thoughtful" people, as he knows well, it is not a question of "secular" and "religious." The Westminster dealt with things secular and often referred to politics. That is not the point. The point is, does it look like a worse move for a man to leave an independent position, which he had himself created, a position which gave considerable influence in Church and State, in order to become the editor of a party paper.

The Globe is, of its kind, a first class journal, and I have every respect for the ability with which, in recent years it has been managed; but the fact remains that it is a party organ and does not claim to be in the fullest sense, "independent." We must have parties and party-newspapers; and it is important that both the party organizations and their journals should be kept as clean as possible. But after all, many people who cherish the highest ideals, question whether a man, who has gained an independent position can increase his usefulness by taking charge even of the Globe.

Notwithstanding the new and "absorbing" duties, Mr. Macdonald promises to take a paternal interest in the journals that he leaves; and he frankly adds: "I shall retain my present interest in the "Westminster Co." and hold myself ready to promote the success of its enterprises." So in that direction all will be well. When we are told that "The greatness of the opportunity, and its criticalness cannot be denied," we are not quite certain what is meant. Surely the Globe is a great journal, that has lived through many changes, and it can hardly be said to be in a "critical" condition. It was, of course, important for its managers to secure a good man to succeed Mr. Willison; but we are not called to believe that Canada has only one suitable man for such a post. If there is a "crisis," it is in Mr. Macdonald's career as a journalist. The change may mean increased power for himself and larger influence for the company, with which he is identified. What was the proper course to pursue, was a matter entirely within his own right, and we have no intention of criticising that action. But it is quite within our province to remark, that it is not the change from so-called religious to so-called secular journalism, that has perplexed Mr. Macdonald's most ardent admirers. They were puzzled at first to decide whether the change was an ascent or descent; but many of them came to the conclusion, that without any disrespect to the Globe, it meant a loss to the Church, a loss of freedom to Mr. Macdonald, and, so far as the community at large was concerned, a questionable gain. A great concern like the Globe, cannot very well be annexed to the Westminster Co., and the man who controls a large daily journal, will prove himself to be both a giant and a genius, if he can spare much energy for anything else. However, that is not my affair. I simply wished to help in putting the matter exactly as it appears to many "thoughtful" people.

The
Inglenook

FIONA M'IVER.

A ROMANCE OF THE WESTERN ISLES.

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CHAPTER IX.

THE BEST LAID SCHEMES.

Waldegrave closed his book and listened. Fiona was playing, and the mellow notes of the 'Skye Boat Song' floated up from the drawing room.

'You might place the door ajar, mother,' he said, with a touch of impatience.

A stately dame rose from her chair and complied with his request.

And now a rich, well-cultivated voice was heard singing:

'Speed, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,
Onward, the sailors cry:
Carry the lad that is born to be King
Over the sea to Skye.'

Mother and son endeavoured not to lose a note: the former, bending her head—on which the silken hair had begun to whiten—a little forward, while a wistful look flitted across her handsome features; the latter, quite enchanted, moving his hands as if beating time.

The song having ended, there were a few moments of silence; then the piano was struck again, and the wild, passionate wail of the 'Lament for MacLean of Ardgour' reached their ears. And so song followed song until, at last, the music ceased.

'A lovely voice and a lovely girl,' murmured Waldegrave with a sigh. And then he roused himself, and began talking eagerly, almost passionately, about Fiona—her beauty, character, accomplishments.

'Why, Jeff,' interposed his mother, 'I never heard you speak so eloquently before—and all in praise of a young lady!'

She tried to speak jocularly, but it was not a success.

'I've not said half what I feel,' he answered gravely; 'and you know, mother, until quite lately, you shared my admiration. You were as enthusiastic as I. Why have you changed? I've been wishing to ask you that for several days. Has Miss M'Iver displeased you in any way?'

'Jeff,' replied Mrs. Waldegrave, closing the door again, and speaking seriously; 'how can you ask such questions?'

'Because you've changed, mother,' he persisted. 'I feel it and see it. At first you were continually talking about her, admiring her, and everything she did. You were always glad when you could prevail on her and her father to come up here. Now it is nearly a week since she crossed the threshold, and I want you to tell me why you've changed.'

He fixed his brown eyes steadily upon her.

Mrs. Waldegrave knew her son too well to attempt to evade a straightforward reply. She had noticed his growing restlessness and silence, and had suspected that he was brooding over

'My answer, Jeff, is very simple,' she replied quietly, but with a nervous movement which showed that she was not at ease. 'When I arrived here, I understood that Miss M'Iver was engaged, or all but engaged. I saw at a glance that she was a true-hearted girl who wouldn't trifle with a man, and I knew you wouldn't trifle with her. We could make free with her, and it

brightened the time for us all. It's different now we've heard that she's not betrothed to Nial Duff and doesn't care for him.'

'Why?' asked Waldegrave. 'I'm very glad.'

'You ought not to say that, Jeff. It's been her father's long-cherished wish that she should marry him,' replied his mother somewhat sharply. 'And when I was a girl, a parent's wish on such a matter was almost a command. Besides, the young fellow loves her and hopes to win her—he confessed as much to you in his letter last week. When he returns she may change her mind. She wouldn't be the first girl to say "no" to a man, and afterwards marry him, and make him a good wife too. Miss M'Iver is a fine girl, and we must be careful and not make her path unnecessarily difficult.'

'Assuredly not, my dear mater, how could we?'

'Well, you see, Jeff,' answered Mrs. Waldegrave archly, 'I don't want to flatter you, but you're rather a chivalrous fellow, and it's the way of a woman to feel a special regard for a man whose life she has saved. But in a few days we leave here. You've promised to return to Canada, and will be absent for two years. Need I say more to show how careful we should be?'

Waldegrave broke into a mirthless laugh, which he quickly checked.

'Ah, mother,' he said, 'you're quick, but not quick enough. What Miss M'Iver's feelings are for me I cannot tell—I hope they are such as you suggest—but I had seen little of her before I was conscious of sentiments such as I've entertained for no other woman. When, however, I thought that she was engaged to Nial Duff I buried them. Neither by word or look have I betrayed myself. But when the truth came out, that altered matters. I don't see why I should hide my love any longer.'

'I had begun to fear as much,' said his mother with cold severity, 'but I do hope you'll do nothing imprudent.'

'Why "fear as much" and why "imprudently"?' he asked in rising tones. His eyes began to kindle.

'It's no use getting angry, Jeff,' she replied nervously. 'You know quite well that it would upset all expectations. We shall always be deeply indebted to Miss M'Iver. I confess that she's a noble and beautiful girl, but for you to fall in love with her would be a serious mistake. It would blight all your prospects.'

'Ah, mater,' he said, controlling his voice and speaking gently—for he knew that what he was about to say would scatter finally many pleasant visions, and bitterly disappoint her—'I'm sorry to spoil so many nicely-arranged plans. You and Lady Perceval have been life-long friends, and you've both hoped that I and Laura would make a match. To further that, Lord Perceval was persuaded to invite me to join his staff and appoint me his private secretary, and you consented to my going out to Canada. But the best laid schemes, you know, mother, of great personages, as of less distinguished mortals, get upset. I've seen much of Laura during the last two years. She's a nice little thing, pretty and all that, but I could never care

for her as I do for Fiona. By the way,' he added with a harder look, as a sudden thought struck him, 'I hope you've said nothing about Laura here.'

His proud, ambitious mother looked vexed and discomposed, but there was no escape from his searching eyes.

'A day or two ago, Mr. M'Iver was asking about Lord Perceval and his family, and I showed him their portraits.'

'And Miss M'Iver was present?'

'Yes.'

'And you hinted—'

'Only as a wish of my own, and then so vaguely that I'm sure they would attach no importance to it. I mean there's no fear that they will ever mention it again.'

'I do wish you hadn't,' he replied in a tone of displeasure.

Possibly I was wrong. I'd half begun to fear—from the tone of your letters—that you didn't care for dear Laura. But apart from her, you surely can't have weighed the consequences of what you appear bent on doing. Miss M'Iver is penniless, unknown, and unused to society; she has an aged father to care for, and the world would look upon it as almost a *mesalliance* for one in your position to marry her. And to seek her hand just when you are on the verge of leaving the country for two more years, seems to me the height of madness.'

'I don't share your view at all,' he answered doggedly. 'No doubt there are difficulties. Miss M'Iver may refuse me, and even if she accepts me, we must wait until I return, that's clear. But as to her becoming a sort of drag on the wheel, the idea is absurd. She's cut off from the world here, but you must allow that she's fit for any society, and would hold her own brilliantly. She's of good family, though its fortunes are just now under a cloud. She would urge me to make the best of my life as one of your society girls never could. And then, to crown all, she saved me from a watery grave. Remember, mother, that but for her you would have no son to-night. Will you not wish me success in my wooing?'

His mother rose to her feet.

'It's all a surprise to me,' she replied with quivering voice. 'Although I'd begun to dread some such complications, I cannot reconcile myself to it to-night. I'll make no rash promises, and I hope you'll reconsider the matter carefully.'

Then she withdrew to her own room, to give way to emotions which she could no longer control.

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When Fiona rose from the piano, she drew a chair before the fire and began to read. But she turned the pages mechanically, her thoughts occupied with other interests, and very soon the book was cast aside, and she gazed absently into the red embers.

Scene after scene of the last few weeks passed before her mind; it had been a stirring time, full of novelty and interest.

The arrival of Mrs. Waldegrave had brought unlooked-for pleasure. She was a lady of large experience, accustomed to the

best social circles, and though she had a grand air, her heart was warm and motherly.

All her hopes and interests centred in her son, for whose future she cherished lofty ambitions; and this naturally awakened in her the liveliest gratitude to one who had restored him to her, as it were, from the very jaws of death. Unconsciously her haughty reserve melted away, and dreaming of no complications, she took the lonely Highland girl to her heart at once.

It was just the sympathy Fiona's mystic and romantic nature craved. Since her mother's death she had remained imprisoned among the wild mountains, well nigh cut off from her own sex; but here was a lady whose refinement and culture were equal to her own, and whose knowledge of the world was far beyond hers; and when the first brief shyness was overcome, their intercourse became happy and unconstrained.

Although Waldegrave improved steadily, he was not able to get away so early as had been expected. A severe bruise on his unbroken leg healed slowly. He was able to leave his bed, but found it difficult and unadvisable to move about much, even with the help of crutches. But the apartment adjoining his own was turned into a cosy sitting-room, and speedily became the centre of life for the whole house.

There most of the evenings were passed. Fiona's harp was carried thither, and as her fingers touched its trembling strings, and the wild, passionate, Highland melodies echoed through the grey old house, Mr. M'Iver seemed to grow visibly younger. For his sake, if for no other, Fiona was glad.

But now for a week this had suddenly ceased. Her father was restless and wondered at the change, but to Fiona the explanation was perfectly plain.

She remembered one afternoon when she and Mrs. Waldegrave were out walking, and having been drawn by that lady into an unusually confidential mood, she spoke freely about Nial Mor, and let it be clearly seen that she was not engaged to him, nor ever likely to be. She recalled now that Mrs. Waldegrave had immediately become grave and silent, and her manner constrained. The next day the portraits of Lord Perceval and his family were produced, and the hint about Lady Laura—not lost on Fiona—was dropped.

'I understand it all now,' she thought bitterly. 'Mrs. Waldegrave has set her heart on her son making a brilliant match. So long as she thought I was pledged to Nial, she was delightful; but now that she has heard that I am free, she has become reserved, and holds me off, lest I should cast a spell over her dear boy. I wonder what he thinks of it?'

Waldegrave had spoken truly when he told his mother that he had striven to hide his feelings; but in little unconscious ways he had revealed himself. Fiona had seen how his face brightened when she entered the room, and she knew in her own heart that her regard for this bright, manly young soldier had deepened day by day. Never before had she met with such a kindred spirit. She felt stronger, happier, more hopeful in his company. It had seemed so easy and natural for them to talk to one another about life and books, and all that makes the world interesting. And so the golden threads had been silently woven that drew these lives together.

'And now it is all over,' thought Fiona, with a sigh of anger and bitterness. 'If Mr. Waldegrave has begun to care for me, his mother, no doubt, will soon bring him to

reason. I cannot compete with "my dear Lady Laura." What chance has a poor Highland girl with an empty purse, against a rich titled lady moving in brilliant society?'

She rose from her seat in great bitterness and hurried upstairs. But the angry tears were quickly wiped away, and she entered her room with proud, defiant, sparkling eyes.

'Ah, my dear,' she said, glancing in the mirror, 'people say you're beautiful; but good looks can't be turned into gold, and it's gold that makes the world go round—so, at least, I've heard.'

She tried to brush the whole matter aside with lofty scorn. Her Highland pride was roused, and her Highland blood too. She hated and despised a social system which under the sanction of religion and piety sacrificed the most sacred emotions to worldly ostentation and gain. The world was full of vulgar mammon worship, and false standards, and gilded insincerity.

But the wound she had received was too deep for scorn and anger to heal, and she buried her face in her pillow with a bitter cry.

CHAPTER X.

WALDEGRAVE AND FIONA IN THE PRIEST'S CAVE.

But Fiona was not the only one in the house of Fàsach who had little sleep that night.

Geoffrey Waldegrave was restless, his mother unhappy, and the grey dawn had appeared before they closed their eyes.

(To be Continued)

Mistakes Women Make.

One of the mistakes of womankind is in not knowing how to eat. If a man is not to be fed when she is, she thinks a cup of tea or anything handy good enough. If she needs to save money, she does it at the butcher's cost. If she is busy, she will not waste time in eating. If she is unhappy, she goes without food. A man eats if the broker's man is at the door, if his work drives, if the undertaker interrupts; and he is right.

A woman will choose ice cream instead of beefsteak, and a man will not. Another of her mistakes is in not knowing how to rest. If she is tired, she may sit down, but she will darn stockings, crochet shawls, embroider doilies. She doesn't know that hard work tires. If she is exhausted, she will write letters, or figure her accounts. She would laugh at you if you hinted that reading or writing could fail to rest her. All over the country women's hospitals flourish because women do not know how to rest. Another mistake on the list is their constant worrying. Worry and hurry are their enemies, and yet they hug them to their bosom.

What the Bee Does.

Great indeed is the amount of work which a busy bee will do a day. Every head of clover consists of about sixty flower tubes, each of which contains a very small quantity of sugar. Bees will often visit a hundred heads of clover before returning to the hive, and in order to obtain the sugar necessary for a load must therefore thrust their tongues into 6,000 different flowers. A bee will make twenty trips a day when the clover patch is convenient to the hive, and thus will draw the sugar, from 120,000 different flowers in the course of a single day's work.

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Home Sunshine.

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Children should be encouraged to smile, for it helps to cultivate a cheerful and amiable temperament, and does much to keep their young bodies in good order. In the sick-room, therefore, amusing and entertaining books only should be allowed, and less physic will be needed. During meals talking of a light nature should be allowed, for ten smiles during dinner will do a great deal to aid a weak stomach in digesting food.

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Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

Here we are already past the middle of the first month of the second year of the twentieth century, whose coming in created such a stir. Man can dam back great rivers like the Nile, can even curb and dyke back the ocean, but time defiantly and resistlessly rolls on its mighty flood to the abyss of eternity, and none can stay it. This thought must both impress and sober every thoughtful mind. But we must call a halt to moralizing.

The subject of temperance, as a result of the referendum vote, has again come prominently to the front. On Thursday last, after a preliminary meeting to arrange the most successful method of attack, two hundred earnest men and women interviewed Premier Ross and the Ontario Government, to present and urge upon them their view of the present situation as to temperance, resulting from the vote of December 4th, and emphasize the necessity of giving speedy and satisfactory effect by legislation to the unmistakably expressed wishes of the people as given at the polls. What the deputation asked was that the government should, as speedily as possible, give effect to a resolution passed by an overwhelming vote at a meeting held here on Dec. 16th, composed of the Executive of the Dominion Alliance, the standing Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist General Conference, the Standing Committee on Church Life and Work of the General Assembly of our own Church, the standing Committee on Temperance of the Congregational Union, and a number of gentlemen selected by leading workers of the Baptist, Anglican, and other denominations. This body must be admitted to be fully representative of the temperance and religious sentiment of the country.

The resolution referred to, asks for "the abolition of the public bar, the treating system, and drinking in clubs, and the imposition of such other restrictions on the liquor traffic as shall most effectively curtail its operation and remedy its evils." Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Rev. Dr. Carman, Rev. Dr. Dickson of Galt, and Rev. Principal Sheraton were the chief spokesmen of the deputation. The speaking and presentation of arguments was decidedly good and effective. The premier replied at more than usual length, and in an encouraging tone, but confessed his inability to say anything definite until he should see how far he could depend upon the support of members of the legislature both among his own followers, and of those who, politically, might differ from him on other subjects.

It is to be regretted that Hon. Mr. Harcourt, without waiting till the government's course had been decided on, has to an interviewer who asked his view as to what should be done in the situation, expressed an opinion which on the face of it would indicate, so far as he is concerned, action falling far short of what most temperance workers would think might be justly expected and will insist upon. For this Mr. F. S. Spence takes him to task in one of our daily papers in a strong and vigorously worded letter, in which he points out that, in Mr. Harcourt's own constituency, the vote for abolishing the bars was 1875 to only 350 against. We trust that the legislation taken will be thorough-going, and that Mr. Ross will not fail in getting abundant support.

At the Massey Hall meeting of the Temperance League on Sunday the 11th inst, the speaker was Rev. Hervey Wood, Field Secretary of the National Temperance Society of New York. In his address, he mentioned seeing statistics when in Britain, showing that 64 per cent of the mortality among children there was due to the drink traffic. It was the enemy of the home, of society, and of the Kingdom of God.

A kindred and also vitally important subject for all that affects national well-being in the highest sense, is Sabbath Observance. The great encouragement given by members of the Dominion Government, to those who are labouring so strenuously to secure the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship for all classes, as reported in our daily papers in this city, is among the most hopeful signs of our time for the good of society and of the Dominion. An admirable little publication in connection with this subject

is "The Lord's Day Advocate." The last number is packed full of information on this subject, most of it highly encouraging, and all who wish to know both how Sabbath observance stands and how the cause is progressing should read it. There are two men, by the way, who are serving well the causes with which they are identified and through them, the country, Rev. J. G. Shearer, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance.

On next Sunday will begin to be carried into effect, the scheme for a series of University sermons to be given fortnightly thereafter in connection with the University of Toronto. Of Presbyterian ministers whose names are given to take part in this course of sermons, are those of Rev. Dr. Herridge, Rev. Dr. Barclay and Rev. Charles W. Gordon. This is an interesting new departure in connection with Toronto University, and it may be taken as an indication of growing regard among students of all departments in divine things, and much good may be expected to result from such a course of sermons by some of Canada's best known preachers. Of a different kind, but still interesting, as illustrating the spirit of the University, is a course of six lectures to be given partly by professors, and partly by others, on a variety of popular subjects. "Some Canadian Ideals" is the subject of one to be given by Rev. C. W. Gordon. The proceeds derived from these lectures are to be devoted to the Convocation Hall fund.

At this writing the Annual Missionary Conference of the Victoria College Missionary Society is being held in the chapel of that institution. This society includes the professors, and most of the students, and its object is the systematic study of the problems of missions, and the inspiration of its members to greater zeal in that great work. The whole field of Methodist missions is passed under review, and interesting addresses are given by men perfectly familiar with the different fields.

Now is the season for annual congregational meetings. A large number of city churches have already held their meetings for the past year. It is very cheering to find that, in almost every case, the reports for the Year past are all of the most hopeful and encouraging character as regards every department of work. So also we presume and hope it will be found in other cities and towns, and in rural congregations as well. It is earnestly to be hoped that when the church year closes, the balance to all the schemes of the church may be found on the right side.

Death has again made fresh blanks among the older ministers of our church. After a very short illness, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot of London, well known some years ago as an active member in the courts of the church, as a strong, vigorous preacher, and until lately as lecturer in Knox College, in Pastoral Theology and Church Government, has passed away. On Saturday morning 10th inst, he was seized with apoplexy, and without regaining consciousness died on the following Wednesday morning. Still more sudden was the death of Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, also long and well known in the church, in the western part of Ontario especially. On the same evening on which he died, he attended a social gathering of the choir and session of College street church, and made an address. While almost the whole of Rev. Dr. Proudfoot's ministerial life was spent in London, Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson held pastorates in Winterbourne, St. Thomas, and in Wyoming 25 years. For 25 years he was clerk of the presbytery of London, and on the formation of the presbytery of Sarnia, he became its clerk and continued to be until his retirement five years ago, since when he has resided in Toronto.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Geo. Weir, Avonmore, has been elected President of the local public library board.

The ministers of Smith's Falls, have organized a ministerial association.

Rev. Donald McKerroll, of Sutton and Rev. Mr. Martin, of Cannington, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Rev. H. Taylor, of Lochwinnoch, has been presented by the ladies of Sand Point, through Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Wm. McLean, with a handsome pair of bear skin cutter robes as a token of good will and appreciation of his faithful service as pastor.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, Ottawa, is to preach at the anniversary services of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Perth, on Sunday, Jan. 25th.

Rev. D. N. Coburn was assisted by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Osrabruck Centre, at the prayer meetings in the Presbyterian church, North Lunenburg, last week.

There was a general exchange of pulpits at Brockville on the 11th inst. Rev. Mr. Strachan preached in Wall St. Methodist church, and Rev. Mr. Laird in the Baptist church.

Rev. J. T. Tanner, B. A., will hold a weekly bible class in the historical old hall at the residence of the Misses McLennen, South Lancaster, each Thursday evening, for the study of the bible, beginning in Genesis.

Rev. Mr. Currie, of St. John's, Almonte, commenced a series of sermons on the book of Genesis last Sunday morning. In the evening he preached a sermon for young men.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Williamstown, a very satisfactory report was presented. The managers were re-elected, caretakers salary was raised, and now an effort is being made to increase the pastor's stipend.

At the annual meeting of the St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, the session report, as presented by the pastor showed the congregation to consist of 130 families and 50 other young people, making a total membership of 302. During the year there were 11 marriages, 14 baptisms and 14 funerals.

At the annual meeting of Cooke's church, Kingston, of which Rev. Alex. Laird is pastor, the managing board reported the church free from debt and a small surplus on hand. It is the intention to purchase a new organ this year.

The induction of Rev. W. McIntyre took place at St. Matthew's church, Woodlands, last week. Rev. Mr. McCallum, presided, Rev. Mr. Weir of Avonmore, was the preacher, Rev. Mr. Coburn, of Lunenburg, Rev. Mr. Harkness, of Cornwall, and the Rev. Arch McIntyre were also present.

Rev. Dr. Bayne and family, of Pembroke, intend to take a trip to the Rocky Mountains next summer finishing up with a visit to friends in Vancouver, Banff and Winnipeg. Few pastors are better entitled to a lengthened holiday than Dr. Bayne, who has a large congregation to look after, is in frequent demand for outside work, and never spares himself.

At the annual meeting of Knox congregation, Lancaster, most encouraging reports were presented. The session, numbering in their midst three over 80 years of age, remain intact, and all the old officers were re-elected. The church contributed the following amounts to the several schemes:—Home Mission, \$102.58; Foreign Missions, \$08.21; French Evangelization, \$31.17; Colleges, \$29.75; Stipend Augmentation, \$42.65; Widows and Orphans, \$17.95; Aged Ministers, \$18.18; Assembly, \$7.12; Dr. Leddingham, \$34.50. At the conclusion of the meeting the Ladies Aid served tea to all present and a pleasant hour was spent.

St. Andrew's congregation, Perth, is in a good position financially, having wiped off the balance of indebtedness on their new church building; and it is intended to enlarge the school room. At the annual meeting, after devotional exercises by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Scott, Mr. F. L. Michell was invited to preside when reports of a most cheering character were presented from the managers, treasurer, and the various organizations carrying on the congregation's work. The removal of Mr. Charles, the former S. S. Superintendent rendered necessary the choosing a successor, and Mr. John Crosky was duly elected to this responsible position. Mr. Scott for the session remarked that some work done in a church could not be put down in figures or statements. The spiritual work was emphasized. The missionary enterprises were referred to, and announcements were made concerning arrangements for the fifth anniversary dedication of their new edifice.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Almonte, showed the flourishing condition of the congregation. The managers reported gross receipts of \$3,010, all expenses met, and the debt reduced by \$639. The amount now due on the organ, the only liability of the congregation, is a little less than \$250. The new managers are R. L. McDonald, J. W. Wylie, P. McCallum, T. J. Reid, M. R. McFarlane and W. H. Black. Mr. Black was elected treasurer. Messrs. D. G. Hamilton and W. P. Robertson were appointed auditors for 1904. Votes of thanks were tendered to the choir and to the

retiring superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. D. G. Hamilton, who can point to eleven years of arduous labor as having earned for him a needed rest.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, reports showed that the total receipts in the general fund were \$2,000.80. The ladies' aid contributed \$155.71; the W. F. M. S., \$414.51, while over \$1,600 was raised for the missions of the church. Forty-three new members were added to the roll, and the membership at present is 460.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Chalk River, was held in the Mission Hall at that place on Wednesday evening Jan. 14th, with a fair attendance of members and adherents. After devotional exercises by the pastor, the Rev. G. D. Campbell, reports were called for and were presented by the Board of Managers, the Sabbath School, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Womans Foreign Mission Society, all of which were of a very satisfactory and gratifying nature. The Treasurer of the congregation also presented her report which showed that, after all obligations had been met, there was a very substantial cash balance on her hands. Great credit is due this congregation to the Ladies' Aid Society for the valuable assistance which they have given during the year in all branches of the church work.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Perth, the various reports showed increases in comparison with other years and the debt on the church was reduced last year by \$1,000, leaving a small balance which it is expected will be paid at an early date. The Women's Foreign Missionary society, as shown by Miss Riddell's report, has also made a large advance in its contributions over last years. It was the banner year for the Mission Band, whose report was read by Miss Lilian Allan. It made this year the largest contribution in its history. Very appreciative mention was made of the excellent work done by Mr. Forsyth and the choir; and an encouraging Sunday School report was submitted by Mr. Edmiston, which shows Sabbath School to be in a healthy state of activity. Altogether the past year's record in Knox Church is highly satisfactory and indicates good work done by its societies and officers, especially by the venerable treasurer Mr. James Allan who throughout most of his life has been a faithful and wise officer of this congregation which now regards him as their "grand old man." Although about four score years he is still the superintendent of the Sabbath School and a beloved teacher of one of its best classes.

The week of prayer has been observed in Kingston with increased attendance and interest. The different Protestant denominations, with the usual exception, united in the services cordially and happily. The annual meeting of the Bible Society held on Wednesday evening, was largely attended, though the evening was unfavorable, showing no waning interest in that noble institution, the B. & F. Bible Society. It was addressed by the resident Anglican Bishop, and Dr. Antliff, Methodist. While these facts are encouraging, the Presbyterian congregations of the city do not manifest that prayerful and aggressive spirit which was expected to be developed in the new century. Progress no doubt can be reported in the temperance movement, and in some other directions; but the highest aim of the church, and its greatest work, do not appear to absorb attention, and draw out the undivided and zealous efforts of the whole membership. The inquiry, "is Christ's kingdom truly and fully set up among us" requires more prayerful consideration.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Kinloss, has been preaching at Brucefield.

The next regular meeting of Stratford Presbytery will be held on 3rd March.

Rev. Mr. Thom, of Flesherton, conducted anniversary services at Cedarville.

Leave has been granted to establish a separate session at Fraser church, the outside station of the Lucan congregation.

Rev. A. B. Dobson, of Fordwich, was recently presented by his congregation with a fur coat, gauntlets and robe.

At Stratford Presbytery Rev. E. W. Panton, having 11 years treasurer, resigned, and was thanked for his long and faithful work. Rev R. F. Cameron was appointed in his place.

The Guelph Mercury speaks in high terms of the lecture delivered under the auspices of Chalmers' church Literary Society by Rev. J.W. MacMillan, of Lindsay. His subject was A Trip to Scotland and Germany.

The young people of Knox church, Guelph, have organized a mock parliament. Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M.P. was present and gave an interesting address on parliamentary procedure, and then aided in starting the young men on their way to training for taking later on their place in a wider arena.

At the recent meeting of Stratford Presbytery Rev. Dr. McLeod, Attwood, was elected moderator for ensuing six months; and Revs' Stewart, Haig, Hardie and Leitch with Elders, Messrs. Leslie, Forbes, Curtis, and Riddell were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly for 1903.

On Jan. 11th, the anniversary services were conducted in the Cenn church. Special preacher for morning, the Rev. J. Reid. An excellent sermon was delivered by the reverend gentleman, on "Peace, through Justification." In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Kendall. In spite of the severity of the weather the church was filled with worshippers at both services.

At last meeting of Paris Presbytery Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, was nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly; and the following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly, viz.: Revs. John Thomson, Ayr, G. C. Patterson, Embro, W. K. Shearer, Drumbo, Dr. McKay, Woodstock, with Elders from Glenmorris, Paris, Stanley St., Ayr, and St. George congregations.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the First church, Chatham, indicates satisfactory progress in every direction. The membership at close of year was 393, an increase of 29. The treasurer's statement was as follows: Receipts—1901, \$3537.17; 1902, \$3379.59; decrease \$157.58. Expenditure, 1901, \$3,645.79; 1902, \$3,093.99; decrease, \$551.80. Overdraft, 1901, \$133.63. Balance on hand, 1902, \$151.97.

The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Proudfoot was largely attended. Rev. A. J. McGillivray M.A., pastor of new St. James' church; Rev. J. H. Barnett of Kintyre, Moderator of the London Presbytery; Rev. Prof. James Ballantyne of Knox College, pupil and colleague of the deceased, and Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Appin, Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London, took part in the services. Interment took place at Oakwood Cemetery, Oxford street, the pall-bearers being Aid. Greenlees, Messrs. D. Fraser, Wm. Fraser, F. Leonard, Mr. Black and Chas. Elliott.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. A. P. Addison, of Stayner and Nottawa, has commenced a series of sermons on Old Testament characters, which promises to be instructive and interesting.

Rev. L. McLean, of Duntroon, has been lecturing in the Scotch Settlement under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., and in aid of expense fund. The subject of the lecture was: "Habits."

At the close of the Christmas entertainment of St. Andrew's church Sunday-school, Burk's Falls, Mr. R. J. Watson and Mr. Walter Sharpe, Sr., on behalf of the church, presented the Rev. R. J. Sturgeon with a costly fur-lined overcoat, as a mark of the congregation's appreciation of his able, untiring and unassuming discharge of the duties of the pastorate.

The Presbyterian tea-meeting entertainment, at Uptergrove presented an imposing array of talent. The Rev. W. J. Hewitt, of Ardrea, occupied the chair. The speakers were: Mr. Monds, late of Knox College, who had supplied the pulpit for the two Sundays previous; the Rev. A. McD. Haig, of Jarrut's Corners; the Rev. J. A. Connell, of Atherley; Mr. George D. Grant, and Mr. D. Inglis Grant, both of Orillia.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Herridge is announced to preach anniversary sermons in St. Andrew's, Perth, next Sunday.

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Armstrong presided and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Mr. W. J. Irvine acted as secretary. The treasurer's statement was read by Mr. Wm. Whillans. The reports presented showed that

about \$5,000 had been collected from all sources during the year. The report of the missionary society, read by the treasurer, Mr. Dunnet, showed that the work accomplished was in volume equal to that of the previous year. Reports for the Ladies' Aid society were read by the secretary, Miss Jessie Lindsay and the treasurer, Miss Gallagher. During the past twelve months over \$700 was collected, this including the proceeds of the recent bazaar. Mrs. J. R. Hill read the report of St Paul's auxiliary W.F.M.S. The report for the Sunday School was read by Mr. R. Esdale, and reports for the Young People's society were read by the secretary, Miss Jennie Dunnet, and the treasurer, Miss Agnes Jacques. Officers elected were: Wm. Whillans, treasurer, and John McKinley, assistant treasurer; R. A. McCormick and James Lindsay, auditors. The following new members were elected to the temporal committee: John Hodgson, Jas. Dunnett and John Robertson. At the close of the business meeting, which was largely attended, the ladies provided refreshments.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of the Stewarton congregation revealed a very gratifying state of affairs—both religiously and financially. The Session Clerk, Mr. J. B. Halkett showed that according to last year's report there were 288 names on the roll. During the year 18 names were added by certificate and 12 on profession of faith. There were 12 removals by certificate and one death, so that the present membership is 307. There were seven baptisms during the year. It was recommended to increase Rev. Mr. Heribson's stipend from \$1,100 to \$1,200; and this was cordially assented to by this meeting, it being conceded that the pastor is doing excellent work for this congregation. The treasurer's report was read by Jas. Guthrie. The receipts were \$2,279.93; expenditure, \$2,248.41; net balance, \$31.52. The following officers were elected: Board of managers, new members, J. J. Campbell, 3 years; W. H. Fitzsimmons, 3 years; C. E. Mills, 3 years. Auditors, J. P. Carruthers and G. W. Robb. Trustees, J. J. Campbell, J. B. Halkett and G. W. Robb, 5 years each.

Quebec.

On January 8th the annual meeting of the LaChute congregation was held. Jas. M. McLaren, B.A., pastor. All the reports from the various branches of the work were most encouraging. The report of Session showed an increase of membership of 133, 114 on profession of faith and 19 by certificate. Of the 114, 87 were young people. No special services were held. The Board of management reported receipts from contributions and Sabbath collections \$2,482.00 with a balance on hand of \$128.00. To the Schemes of the Church \$465.00 was subscribed; \$108.00 was reported raised by a total of the Woman's Mission Society, making a total of \$573.00 to the Schemes of the Church, an increase of \$323.00 over last year. The other branches of the work were most happy and cheerful in the reports submitted and all look forward to a year of even larger success than during 1902.

Montreal.

Rev. Andrew Reid, who has just returned from a visit to China and Australia, reached Montreal last night and left immediately for his father's home at Kinnear's Mills. He is a brother of the Rev. W. D. Reid, of this city.

The salary of Rev. Dr. Barclay, pastor of St. Paul's church, has been increased from \$7,200 to \$8,500. This, it is understood, is because St. Paul's congregation appreciated their pastor's decision to remain with them when called to Kingston.

The annual meeting of the Chalmers church Sunday School Association was held at the residence of the superintendent, Mr. Malcolm Thompson, St. Famille street. The reports showed a very successful year. After the meeting the members were entertained in generous style by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

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An awful silence fell. It lasted until the third forkful found capacious immolation behind the shubbery of Jacob's beard.

"Do you," inquired Isaac, with bitterness, "id iss boliteness imachine, der piggest feesh to take?"

"Didn't you," with elaborate suavity, "me to hellsu meinselss reckwest?"

"But to der piggest feesh—"

"Vell, if you yourselfs hat first heluped, vich would you took?"

"Me!" with unctious of proud virtue. "I would haf took der liddiest feesh."

"Vell, you got id, ain't id?"

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Fill up the Teapot—When tea has been put into the teapot it should at once be filled up with boiling water. It is a great mistake to put only a little drop of water on the leaves first, filling the pot up afterward.

Not a speck of flour should be added to bread dough after it is once set to rise. Kneading in flour just before baking adds unleavened flour to the bread and spoils it, making it too dry, and giving the yeast no time to reach and leaven it.

Hot Tea Scones.—Take one half pound of flour, add a pinch of salt, and mix to a soft dough with boiling water. Roll out to water thinness on a floured board, and bake on a fairly hot griddle. These are best served pined hot on a plate with butter.

A Delicious Way of Cooking Filleted fish.—Place the fish on a disk or strainer that will fit in a tin baking-dish with a little butter and salt upon it. Cover the bottom of the baking-dish with milk, and bake for ten or fifteen minutes in a hot oven.

In Boiling Potatoes—Pare the potatoes; throw them into cold water for at least thirty minutes. Then throw them into boiling unsalted water and let them boil gently until they can be easily pierced to the centre with a fork. Drain off every particle of water; dust the potatoes with salt and shake them, uncovered, over the fire until dry. If cooked this way they will be as white as snow.

Care of Sewing Machines.—When a sewing machine is heavy to work take out the cotton and thoroughly oil every part of the machine with paraffin. Work it briskly for a few minutes, that the oil may penetrate thoroughly, and extract all dirt and grit, and then wipe every part of the machine carefully with a soft old duster. When the paraffin has been removed, oil the machine again with the proper lubricating oil. Paraffin should never be allowed to remain on the machine, for it heats the bearings and causes them to wear out.

A hot bath will bring sleep. Suppose a person to be so tired out by overwork of any kind, as to feel nervous, irritable and worn, to be absolutely certain that bed means only tossing for hours in an unhappy wakefulness (we all know this condition of the body and mind), turn on the hot water in the bathroom and soak in the hot bath until the drowsy feeling comes, which will be within three minutes; turn on the cold water until it becomes tepid; then rub yourself with a coarse turkish towel until the body is perfectly dry, and then go to bed. You will sleep the sleep of the just, and rise in the morning wondering how you could have felt so badly the night before. The bath has saved many a one from a sleepless night if not from a severe headache the next day.
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Kamloops, Revelstoke, March, 4 10 a.m.
Kootenay, Nelson, B.C., Feb. 17.
Westminster, Chilliwack, 1 Sept. 8 p.m.
Victoria, Victoria, 2 Sept. 10 a.m.

BYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST

Brandon, Brandon.
Superior, Port Arthur, March.
Winnipeg, Man. Coll., bl-mo.
Rock Lake, Crystal City, 17 Feb.
Glenboro, Glenboro.
Portage, Arden, 3 March 1.30 p. m.
Minnedosa, Minnedosa, 17 Feb.
Wells, at call of Moderator.
Regina, Moosejaw, Feb.

BYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

Hamilton, Knox, 3 March 10 a.m.
Paris, Woodstock, 13 Jan. 11 a.m.
London, London, Glencoe, 11 Nov. 11 a.m.
Chatham, Chatham, 13 Jan. 10 a.m.
Stratford, 11 Nov.

Huron, Goderich, 20 Jan 11 a.m.
Sarnia, Sarnia, 9 Dec. 11 a.m.
Midland, Wingham, 16 Dec. 10 a.m.
Bruce, Paisley, 3 March, 11 a. m.

BYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

Kingston, Belleville, 9th Dec. 11 a.m.
Peterboro, Peterboro, 3 March 9 a.m.
Whitby, Pickering, Jan. 29 10 a.m.
Toronto, Toronto, Knox, 1st Tues. ev. mo.
Lindsay, Lindsay, 16 Dec. 11 a.m.
Orangeville, Orangeville, 13th Jan.
Barrie, Dec. 9th 10 a.m.
Owen Sound, Owen Sound, 3 March, 10 a.m.

Algoma, Copper Cliff, March.
North Bay, Parry Sound, 30 Sept. 9 a.m.
Saugeen, Palmerston, 9 Dec., 10 a.m.
Guelph, Hospeler, 20th Jan. 10.30 a. m.

BYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

Quebec, Sherbrooke, 3 March.
Montreal, Montreal, Knox, 3 March.
Glengarry, Cornwall, 3 March 8 p.m.
Lanark & Renfrew, Arnprior, 20 Jan. 10.30 a.m.
Ottawa, Ottawa, Bank St, 1st Tues Mar.
Brockville, Iroquois, 23 Feb. 1 p. m.

BYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Sydney, Sydney, March 5
Inverness, Whyocomagh, 3 Feb., 11 a.m.

P. E. I. Charlottown, 3 Feb.
Picou, New Glasgow, 4th Nov. 1 p.m.
Wallace, Oxford, 6th May 7.30 p.m.
Truro, Truro, Jan. 29 10.30 a.m.
Halifax, Chalmers' Hall, Halifax, 26th Feb., 10 a.m.
Lunenburg, Yarmouth 10 Feb.
St. John, St. John, Oct. 21.
Miramichi, Chatham, 24th June.

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