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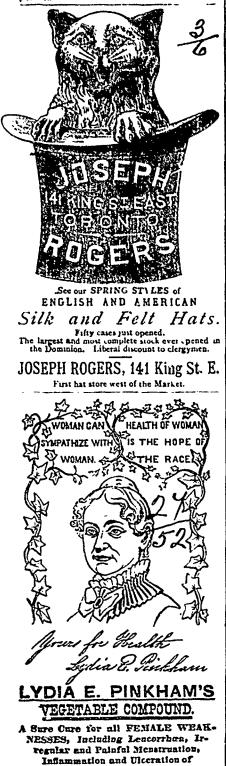
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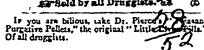
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CREAM BISCUIT.-One pint of sour cream (not too rich), one teasponful of solt cickan and one-half teaspoonfuls of sola, and flour enough to make a little stiffer than baking powder biscuit. Do not knead or work the dough much, soll to medium thickness, and bake in a moderately hot oven.

BAKING POWDER BISCUIT .--- Into 1980 quarts of flour, zift five teaspoonfuls of baking powder, mixing it in evenly. Rub into this a piece of lard the size of half an egg. Mix with good sweet milk into a soft dough. Do not knead. Roll medium thickness, cut out with a biscuit cutter, and bake in a very hot oven.

SALAD DRESSING .- Take the yolk of one SALAD DRESSING.—Take the yolk of one hard-boiled egg, and, after mashing well with a spoon, stir in five teaspoonfuls of water, to make it a rich creamy thickness, add a heaping saltspoon of salt, and half a salt-spoon of red pepper. Have ready one heap-ing teaspoonful of raw mustard, mixed with five teaspoonfuls of water; stir this into the egg; then with a fork, stir in four table-spoonfuls of oil and one of vinegar.

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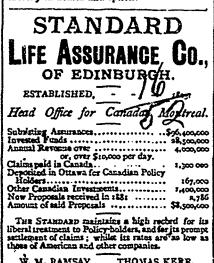
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MOTES OF THE WEEK.

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Advance" says there are nearly one thousand members of Protestant churches in Rome who are converts from Romanism. These represent a much larger Protestant population, and are the results of ten years of missionary labour.

THE census of 1880 gives New York a population of 1,206,299, of which 727,629 are natives of the United States, and 478,670 were foreign born. This large proportion of foreigners, says a contemporary, accounts for the sule of rum and Romanism in that city.

THE pope has made a protest against the proposed establishment of civil marriage in Spain. The Premier, Señor Sagasta, in reply, informs the papal Nuncio that the project will not be pressed in parliament this year, and that when it is brought forward it will be a more modified form than in France and Italy.

THOSE interested in the liquor trade have shown marked earnestness in their efforts to get the pending License Bill made as favourable to their ideas as possible. Influential deputations from Toronto and Montreal have w^{-1} hed the progress of the measure with unflagging attention. They have urged their objections against those provisions that favour local option. The early closing of bars on Saturday evening also meets with strong opposition from the guardians of—well, "Trade Benevolence."

THE death of Warren Rock, Q.C., London, was sudden and unexpected. He was in Toronto two or three days before he died. He attended St. Andrew's Church, London, on Sabbath week, and early on Monday morning he was suddenly called away. Heart disease was the cause of death. Mr. Rock was a successful barrister, an active promoter of the temperance cause, and ever ready to take a part in religious work. He was a consistent member of St. Andrew's Church, with which he connected himself on taking up his residence in London.

BERTHA M. KING came over from England, where she has a great reputation as a spiritualist, and advertised in Boston an exhibition of her power to produce ghosts. Horticultural Hall was c ...wded, and a number of materialized spirits had appeared, when the committee whom the audience had chosen to see that all was honest insisted suddenly upon opening the cabinet. The manager protested that Mrs. King might be injured by a premature rousing from her trance, but they forced the door and caught her coming up through a secret trap, costumed for the next apparition.

An old English Church clergyman, the Rev. John Russell, of Black Torrington, died recently in his eighty-eighth year. He was a famous man in his day. His death has called forth warm eulogies. These, however, are not found in Church papers, but in the organist of the sporting world. Mr. Russell's attainments in theology are not stated; he was considered rather as one of the beat authorities on foxhunting and kindred matters. He was the last repretentative of an extinct race—the sporting parson ucce familiar in the good old days which tearful regrets will not bring again.

THERE are comparatively few business men in our cities who know the pleasures of early rising. This is the period of the year to enjoy a surprise by getting up in time to see the sun rise and turn his genial face beamingly toward the just and the unjust. An early moming stroll gives a rare appetite for breakfast and a taste of fresh air that is a toolc to the mind and the body. Our population is addicted to late hours. It takes half of the night for the city to get settled for a fittle rest before the next day's work begins. Earlier boars for retiring would transform the throng into rell-braced, spirited, healthy human beings. The

mind is clearer in the early morning hours, the muscle is firmer, and the nerve is stronger, and that is why the world remembers Poor Richard's "Larly to bed and early to rise."

COLUMBIA COLLEGE having given her graduates a chance to subscribe generously to the funds of the institution, Princeton now comes to the front with an appeal to her alumni for aid in establishing the School of Philosophy on a proper basis. It must not be doubted that the Princeton men will promptly be ready with a generous response. They now have a chance not only to help the college in its new departure, but an opportunity to show gracefully how highly they appreciate the faithful and able services of Dr. McCosh-for the advancement of the School of Philosophy is what the President of Princeton has set his heart upon. The amount asked is not largeonly \$60,000. If the alumni raise it, other friends of Princeton stand ready to double the amount.

SPRING has visited us at last. The buds are bursting, the mornings are musical with the songs of birds. The olive-complexioned Italian, with his organ and monkey, is abroad in the land. The tramp is also vielding to the fervent persuasions of the season to leave his seclusion and come forth to add picturesque interest to the vernal scene, and give a new zest to life. To put it mildly, however, the tramp is an unmitigated nuisance. It is about time he were suppressed. The abatement of the tramp plague is easy of accomplishment. Let him work or want. Work he hates, but if it must be he will fall into the industrial ranks, not very cordially, but work he must. Indiscriminate almsgiving by soft-hearted and not too hard-headed householders to sturdy vagrants has much to answer for in maintaining the tramp guild. They are vengeful it is true, but it has not come to this yet that honest Canadians are to succumb to terrorizing tramps. One of the fraternity celebrated the advent of spring by stabbing a telegraph operator at Cornwall last week.

THE effort to establish an industrial school and farm, mooted some time since, has not been abandoned. The parties interesting themselves in the undertaking are sufficiently energetic to secure if possible its establishment. Last week a deputation of gentlemen interested in philanthropy and education waited on the Premier of Ontario to urge the claims of their scheme for the reclamation of a large class certain if neglected to swell the dangerous element of the city population. The plan proposed has strong recommendations. It is cheaper to make viciously inclined children work for a living than to permit them to grow into hardened criminals. It would give them a chance to enter on the path of henest industry. Where these efforts at industrial training have been made they have been attended by the most encouraging results. There is no reason in the world for believing that what has been an eminent success in London and New York would be a failure in Toronto or any other Canadian city. The municipality of Toronto has placed the old House of Refuge and eighty acres of land at the disposal of the promoters of this praiseworthy enterprise.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Toronto Women's Temperance Union was held last week in Jarvis Street Baptist Church. The chair was occupied by Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C. Rev. Mr. Antliff, after reading the report, made an admirably practical address; and the chairman concluded a characteristic speech, as follows : If they wished their association to become powerful they must concentrate it. There were a great many temperance organizations and there was a great deal of work to be accomplished. His advice was to concentrate upon some one matter, and at the next annual meeting they would see how much they had done. Liquor sellers, he thought, were not comfortable. He instanced a case where a man in Toronto had been spoken to by a clergyman regarding his being a liquor seller, who when he had had explained to him the evil results of his work, could

not rest till he had retired from the business. In his opinion a great deal could be done by moral suasion and by speaking to the people in a kind, Christian spirit and showing them what they were doing to the bodies and souls of their fellow creatures. He believed it was impossible to regulate the liquor traffic and would like to go in for prohibition.

PRESIDENT ELIOT, of Harvard College, in a speech before the Rhode Island Harvard Club last week said that it is quite evident that, whatever has been accomplished by even the highest seat of learning in the country, there is yet no institution that comes anywhere near our ideal of what a university, in the proper sense of the word, ought to be. We have made very great progress during the past twenty-five years, but we have nothing like the great universities of Vienna, Leipsic, Berlin, or even Strasburg, not to speak of Oxford and Cambridge in England. Erra Cornell, himself not a liberally educated man, gave one of the best definitions of a university when he said that he would found an institution where anybody could learn anything. On the side of teaching, we have not half enough teachers. At Harvard more is thought than ever of the importance of producing effect on character, of training men to respect themselves and rely on themselves. It used to be said that the college stood the student in loco parentis. The speaker did not accept this theory, inasmuch as there are various kinds of parents, and it was im-possible from the very nature of the case that any college instructor would take the exact place of any, even the best parent.

WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN .- There have been extremes of heat and cold, and extremes in humidity last week. Hence Bronchitis still maintains a high degree of prevalence, having again risen to over 10 per cent. of the total diseases reported. Influenza, however, has slightly decreased, while Neuralgia and Rheumat n have maintained their previous position. Anœmia has exactly the same degree of prevalence as last week, but it has been preceded by Intermittent Fever, which has taken a great step in advance. Amongst the Fevers, Intermittent shows not only a persistency, but a marked tendency, to spread, since it it has appeared this week in two other Districts, in addition to the three where it is endemic. As will be seen, the degree of prevalence corresponds with the area, since it amounts this week to 9 per cent. of all diseases. Fever Typhc-Malarial has again made its appearance after a long period of quiescence. Amongst Zymotic diseases much the same conditions prevail as during last week. While almost every form prevails in some one District, yet the changes in preva-lence are considerable. For instance, Measles has markedly decreased, falling from 7.1 to 4.2 per cent. Diarrhora and Mumps maintain their previous prevalence, but Whooping Cough, and especially Diphtheria, showan increase. From various quarters comes the ominous sound of an increase in Diphtheria. One correspondent reports its extreme prevalence amongst the children of one school, the surroundings of which and the utter disregard of the provisions of the School Law, by which those exposed to it are required to present to the teacher certificates of health from a physician, may be stated to be the direct causes of its prevalence and extension. It may be well to call the attention of teachers everywhere to the clause of the School Regulations (Chapter XI., Part IV.) which makes it imperative for the teacher of any school, in which cases of contagious diseases have occurred, to prevent scholars affected with, or exposed to, any such disease from attending school until such time as he shall have been informed by a physician's certificate of the recovery of the same. Consumption, Pneumonia and Pleurisy maintain their previous position. Erysipelas does the same, while Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis has apparently increased in District III, Muskoka and Parry Sound. The week's record shows a very considerable variety in the prevalent diseases of the various Districts, there being, as noticed above, nincteen diseases which have appeared at least once in some one District.



THE SABBATH SCHOOL FIELD AND WORK OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

BY WALTER N. HOSSIE, OF REANTFORD, LATE MEMPRE OF THE ASSEMBLY'S CONMITTER ON SARBATH SHOOLS.

In the year 1875 four branches of the Presbyterian Church, by their superior courts, namely, - The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, after years of negotiation, were happily united, and became the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Leav. .g at that time four other small organized branches of the Presbyterian family -

1. The Presbytery of Stamford, Ontario, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of North America, consisting of some eight ministers and six congregations.

2. The Eastern Presbytery of Nova Scotia, in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, consisting of some twelve ministers,

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick and Nova Scotta, in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, consisting of three ministers and four congregations.

4. The Synod of Nova Scotia, in connection with the Established Church of Scotk. J, comprising two Presbytenes, eight ministers, and corresponding congregations; and still another branch, formed from those ministers and people who declined to enter the union, and afterwards styled,--

5. The Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland, consisting of seven ministers.

The united Church organized with a General Assembly for the whole Dominion of Canada, including the Province of Newfoundland, and was attended by all the ministers and representative elders, but the attendance was subsequently reduced to a representation of one-fourth of the whole number.

This Assembly comprises four Synods and thirtythree Presbyteries, including Manitoba, the North-West, and British Columbia, and as an indication of onward progress, Manitoba will soon have to be erected into a Synod, and at least two of the older Synods divided. The Presbyteries now number thirty-seven, being an increase of four, and a rearrangement of the Presbyteries will shortly swell their number considerably.

CONGREGATIONS.

At the time of union there were 745 organized congregations, which have steadily increased year by year until, in 1882, the number was 916.

CHURCHES AND STATIONS.

The number of churches or stations now forming ministerial charges is 1,524, to which may be added 231 mission stations or groups, making in all 1,755 places where the Word of Life is proclaimed by our ministers and missionaries.

FAMILIES.

The statistical report for 1877 gives the number of families as 56,163, and this number has steadily increased, till, in 1882, we have the number stated as 65,623, while the census of 1881 gives the entire Presbyterian population of the Dominion as 676,165.

COMMUNICANTS.

Out of the large Presbyterian population, our statistics only .eport, as on the communion rolls, 116,883, for the year 1882, which increased from 88,228 in 1875. This increase indicates steady progress, but only shows one communicant for every six persons, as given in the census of the Dominion.

THE FIELD.

The field is truly ready for labourers, and its territory vast and almost appalling in extent, reaching from, and including, Newfoundland in the east, to the Pacific boundary in the west, a distance of over 4,000miles, and from the southern boundary to the arctic circle.

MINISTERS.

In 1875 we had 589 ministers, and in 1882, 097; but what are these among so many people and vast a

territory; truly the labourers are few, and we may well pray the Lord of the harvest to send us help. SARRATH SCHOOLS.

Although Presbyterian organization is almost perfect, the Sabbath school has not yet received that attention from the Church courts which its importance demands. For the first three years no attempt was made to give the number of schools in the Church. In 1879, 369 schools are reported; in the following year only 362 In 1882, reports were received from 881. While we ought easily to have at least 2,000 schools active enough to make an annual report, and here is a splendid opportunity during the next year to more than double the number of our schools, if not in existence already, and if they are by all t cans let them be reported.

OFFICERS, TRACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.

In 1875 officers and teachers we find, by the congregational statistics, although not by the Sabbath school reports, numbered 7,139, which in 1881 had increased to 10,306, giving an average of about twelve to each school, and the attendance of scholars, we learn from the same source, was, in 1875, 79,204, and in 1887 the number had increased to 91,257; while the report from the schools direct only show 33,200, revealing an indifference on the part of somebody that our Church courts should look into. Taking the larger number, however, as stated in the congregational statistics, and the attendance is far below that of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which, by their latest published statement, exceeds their number of communicants, and if we had but one from each family the number of scholars in our Sabbath schools should now be over 130 000.

Another feature worthy of note is the addition to the communion roll from the Sabbath school. Not till 1880 is any reference made to this encouraging evidence of life and work done in the Sabbath school. 426 are that year reported through the Sabbath School Committee as added to the communion roll. and in 1882, 1,428-an encouraging increase. Another item of practical and most logitimate work of the Sabbath school is the amounts contributed to missions for the past four years. The amount stated averages \$12,000 annually. With improved organization and system this source of income would be surprisingly increased. In regard to the amount expended on Sabbath schools the report for 1882 is the first reference to that common-place item, and is given to be \$21,861, which must be far below the actual fact. The volumes in the various libraries are stated to be 173,285. Surely with live committees in each Church court, and zealous, energetic officers and teachers, we ought to have fuller and more complete reports.

And now that we are closing the first decade of our united Church's history, it is important that useful and educating statistics of this phase of Church work should be available.

In a paper published in the "Sabbath School Times" of 7th April last, by Rev. Dr. Worden, Sabbath School Secretary of the Presbyterian Board, Philadelphia, he presents the relations and position of the Sabath school and quotes the legislation of the Church there in regard to the work. We are of course a long way behind his Church in equipment. Their Publishing Board appears to supply every needed help that can be supplied by the use of type and ink, and it is well for us that we can avail of much of their productions. If we cannot imitate them in their printing, we might at least in organization, so that in due time we could follow their good works. Many smaller denominations over there have their Sunday school secretary and editors. Have we no such power to make use of in Canada?

Our hard-working conveners from year to year in their reports have called loudly for greater attention to the Sabbath school work. By Sessions, Presbytenes, Synods, and the Assembly itself, perhaps the adoption of some such plan as that proposed for the constitution and regulation of Sabbath school work, now under the consideration of the Assembly's Sabbath School Committee, would help to a more systematic and uniform way of working with a view to utilizing to the fullest extent this invigorating and Scripture-studying meeting of the Church, embracing, as it should, older members as well as infants.

The International Lesson Series, provided for us in advance of the Church's request, has furnished us with a Sabbath school literature and exposition that is marvellous in quantity and quality as well as cheapness, the great want now is in regard to library books which are at present procured from end less sources, and as varied as the stars. If our seven hundred ministers and many other intelligent and efficient readers were supplied with proper forms to certify as to suitable books the present excellent list we have would soon be greatly extended; and, in the absence of a publishing house of our own, arrangements could be made with respectable houses for the supply of all named books in our approved list.

It is desirable that, as we enter upon our new decade, such arrangements and regulations may be adopted as will to the greatest extent develope this school of Christian culture in Scripture knowledge and way of salvation.

Brantford, zoth April, 1883.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION IN THE ADDED TERRITORY.

MR. EDITOR, - In order to secure your sympathy and that of your readers in behalf of the temperance people and their efforts here, I venture to trespass on your space to indicate the unfortunate position in which we feel ourselves placed.

A few years ago Manitoba was desirous of adding to her somewhat circumscribed territory, and pressed the Dominion Government to add that part of the North West Territories lying contiguous to her western boundary, from Range 13 to Range 29. When this question was broached to the people of the aforesaid portion by the present Premier in 1880, it met with little favour from many of the settlers, chiefly on account of the change it would effect in the liquor law. Petitions numerous and well-signed were sent in stating the grounds of opposition ; and to meet this objection the Dominion Government promised, and the Government of Manitoba confirmed this promise, that the proclamation which affected this union should contain a clause by which the added portion would still remain under North-West law in regard to liquor, while for all other purposes it would be subject to Manitoba jurisdiction. In 1881 the annexation took place. How have the Government of Manitoba redeemed their promises to respect our wishes in this question? While under the Dominion Government, there was machinery supplied in the Stipendary Magistrates and the Mounted Police to carry the laws into effect; the present Government have provided no such or cimilar means for carrying out the expressed will of the people, nor will they even aid them in their attempt to avail themselves of the very inadequate means at their disposal. Ever since this so-called union, things have been going from bad to worse until at present we are in a state of hopeless confusion and injustice, and the licensed virtuallers ride triumphant and scores of poor wretches are filling drunkard's graves.

In Birtle, Shoal Lake, Minnedosa, Rapid City and Neepawa the North-West Act is supposed to be in force, yet liquor is openly sold and drunkards reel around the streets. And to what is this due? To nothing but the refusal of the powers that he to support the magistrates whom they appointed in the performance of their duty. Let a magistrate write to the Premier, or the present intelligent (?) head of the legal department of the Government and they will be assured that the North-West Act is in force. Let the same magistrates commit a prisoner and send him down to gaol in default of payment of his fine and he is immediately released and comes back and sets the magistrates at defiance. The consequence is that they refuse to pay their fines and sell without suint, and the temperance people are out the cost of the prosecution and commitment. And then comes the crowning act of mercy in the shape of license. And this is brought about as follows : The vendors of liquor and their satellites, and any chance henest man whom they can find of their opinion send a petition to the Government, deploring the evils of unlicensed traffic, suggesting the consequent loss of revenue and pray the said Government to stop this evil by granting so many of their faithful leiges license to rob the widow and orphan, and to put temptation in the way of the weak, and bribe the strong into silence. Brandon illustrates the action of our Government and shows which way their sympathies lie in these matters. It being the terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway, last spring it was filled with a miscellaneous floating population, one third of which never intended to be come actual residents. A petition was forwarded to

the Government, signed chiefly by the floating scum, mingled with some respectable people who are very sorry now for what they have done, praying for license. A counter petitio was immediately circulated and it was signed by the large majority of the bona fide inhabitants of Brandon, and at once forwarded to Winnipeg ; in addition the adjoining municipalities feeling that this was the insertion of the thin end of the wedge for the introduction of license over the whole added territory, forwarded large and numerously signed petitions in opposition to license, yet in spite of these an Order in Council (in itself illegal by the terms of the proclamation which requires legislative action for any change) was passed declaring the License Act in force.

This action on the part of the Government has made the licensed victuallers jubilant, and to further secure their position, they determined to terrorize the magistrates by entering actions for damages against them for illegal prosecutions. Last month they sold Ogilitree's effects under the hammer fo: a judgment of \$1,500, for proceeding against them under the Scott Act in Marquette, although the case was sub judice still in a higher court. They have also instituted a suit against the Hon. A. Silton of Brandon, a noble worker in the temperance cause, for \$2,000.

Now, Mr. Editor, what can we do? Our magistrates are paralyzed, our Government not only unsympathetic but hostile. Do you wonder that men who have been tempted to come here to be free from temptation are becoming desperate and more than whisper that if such a reign of misrule continues they will be forced to take the matter into their own hands a Or do you wonder that, on the other hand, weaker natures have again succumbed and are slain in scores by this fell curse? As I write word comes to .nat one of these unfortunates, a former trader in Guelph, who ten years ago could' freely draw his cheque for \$100,000 has ended his days in a drunken debauch on his way home to join his friends. Our intense cold is as fatal to over indulgence as the interse heat of the tropics. I noticed one of the members of the Imperial Parlia-ment, in speaking of the Irish emigration scheme, spoke favourably of the North-West and particularly so on account of the prohibitory law in force there. He little knows what a farce it is in the present Province, and if the future provinces follow our course what a sham it will be there. But let us hope for better! things. Let us hope that the men who will wide the destination of the new view. guide the destinics of the new provinces will be men tresh from an active progressive world, and not those who have been indulging in a Rip Van Winkle sleep by the shores of the Red River for the last century and who have proven by their actions that they are unworthy to lay the foundations of a great country. They are doing a work now which it will take many years to undo, and it is difficult to stand by unmoved and watch such a fair sheet blurred and disfigured by incapacity or inattention. Were it not that we have confident trust that He who rules all things will have confident trust that me who rules an same eventually cause truth and right to triumph, we would retire from the contest in despair even in this much ad-actived temperance land. C. T. vertised temperance land. April 231 d, 1883.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

MR. EDITOR,-What ought to be the object or aim of the Sabbath school?

is it to hold a permanent place in the Church? Has it a tendency as it now exists and is being worked, to usurp the place of religious instruction in the family-to push it aside?

In what particulars does the form or matter of the instruction which ought to be given by parents to their children at home differ from that in the Sabbath school, or are they substantially the same?

Take a community in which the children are religiously trained at home, and take another in which there is no domestic instruction, but the place of it is supplied by a Sabbath school ; in which of these communities would you be inclined to look for the happiest results ; that is to say the highest degree of piety in the coming generation ?

The instances in which there is home training are exceedingly rare. The reason is, that parents are careless or negligent, or that they are incompetent, or that their religion is not a life or reality, but a mere form ; or all of these reasons taken together.

The family, with all the duties that pertain to it, is Gui's ordinance, as old as the birth of humankind. Noting can properly take its place. The Sabbath school, on the other hand, is a mere expedient, a modern conception.

There is not a word explicitly on the two tables of the Sinaitic law about the duties which men owe to | clearness, accuracy, and vigour, which will ever be

one another in the wide sphere of their social and civil relations; why? because these duties are all radically and comprehensively in the fifth commandment, as the several parts of a tree are potentially in The family is the base or the germ it surings from. fountain of national life.

The tendency of the work now being done in Sabbath schools is to make intelligent and pious fathers and mothers ; we would therefore naturally look as time rolls on for the revival, to a large extent indeed, of a holy training in the family-glorious achievement ' The Sabhath school might then be said to have accomplished its function.

But I know districts where those who are now the heads of flourishing familles were blessed in their youth with all the advantages which a Sabbath school could bestow, still there is no parental instruction. The Bible is not a study, nor "Home " what it ought to be-a school of religion.

I do not look on the Sabbath school as a finality, but only as a means to an end-scaffolding of its kind and that end the re-construction of the families of

the Church on the model of the patriarchal household "Thou shall teach them diligently to thy children," etc. Deut. vi. 6, 7.

Mc. Deut. vi. 6, 7. It seems to me that the Sabbth school as it now stands, and the religions training of households, can-not be made to work independently side by side. One must give place to the other, as yet there is no actual collision, no rivalry—well would it be if there were —for the reason that parents are in a mind to yield up their rights and obligations in the matter to almost any one who offers to the the burden off their hands. If we who offers to take the burden off their hands. But

what of parental responsibility? What is the true place of the Sabbath school in the economy of the Church? Is it rightly adjusted? QUILIBET.

DR. DIX AND WOMAN'S WURK.

MR. EDITOR,-I noticed in your editorial columns what seems to me a rather indiscriminate commendation of Dr. Dix's lectures on that much vered and much abused question of Woman's Place and Mission in the world. I have not seen the lectures themselves, but a pretty full abstract of them; and have seen only one criticism of them-not written by a lady. That criticism appeared in the "Christian Union," and I think it was thoroughly to the point. It heartily commended Dr. Dix's strong protest against the existing tendency to laxity of morals in divorce, while it rightly condemned his attempt to affix this stigma to Protestant Christianity, and the individual liberty wherewith the Reformation made us free. I am surprised that you should pass by this unwarranted charge, without notice. It also rightly placed the basis of Christian divorce laws in the law given by Christ Himself, which no Church-Protestant or Catholic-should contravene.

Further, as regarded the more general question of woman's place and mission in the world, the criticism I refer to fully endorsed the high estimate given of woman's work in the world. But be it observed that if she is to be fitted for any such lofty mission as to infuse poetry into life, to meet materialism with ideality, and infidelity with intelligent faith, then she must be fitted for it by the training of the intellect as well as of the heart. And the intellect of a girl can be thoroughly trained only in one way-just as that of her brother is trained-by the most thorough discipline and most complete education which can be given her. To say that they are different in character and mission is no argument against this. Your cluster of rhubarb and your cluster of graceful June lilies are different in both respects, yet they require very much the same treatment to develop their full vigour and their respective characters ; and the rhubarb does not become a lily, or vice versa, though they grow up under precisely the same conditions. Moreover, there are almost, if not quite, as great differences of mental characteristics between women individually, as men and women as a class. One girl has a strong poetical or artistic temperament, another has an equally strong mathematical bent. Take, for example, Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Somerville. Would any amount of training or repression have assimilated their intellects, or if it could, would it have been expedient? Was not each intended to have a "mission " of her own. If we try to efface such differences, to fit any theories of our own, are we not trying to defeat the purpose of Him who gave the differing powers? Women have an equal right with men to the education which shall best give mental training,

the best groundwork, whatever may be the superstructure. Whether this is to be attained by co-education, or not, is a question to be settled by circumstances and possibilities, not by arbitrary a priors theories. In England, where facilities are provided for young women obtaining a thorough university education separately from young men, there is no need for urging anything else. In Canada, where we cannot yet afford these facilities, and where girls and boys so generally go through the preliminary school course together, I see no reason why they should not study together in university class-rooms also. Indeed, I think there is less objection to this than to their attending the High schools together, since, when they enter the university, they are more under supervision, and are also supposed to be old enough and to have sense enough to behave as gentlemen and ladies usually do in each others society in ordinary life. Indeed the pre-occupation of severe study, of which all earnest students must feel the influence, is far more unfavourable to anything like laxity of conduct than the ordinary circumstances of society, in which youths and maidens.o constantly meet. To be logical and consistent, if we cannot trust our young women in the university classroom, we should follow the example of the Turk and the Hindoo, and seclude them altogether.

"Emancipation" is a formidable word, and many silly and ill judged things have been said about it which have brought it into disgrace. But if it only means that woman should be free to cultivate her powers to the utmost and use them for the good of man and the glory of God in all ways which are not in themselves wrong, then surely no reasonable man or woman should object. And if the morality of woman is to be the higher, as Dr. Dix seems to assume, why should not that morality be utilized in relation to the common weal as well as to the home? If a woman is to be so intelligent as well as morally elevated, if she is to be capable of elevating man's life in other respects, why should she be placed in the humiliating position of being taxed for the property which gives her a stake in the welfare of the State, while she is denied the right of franchise given to even the most illiterate men ? I can see no reason, human or Divine, why this should be the case; and, probably, a hundred years hence, it will be considered wonderful that the injustice should have been permitted so long. It is no reply to say that some women would not care to avail themselves of the privilege if they had it ; some men do not care to vote, but that would be no justification for taking away their right to do so. And I believe that at least there are very few women who would sell their votes ' If they are very susceptible of being influenced in other ways, so are the great majority of voters, always.

If the lady writers to whom you refer do not say much in defence of home and in praise of its excellencies, that may be simply because " it goes without say-To women, speaking generally, the life of the ing." home and of the affections is by far the dearest. It is the life of her heart. When that is fully satisfied she cares comparatively little for her "rights" in other respects. But to very many women this full satisfaction is denied. To many it is the sorest trial and deprivation, that, in the Providence of God, they are not? permitted to enjoy the blessing of a guarded and cherished home-life. To such women, obliged to battle single-handed with the world, is it of any use to enlarge upon the beauty of the home sphere, or the "cultivation of its virtues?" And often women with "cultivation of its virtues?" And often women with happy homes, but no pressing home duties, are called with the same calling that leads men also to leave home, country, friends, to do their Father's work else-where. We, who read in our Bibles of Miriam and Deborah, as well as of Rachel and Ruth, should never forget that women may often be called of God to do even a higher work than that of making our home happy. Look at Fidelia Fiske's work in Persia, at Miss Lowe's work in India, at the many noble women who are working abroad in all the mission fields and catting a bright example to men in their ready demo setting a bright example to men in their ready devo-tion and untiring zeal! Our own Church has endorsed tion and untiring zeal! Our own Church has endorsed the missionary work of women, and in its intention of sending out fully-equipped female medical missionaries has also endorsed the education of women for a profession from which a sentimentally limited view, like that of Dr. Dix, has long done its best to debar them. "Nothing succeeds like success," and by this test women have shown that though home is their primary sphere it is not their only one; and that it is as well to give them such an education as shall fit them either for being the intelligent and judicious rulers of the home kingdom, or for any other work that God in His providence shall call them to do.

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PASTOR AND PROPLE.

ANTINOMIANISM.

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I often wondered why St. Paul says that the minister or overseer of a church must not be a Novice, "lest being lifted up of pride, he fall into condemnation of the devil" (I Tim. iii. 6). But now I see by much experience that this is the very greatest and deadliest danger of a Novice. A Novice is a new convert, a mere beginner, or young scholar. Now, the devil delights to lift up such a one with pride, even to the very pinnacle of the temple, just to cast him down thence to final perdition.

In God's Word many things are hard to be understood, which unlearned and unstable minds will wrest (that is, twist to a wrong meaning) even to their own soul's ruin (2 Peter iii. 16); desiring to be teachers, and yet understanding neither what they say nor whereof they affirm (I Tim. i. 7). Now, when they take one text of God's word and wrest it away from its true meaning and connection with the context, they actually change the truth of God into a lie (Rom. i. 25), dragging it down from its heavenly meaning and trampling it in the dust of their own delusions (Daniel viii. 10 12). When the Bible texts are thus perverted from their heavenly meaning and connection, they appear as stars fallen from heaven, and they open a way to the abyss (Rev. ix. 1, 2, etc.). For when men change the truth of God into a lie they also turn the His grace into lasciviousness. (Jude iv.)

This was done even in the time of the apostles by many, of whom they tell us even weeping (Philip. iii. 18; 2 Thess. iii. 6-12; 2 Tim. iii. 6; 2 Peter ii. all; Jude, all). And such Antinomian heretics as the Nicolaitanes and Etiani of primitive days were no worse than the Anabaptist Libertines of the Reformation era. But to this day there are Antinomians in all the churches. The Kirk of Scotland had many a fight against them. They are the worst of heretics. See Flavel's book, "A Blow at the Root of Antinomianism."

They hold out that they are converted and saved already because they believe that God laid their sins on Christ; and that God cannot see any sin in them; and that they are sanctified and perfect: that they need not confess their sins, nor repent of them, even though they commit theft, adultery, or murder, for their sins were pardoned from eternity; that they need not do any duty for salvation, but are justified by faith alone without any works of the moral law; that they have nothing to do for their sanctification; and that they are as righteous as Christ Himselt !

These blasphemous heresies are formed by tearing down one text here and there from its heavenly context, and wresting it to a false meaning, and trampling it down under the feet of lust. No wonder that this opens the bottomless pit to them and their smoke goes up forever! (Rev. ix. 1, 2; Rev. xiv. 11.)

How easily this can be done by a cunning hypocrite, or even by a rash Novice among ignorant people, you may see by their making Rom. iii. 28 • signify "faith *dead being alone*," and changing "the law," to "the moral law," instead of the Jewish Ritual law, as the next verse shows (Rom. iii. 29).

This is proved, not only by James iii. but also by I Cor. xiii., where St. Paul himself declares that though we have "all faith," yet we are nothing worth if we have not also the charity which suffereth long and is kind, working by love, and fulfilling the whole law. See also Rom. vi. 16; Rom. viii. 13; and our Saviour's solemn warning in Mat. v. 17-20; and Mat. vii. 14-27.

It is a dreadful sin for ignorant Novices to dare to teach such deep mysteries, when God's Word declares, " not a Novice, lest being lifted up of pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil" (I Tim. iii, 6). But many Novices go about even now in bold defiance of God's command, and teach the heresies of Antinomianism, Perfectionism, and sudden sanctification ! Some turn out the Divine Psalms and put human hymns instead; some persuade women to preach in the church; some forbid little children to be brought to Christ ! Do they not know the doom of those who add to God's Word or take from it ? (Rev. xxii. 18, 19.) Such will-worship is deadly profanation. Christ says, " In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men " (Mark vii. 7). Rebuke them sharply. Give them

place by subjection—no, not for one hour ! (Gal. ii. 5.) Human souls are too precious !

"There's pity for the hardened knave, There's mercy for the thief that stole; But God in justice ne'er forgave The murder of a human soul."

MINE.

"My Lord and my God." I dare not say, this wealth is mine. Life many changes brings ; And while I count possession sure, My gold has taken wings.

- I dare not say, this place is mine.
- I stand secure to-day; To-morrow raging winds and waves
- Sweep every prop away. I dare not say, this honour's mine ;
- For fame is all of earth, A flower plucked from the parent stem, Transient, and little worth.
- I dare not say, this joy is mine, For joys, like drops of dew, Sparkle and glitter in the sun; Then vanish from our view.

But I can say, my Lord is mine ! He fails and changes never ! In Him I've wealth and name and place,

Sweet joy and truest happiness, And He is mine forever !

STRIKING THE BIBLE.

The religious world has been recently agitated by a determination on the part of theologians to square off and fight the religion of their fathers. Some think it argues great pluck for a man to assail the Bible and the Church and set up a new religion. The fact is, it requires no courage at all to do so, for he is always sure of the favour and applause of a multitude who hate the Bible, and would be glad to see it struck on any side, and to have Christianity crippled. The Bible's antagonists do not realize that they are attempting to stop an express train by putting their foot on the track, or to arrest an Alpine avalanche by bracing themselves against one of the ice cakes. The Bible goes right on, and the Church of God goes right on, and Christianity goes right on, and the chief damage is done to the critics. There have never been so many live churches in the United States as to-day. More people believe the Gospel than ever before, and vaster multitudes are attempting to practise its precepts. The attempt to shatter the Bible for the last three hundred years has not rent asunder or dislodged a single doctrine or sentiment. One would think the world would get tired of a bombardment of the Bible castle when with all their concentrated fire of three hundred years they have not been able to knock out a splinter large enough to make the most sensitive eye-ball quiver. Oh ! I am so glad we are in the army which will finally win the day. Here and there a repulse may come through the perfidy of some officer, or the backing out of some traitor in the camp; but there are enough of the mounted cavalry of the King to ride down opposition, and to dismount the guns of the enemy. I have no nervousness as to the result. I am only anxious to be on the right side in the contest, and to do my share of the hard marching and hard fighting .- Sunday Magasine.

PASTORAL DISAPPOINTMENTS.

These are common. They are the experience of city and country pastors alike. Every faithful minister is familiar with them. He often has occasion to lament. "Who hath believed our report?" With earnest desire he has looked forward to the appointed communion season. This one and that one he hopes will confess Christ. He has yearned over them. With earnest prayer he has travailed for their souls. In his anxious, hopeful frame, he sees indications of religious interest on the part of a goodly number. Special invitations are extended, special services are held, and a solemn, tender feeling appears to brood over the community. But when the session meets there are no applicants for membership. Those particular persons who were the objects of so much concern and so much hope stand aloof. The revival, which was so ardently desired, is not realized, and it seems as if the spiritual heavens were brass. No shower of grace descends. And while the field seemed white to the harvest, no fruit is gathered. How many such disappointments have fallen out to

every devoted pastor. Every heart knows its own bitterness, and there are trials of this kind which are spoken only in the ears of the King and Head of the Church. With a heavy heart the man of God prays that God would remember his congregation and that He would lift up his feet to the perpetual desolations of the sanctuary.

But perhaps the most frequent occasion of disappointment is found in the irregular life and disorderly walk of those who did run well. They manifested at first a good degree of zeal in all religious duties. Regular in their attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel, cultivating, it may be, the more eminent graces of domestic and family religion, they, after a season, become careless and indifferent. Their seat in the sanctuary is often vacant, vague rumours of irregularities begin to circulate, nothing very outbreaking or disreputable, but just enough to tell, all too plainly, that the good seed is being choked. The eye of the anxious pastor is quick to see this growing indifference and he begins to fear that the root of the matter was not there. All the bright hopes of a life of eminent influence and usefulness are dashed to the ground. One such decline in a congregation may lower the whole tone of its piety and will certainly retard its progress in the truth. One sinner destroyeth much good.

These disappointments, however painful and disheartening, should only lead to a closer walk with God and a more complete reliance upon his good and gracious Spirit. "Let not your heart be troubled." "Ye shall be sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

THE BEST.

It is the fact, after all, that what is "best" is within the reach of every human being. Genius is not; fame is not; wealth is not; gayety and brilliancy-a shining career, a soaring flight from peak to peak of worldly prosperity and worldly praise-these are not within the reach of us all. But "the best" always is in reach of the poorest, the humblest, the most sparingly gifted, the least prospered and the most obscure. There is that which will give to such as these what genius, and power, and wealth never gave, and they that have least may be really they who have most. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter," as wrote one, long ago, who had tested the question as no other man perhaps ever did : "Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty," and we may add the true felicity of "man." There is a wisdom whose ways are pleasantness, and her paths are peace.

HOW DID YOU LIKE THE SERMON!

It is a very common inquiry, which is usually followed by criticism, fault-finding, or commendation as the case may be. Suppose we vary this question for once, and ask, "How did the sermon like you?" For, while there may be sermons which are fit subjects for criticism, yet there are sometimes words uttered which first fell from the lips of Him who said. "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John xii. 48.

It is not a slight thing for one, who may himself be under the sentence of death, to criticise the message of mercy which God has sent for the salvation of a lost and dying world. And some of those who take it upon themselves to find fault and complain of the Gospel of Christ, may in the great day learn that the words which they esteem so lightly may fix their own eternal state.—*Christian*.

TURN YOUR FACE TO THE LIGHT.

It had been one of those days on which everything goes contrary, and I had come home tired and discouraged. As I sank into a chair, I groaned, "Everything looks dark, dark !" "Why don't you turn your face to the light, auntie dear?" said my little niece, who was standing unperceived beside me.

"Turn your face to the light !" The words set me thinking. That was just what I had not been doing. I had persistently kept my face in the opposite direction, refusing to see the faintest glimmer of brightness. Artless little comforter ! She did not know what healing she had brought. Years have gone by since then, but the simple words have never been forgotten.

BUR WOUNG FOLKS.

SLEEPYLAND.

Baby's been in Sleepyland Over the hills, over the hills; Baby's been in Sleepyland, All the rainy morning.

From the cradle where she lay, Up she jumped and flew away, For Sleepyland is bright and gay Every rainy morning.

What did you see in Sleepyland, Baby littlest, baby prettiest? What did you see in Sleepyland, All the rainy morning?

Saw the sun that shone so twinkily, Saw the grass that moved so crinkily, Saw the brook that flowed so tinkily, All the lovely morning.

What did you hear in Sleepyland, Over the hills, over the hills? What did you hear in Sleepyland? All the rainy morning.?

Heard the wind that wooed so wooingly, Heard the doves that cooed so cooingly, Heard the cows that mooed so mooingly, All the lovely morning.

What did you do in Sleepyland, Baby littlest, baby prettiest? What did you do in Sleepyland, All the rainy morning?

Sang a song with a blue canary, Danced a dance with a golden fairy, Rode about on a cinnamon brary, All the lovely morning.

Would I could go to Sleepyland, Over the hills, over the hills; Would I could go to Sleepyland, Every rainy morning.

But Sleepyland may never behold, Any one more than two years old, So poor old mammy stays out in the cold, Every rainy morning.

SAVE ME NEXT!

A beautiful little incident is told of a child upon a lately wrecked steamer. The boats were taking the passengers away as fast as they could. All were crowding forward, intent on their own salvation. One after another was passed down, while the neglected child stood waiting her turn. The vessel rocked to and fro on the eve of going to the bottom. Seeing no chance of escape, the little one stretched out her hands and cried, "Save me next!"

It is a cry that ought to go up from millions of hearts. The bark of life will go down some day, and if we are not saved, we must be eternally lost. It is a cry that those of us who are saved might hear on every hand. It comes from that miserable, trembling, half-Palsied debauchee, who "must have, will have rum." He curses his fate and drinks again, even while he cries out in agony against the chains that bind him as with fetters of brass, "Save me next!" Strong arms must we hold out to such. We can but pity though we blame, and knowing none but God may save the rum-crazed wretch, we may do much by bringing him to that Father who turns no one away.

The cry comes again from that gaudily dressed woman, whose words are possibly louder than her dress. She may not ask to be saved, she may not want to be saved, but she needs to be-none but herself knows how much.

The call is to some Christian woman to lead her to Him who will say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

The dusky red man beckons us toward the setting sun with the same cry to be saved next.

The whispering breezes waft the cry over from the Orient, from nations sitting in darkness, bowing down to gods of wood and stone.

It comes to Christian men and women, "Come and save us next!" They must be dull ears that cannot hear any of these cries. Some will harden their hearts, and go on as if they heard them not.

GRANNY'S EYES.

When those that look out of the windows be darkened.— Eccles. xii. 3.

> Rapt in a world of long ago, Granny sits dreaming half the day; Life's eventide for her grows grey; Even the sunset's lingering glow Fades fast away.

Dear Granny! sun, and moon, and stars, For her have lost their wonted light; The eyes that once were sparkling bright, Can see no more the golden bars, And all is night!

And children's children haunt the place Where Granny sits, and, full of glee, **They clamber wildly on her knee**, And love to kiss the dear old face That seems to see.

And one wee figure quaintly wise, Will linger there when others play, And never care to run away; We always call her "Granny's eyes," The children say.

For, hour by hour, by Granny's side The little maid will sit and read; Or, perhaps, the tottering footsteps lead, So that the blind, with such fond guide, Can see indeed.

So Granny dear is glad and bright, Fully content on earth to stay, Till, in the Father's own good way, The sun shall shine, and all the night Be turned to day.

HOW A CHILD CAN REPENT.

To repent is to be sorry for bad actions, to stop doing them, and to do what we can to undo the evil. If you have been disobedient to father or mother, you must do those three things in order to fully repent. First, you must be sorry for your disobedience; second, you must stop disobeying; third, you must do what you can to stop the bad effects of your former disobedience. Suppose your example has made brothers and sisters disobedient; you are to set such an example that they will be inclined to obey. You are to confess your sin to father and mother, to confess it to God, to be sorry for it, and to determine not to do the like again. Some children think it is enough just to be sorry; but it is not. They may be sorry now, and do just the same thing at some other time when they are tempted. At any rate, if they stop doing the bad thing, they may let the mischief done by it stand, instead of trying to cure it. We should seek the forgiveness of God, in the name and through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then the Holy Ghost will come to cleanse us from our sin and to give us the comfort of feeling that we are forgiven.

SWEDISH POLITENESS.

The Swedish men and gentlemen, are as a rule, singularly handsome and polite in the extreme, writes a newspaper correspondent. A peasant of the lowest order never passes a fellow-peasant without a polite lifting of the hat. It matters not whether they meet in the highway or the field; in the midst of all their hurry and toil this mark of deference one for the other is never forgotten. I remember very well when Miss Thursby was in Gottenburg last winter, as she stood at my window, which commands a view of the entire length of the principal street in the city, her musical laugh as she stood watching the crowds coming and going, her calling to me to come and see this! I stepped to the window and asked her what she had seen which so excited her risibilities. "Why," said she, "see those peasants in blouses, walking in the middle of the street, taking off their hats to each other !" "Yes," I answered, "that is nothing unusual; it is the custom of this country." She could scarcely believe it more than affectation, but when, shortly after, she found that the custom was fast rooted in genuine politeness she protested her administration of and warm-liking for it.

PUSSY.

Did you ever think why we call the cat puss! A great many years ago the people of Egypt, who have many idols, worshipped the cat. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more active at night, and because her eyes changed, just as the moon changes, which is sometimes full and sometimes only a little bright crescent or half moon, as we say. Did you ever notice your pussy's eyes to see how they change? So these people made an idol with the cat's head and named it Pasht, the same name they gave to the moon; for the word means the face of the moon. That word has been changed to pas or pus, and has come at last to be puss, the name which almost every one gives to the cat. Puss and pussy-cat are pet names for kitty everywhere. Who ever thought of it as given to her thousands of years ago, and that then people bowed down and prayed to her?

THE SHELLS CAME OFF.

Little Johnnie was sent by his mother to to buy a dozen eggs. When he returned with the eggs in a basket, he said before he got the door all the way open: "O, mamma, the eggs aren't hurt any, but the shells have come off lots of them." He had broken ten of the twelve.

"HE that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth Him hath mercy on the poor."—*Prov.* xiv, 31.

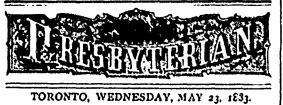
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SINCE the days of the late Dr. Burns probably we have had no minister in the Church who has less patience with ministerial inefficiency and incompetency than the present Moderator of the Assembly. The following tribute paid by Dr. Cochrane to his brethern in his twenty-second anniversary sermon is therefore of all the more value :

"It has been my lot," he said, "to know much of the lives and labours of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Cauada during the past twenty-one years, and I unhesitatingly declare and testify that for courageous endurance and steadfastness of faith and purpose, for self abnegation and self sacrifice ; for all that constitutes moral heroism and manly strugges against manifold obstacles, the callendar of saints contains no grander names. Such men deserve, and ahall yet receive, better treatment at the hands of their Master than has been accorded them by their fellow men. The world in this instance, as in many others, only knows its real benefactors when they have gone. Then it rears its monu ment, and laments over the prophets whom it stoned or starved."

It has always been pretty much that way. If congregations always spoke as kindly of their ministers as they do after they have moved or died, there would not be so many short pastorates, and perhaps not so many funerals. It does not help a minister any to speak well of him when you walk behind the hearse that carries him to the grave.

THE Presbyterian ministers of Chicago have given up preaching an "action sermon" in connection with the Communion, and declare that they find it more profitable to de ste the time "prayer, praise, remarks on the sacrament, to silent meditation and thanksgiving." We know of two congregations in our own Church that tried this plan. The minister, office-bearers, and most of the members in one of these congregations declared that they found the Communion service, without a formal sermon, most delightful and profitable. In the other it was considered a great failure, the ministe and people declaring that a serrion was needed to put the people in a proper frame of mind for the Communion. Of one thing we are thoroughly persuaded-the action sermon should be shorter than an ordinary sermon. The special service of Communion Sabbath is not preaching-it is the Communion. Few things mar a Communion service more than to begin the celebration of the Supper at the time the people usually go home. There is no use in saying that our fathers often remained until four o'clock. We must deal with people as we find them. The people who talk about our fathers would not wait till four o'clock themselves. The real question is, what is it best to do now and here?

ARE not ministers the meselves a good deal to blame in some cases in whic', they are bacily treated by their congregations? Do they always enquire into the record of congregations before appearing as candidates or accepting calls? Here are two vacancies. The one treated their last minister handsomely; the other treated their last minister badly—perhaps cruelly. Probably the one gave their minister a fair retiring

allowance as things go ; the other turned theirs out in his old days as callously as an old horse is turned out to die. Is it not a notorious fact that as many preachers will appear as candidates for the pulpit of the congregation that treated its minister badly as for the other? Before the mangled remains of the abused minister have been dragged from the scene, perhaps fifty candidates are clamouring for a hearing in his pulpit. Only one of them can get it. Can any one pity him if he too is harshly dealt with ? Perhaps we judge uncharitably. Probably the reason why preachers desire congregations of that kind is because they have a barning desire to convert the people who treated their last minister so badly. Possibly. Intense zeal of that kind, however, usually seeks a foreign field. Would it not improve matters all round, if overy preacher who thinks about getting a hearing, would ask this question-" How did they treat their last minister ?"

THE LICENSE BILL.

TT is particularly unfortunate that in Canadian politics there should be so much trimming. There is far too much attention directed by politicians to the immediate effect of certain measures, and too little regard to the ulterior consequences of time-serving legislation. The anxiety of party leaders to control the votes of opposing interests is discreditable to them and humiliating to the country. The effort by one party to secure at the same time the support of Orangemen and Loman Catholics, leads both to ludicrous and disappointing results. A higher style of statesmanship would not be had for Canada. A line of political action that had more respect to the good government of the country, and less for sectional interests that are clamorous, defiant and subservient by turns, would create confidence in the wisdom and integrity of our rulers, and better laws would grace the statute book. Unhappily we have the same confusion entering into temperance legislation at the present moment. Scripture tells us that we cannot serve God and mammon, but some people in these enlightened days think it worth while to make the attempt. The votes of temperance men are well worth having, so are the suffrages of those engaged in the strong drink traffic. But to get both these to unite their votes in the interest of a particular party is a consummate piece of statesmanship. And this adroit endeavour has led up to the present effort at temperance legislation. That the result will be satisfactory to any party, or what is of more importance, to the community at large, is what nobody at present pretends to believe.

There are certain public questions the consideration of which ought to be kept outside of strictly party lines. Surely temperance is one of these. Eminent temperance men are to be found in the ranks of both our great political parties, and others, whose eminence is the other way, occupy seats both to the right and left of the Speaker. It is really hard to understand how a question of such immediate practical importance to the entire community should be made to serve the ends of political paruzanship. Such, however, is The measure now unfortunately the case at present. under discussion in the House of Commons may be helpful to the cause of temperance, not so much for what it may enact, for it seems so far a piece of patchwork, a kind of eclectic incoherence that for the most part leaves legislation restrictive of the liquor traffic pretty much where it was before, with the auued confusion of making more pronounced the apparent antagonism between Dominion and Provincial jurisdiction. This antagonism will inevitably lead to a demand for more advanced temperance legislation than we have yet seen. It will lead people to insist that the prerogative of legislating on this question shall be clearly defined. If authoritative enactments restraining the sale of intoxicants are blocked by rival legislatures, the people will see that this rivalry is brought to a speedy and satisfactory termination.

Another result may also be confidently expected from the present untoward effort at temperance legislation. It will give unity to the aims of temperance workers throughout 22 Dominion. Public opinion on the drinking usages of society has undergone a marked change for the better within the last few years. What was regarded with indifference a short time since, is now con temmed. The dreadful effects of intemperance are no longer ignored. It is conceded on all hands that it is destructive of the best interests of the individual and the community. The ruinous consequences of indulgence in strong drink are rousing public sentiment against a traffic that has not a single redeeming feature. Restriction is all but universally admitted as absolutely indispensable. Many earnest temperance men and women arr. far in advance of mere legislative tolerance for a trade that is so destructive of the best interests of society ; they are prepared for prohibition. That is the next phase of the temperance agitation. These temperance reformers will not rest contented with any measure short of prohibition That may not be obtained speedily; buc it will be obtained, perhaps sooner than the most sanguine new expect. The cause of temperance has never receded. Many a moral enterprise has had its dark days, and its best friends have had their fits of despondency. but the temperance movement has, particularly of late years, been advancing with accelerated pace. If the public sentiment goes on deepening and extending as it has done within the last few years, it would be a wise thing for those who have capital invested in a doomed traffic, to transfer it with . Il convenient speed to other and more honor cable a d beneficial enter. prises. The present License Bill may be disappoint. ing in itself, but it is destined to lead to results over which the miends of moral progress will have good reason to rejoice.

THE POPE AND IRELAND.

OFTENER then once in these columns the opinion has been expressed that the priesthood in lreland has to a large extent been responsible for the disaffection existing in that distracted country. That it should be so is comprehensible enough. Many of the priests of the Irish Church have sprung from the peasantry. Around the turf fires in the humble abodes of their infancy they have heard many legendary tales that roused resentment against the Saxon. Traditional hatred was easily imbibed, and strong preju dices continued to colour all their subsequent think ing. Their after studies did little to remove these prejudices. Liberal ideas they had been taught to dread. Again it was supposed to be in the interest of the Romish Church in Ireland to keep the mass of the people in a state of chronic disaffection, thereby rendering it more easily to obtain governmental favours for the Church. The personal influence wielded by the priest over his parishioners was of the most direct and powerful kind. Inclination and in terest alike prepared the average priest to wink at, if not to encourage, a revolutionary spirit amongst his flock.

In the present agitation many priests and several bishops have been conspicuous in the ranks of the Leaguers. On the other hand there have been those who stood aloof and some have even gon? the length of discountenancing the rebellious inclinations of the Irish leaders. It has been known for many months that the Pope looked with displeasure on the more violent aspects of the Irish movement. He has ad dressed occasional words of caution which have not been received with the docility with which Papal utter ances are usually regarded by the adherents of Rome. Now he has spoken out in clear and forcible expressions his disapproval of the course pursued by the agitators, especially does he condemn the collection of a fund for the Parnell testimonial. This has carried consternation into the camp. Indeed several of the leaders have spoken of His Holiness in a manner by no means'respectful. They tell him in effect that they are willing to receive their theology, but not their politics from Rome. Some are threatening to withhold Peter's pence. The circular has exploded like a bomb in their midst. What the muss of the Irish Roman Catholic people will think of these things it would be difficult to say. They have much to think of just now. On the one side their political "aders are urging them on in the direction of rebellion. On the other they see at last the ghasily results of the defiant crime to which reckless men were hurried by designing knaves. The gallows is getting its grim work to do, and the black flag flutters in the breeze before the eyes of thousands. But if their leaders audaciously question the wisdom of the infallible head of their Church in warning teem against certain courses of conduct, how long will their questionings be confined to the sphere of practical politics. If it be competent to reject with contumely the political teachings of the Vatican why may it not in time become legitimate to criticise the spiritual teaching of Leo XIII?

It becomes our sad duty this week to record the death of the Rev. J. K. Hislop, which took place on the 9th inst., at the Manue, Avonton. Mr. Hislop was a native of Roxborougi ... ire, Scotland, and came to Canada about thirty years ago. The first years of his Canadian life were spent in teaching. In 1856 he entered Knox College, and graduated in 1862. His missionary work while in the Divinity course was for the most part in the Essa group of stations, then in the Toronto Presbytery, but now forming a considerable portion of the Presbytery of Barrie. The people among whom he laboured while a student unanimously called him to be their pastor as soon as he was licensed, and in November, 1862 he was inducted over the united congregations of Alliston, Carluke, Town Line, and Burns Church. Soon after his induction Le opened two other stations-Angus and Ivy. For nearly eight years he laboured in this large field with an amount of energy and enthusiasm that knew no bounds but the limit of his strength. His labours were eminently successful. The stations soon grew into congregations. New churches were built and rapid progress made in every direction. In 1869 Mr. Histop's health began to fail through overwork, and he asked the Presbytery to re-arrange his large field, which was willingly done. The change however, came too late, and in the following year he was compelled to seek a field of labour that would tax his strength less than Essa. In 1870 he was settled over the Avonton congregation where he laboured with marked success until the Master called him to his reward. He never fully regained his strength, but his pluck and energy were so great, and the field so much smaller than Essa that he got through his work successfully. While preaching on the 12th day of November last he was taken ill, and during the winter suffered from severe bronchitis. To a man of active habits, and one that loved his Master's work so well, enforced idleness was a sore trial, but during the long, weary winter months he never complained. Towards spring his stength seemed to come back, and he had fixed upon the first Sabbath of May as the day on which he would again enter upon his pulpit work. But it was otherwise ordered. Before that day came he was seized with an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, and it became evident to his friends as well as to himself that the end | was near. On the 9th inst. the Master called and His servant was ready. The funeral took place on the following Saturday. Devotional exercises were conducted in the church by members of Presbytery. A very large number of sorrowing friends accompanied the remains to the Avondale cemetery in Stratford. A suitable sermon was preached in the Avonton church on Sabbath by the Rev Mr. Hamilton, whose kind attentions to Mr. Hislop during his long illness can never be forgotten by the friends of the deceased. Thus passed away one who in his own sphere displayed many of the qualities that make a model minister of Christ. Modest and unassuming in manner, he had great energy and untiring zeal. Eminently peaceful in his disposition and genial in spirit, he was firm as a rock on all matters of principle. His preaching was characterized by earnestness, simplicity, and clear presentation of the Gospel. As a pastor he was kind, faithful and punctual in the discharge of his duties. His latter end was peace. He was ready to go or willing to stay, and when the final call came he calmly bowed to the summons of the Master he served so faithfully and loved so well.

THE "Intelligencer" gives this good counsel: Delegates to our ecclesiastical judicatories should go with their minds made up to stay until the final adjournment. . . . These judicatories are convened in the name of Christ, to transact business for His Church, and while much of this business is unfinished, to excuse one-half the members that they might go home is an injustice to those who remain, in that it doubles their responsibility; to say nothing of the bad moral effect on those who go, the brethren who stay, and the community at large. It may be added to this that the "bad moral effect " extends to the results of the work done by the thinned and decimated delegation. Casus occur in which, because of the absence of members appointed and charged to do their duty, action is taken the very reverse of that which would have been taken if the delegation had remained full. Delegates who do not intend to remain throughout the sessions should not accept appointments.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL (Toronto: V. J. Gage & Co.)—The numbers for April and May have been received. They contain a variety of articles, original and selected, bearing directly on education, full of interest and value to teachers, advinced pupils, and all devoted to the advancement of learning. In addition to the discussion of educational questions, the "School Journal" contains much valuable information and news pertaining to the cause it is designed to promote.

THE WAY OF LIFE. Edited by W. A. Ogden. (Toledo: W. W. Whitney.)—This is a fine collection of hymns with music for theuse of Sunday schools. It contains many of the familiar hymns that have established themselves in the favour of successive generations of Sunday-school children, and in addition, several new compositions of much merit. The work has been carefully edited by Mr. W. A. Ogden. It is printed with clear type on excellent paper, and the cheap price at which it is published ought to commend it for general use in Sunday schools.

THE ANCIENT CHURCH. By W. D. Killen, D.D. (New York : Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—This work, well known to intelligent Christian readers, treats with fuiness of the History, Doctrine, Worship and Constitution of the early Church. It is written in a clear and forcible manner. The student of Church history will find it valuable, and the general reader will peruse its pages with interest and profit. The present is a new and carefully revised edition, and it possesses another attraction in the shape of an introduction by the Rev. John Hall, D.D.

CHARLOTTE BRONTE. By Laura C. Holloway. (New York : Funk & Wagnalls.)—This excellent little work on Charlotte Bronte forms No. 88 of the "Standard Library." Miss Holloway writes most appreciatively of the famous authoress of "Jane Eyre." The story of her suffering life and noble achievement, is admirably told. It is much more satisfactory, and gives evidence of truer insight than Mrs. Gaskell does in her more formal and lengthy biography. The book is enriched by several of Charlotte Bronte's letters, and aphoristic entracts from her writings.

SONGS OF REDEEMING LOVE. (Philadelphia: John J. Hood.)—If young people of these days are not prepared to take their part in the services of praise in the Sunday school, the Church and in the home, the fault is their own. Publishing enterprise has brought standard hymns and music within the reach of all. Those desirous of cultivating singing of this description have every encouragement. These "Songs of Redeeming Love" form an admirable collection. It comprises many of those bymns that have become sacred classics. A commendable feature of this little book is that the notes are marked in such a manner that a beginner in the art of singing can almost at sight recognize them. The book is well printed and published cheaply.

THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON. By his son, Edward Judson. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)-When many names familar to this generation have been forgetten, that of Adoniram Judson will grow in lustre as the years advance. That name, dear to the Christian heart, is intimately associated with modern missionary enterprise. The work accomplished by Judson in Burmah ranks among the striking testimonies to the power of Christianity. The story of that self-sacrificing life, with its trials and triumphs, is lovingly told by the filial biographer. A well written life of Adoniram Judson needs no commendation. From the nature of the case it becomes a Christian classic. The volume is beautifully printed, and embellished with a fine steel portrait, life-like in its accuracy, which brings out distinctly the marked features of that earnest face, on which so many, rescued from idolatry, gazed with fondness and esteem. Other portraits and illustrations enhance the value of a work which will have an abiding place in sacred literature.

THE ESSAYS OF GEORGE ELIOT. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—Whatever came from the pen of this gifted writer will find multitudes of readers. While she lived, the simple announcement that George Eliot was engaged on a new work, was sufficient to awaken wide-spread expectation. No author chuld command such a large circle of readers,

and hyr contributions to English alterature will continue to be read for many years to come. Mary Ann Evans had the faculty of inspiring many of her friends with what seems an exaggerated admiration. The editor of this volume is enthusiastic. The essays collected in this issue of the "Standard Library" are mostly reprints from the "Westminster Review." They are in keeping with the tone of that very clever and very self-sufficient organ of "advanced" theological thought. George Eliot's criticism of Dr. Cumming is merciless. She does not see a redeeming quality in the once popular preacher and exponent of prophecy. Edward Young, author of "Night Thoughts," comes in for keen dissection ; but the severity of her strictures is relieved by a most genial and appreciative reference to William Cowper, whom she contrasts with the sordid and ambitious churchman. All the essays in the volume are very readable and suggestive.

THE PULPIT COMMENTARY. Edited by Rev. Canon H. D. M. Spence, M A., and the Rev. Joseph S. Exell. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)-Those interested in theological study owe a debt of gratitude to the enterprising publishers who bave placed this and many other valuable works within the reach of readers on this continent. The contributors to this commentary are men of eminence in the respective churches to which they belong. The general introduction is by Canon Farrar. It possesses the literary characteristics for which he is famous. The introduction to the Pentateuch is written by Bishop Cotterill, of Edinburgh. The theme, " The Leading Principles of the Divine Law as Manifested in the Pentateuch," is treated in an exhaustive manner. The introduction to the Book of Genesis is by the Rev. Thomas Whitelaw, M.A., who also writes the Expositions and Homiletics. Brief but suggestive Homilies are also added by Bishop Montgomery, Professor Redford, the Rev. W. Roberts, and the Rev. Fred. Hastings. Besides a synopsis of the literature on Genesis, a most useful Homiletical Index is given. The plan of the work is excellent, and it is carried out with fidelity. The practical value of this commentary to the minister of the Gospel, and the intelligent student of the Divine Word is great. It will take rank with the best that has hitherto issued from the press. The present volume is reproduced from the eighth English edition of the work. The preacher who places "The Pulpit Commentary," in his library will be greatly helped in the effective preaching of Divine truth.

THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE. (New York : Anson D F. Randolph & Co.) The opening discourse in the May number of this standard theological serial is by the Bishop of Norwich on "The Mindfulness of God." He speaks on this familiar theme with fine Christian feeling, freshness and beauty. The Department of "Practical Homiletics" is rich and varied. Several of the outlines are strikingly suggestive. The Rev. Frederick Hastings continues the series of "Obscure Scripture Characters,"-the subject in the present number being "The Roman Procurator's Wile; or Witness and Warning" In the "Clerical Symposium " inere are two excellent papers -one by Professor Radford Thomson gives a thoughtful and wellconsidered answer to the question, "In what sense and within what limits is the Bible to be revarded as the Word of God?" and J Robinson Gregory enunciates "The Argument from Prophecy in the Light of Modern Criticism." As the timely discussion of these important questions proceeds, we may expect that it will grow in interest. The "Expository Section" this month is very attractive. Rev. J. J. Lias continues his exposition of First John. The Rev. R. Balgarnie writes on the "Holy Mount." Dr Luthardt, of Leipsic, the Rev. Israel Abrahams, and Dr. W. B. Pope, are contributors to this section. Readers will find the "Modern Lazarus," by P. W. Darnton, a striking and original paper. The first part of Dr. Rainy's lecture on "Preaching" will be read with attention and profit. Preachers whose inventive faculty is not to be relied upon are provided with a celection of beautiful and forcible "Original Illustra-It is probable they will not long remain " origtions." inal." "The Homiletic Magazine" maintains its excellent reputation.

BEFORE leaving Kingston the Rev. Audrew Wilson was presented on behalf of friends in Brock Street congregation with a well-filled purse.



NEHEMIAH'S PLAN.

(Concluded)

Sleep could comfortably occupy the night, but what to do with the long hours of the forenoon was a problem that greeted Margaret with the morning sunlight. She tried to solve it at the breakfast table.

greeted Margaret with the anothing a solve it at the breakfast table. "I think I must explore your village while I stay. Are there any places of special interest?" "Weil, I don't know. I've heard they was havin' meetin's every day at the intile church across the run," suggested Miss Grey, in evident uncertainty as to what her visitor might consider interesting. "Then there's the hills. some folks

Grey, in evident uncertainty as consider interesting. "Then it like to wander round over them

like to wander round over them " Margaret decided to try the hills; but her pleasant ramb-ling was abruptly terminated by a dash of rain that forced her to seek speedy shelter. An isolated Luilding with an open portico was fortunately not far from her path; but it was only when she had reached it, and was brushing the rain-drops from her clothing, that she discovered it to be the "little church across the run."

"I shall have the satisfaction of doing both places of in terest, then -- the hills and the 'meetin '," and she laughed softly to herself.

softly to nersell. From beyond the half open door came the sound of \mathbf{a} voice raising and falling in a regular sing-song way - a see-saw style of elocution that had nothing to do with emphasis or expression, but inexotably sent one hall of each sentence up, and the other half down. When the voice sank,

up, and the other half down. When the voice sank, nothing but a murmur reached the door, but as it rose the words became audible. "Noble work? Try Nehemiah's plan. . . Useful work? Baild on Nehemiah's plan. . . Good in the world? Follow Nehemiah's plan." At first Margaret had only smiled at the tone, but in a moment the words attracted her attention. Of what was he talking? She leaned forward, and caught a glimpse of a thin spilow forced long haired man swaying to and the this, sallow faced, long haired man, swaying to and fro with a movement that accorded with his chanting traces. "Don't wander round. Take Nchemiah's plan.

"Don't wander round. Take Nchemiah's plan. It was odd that just those words should come to her in such a place and way. She felt a fitting wish that she had tried the meeting earlier, but in a few moments the service and the brief shower ended together, and Margaret left the portico as the people began to come out. One after another nodded or spoke to her as they passed. It seemed to be the fashion to address any one without cereminy, and so, as the sallow-faced minister overtook her, and spoke as his flock had done, Margaret looked up at him with a sudden im-pulse, and asked, "What was Nchemiah's plan?"

"What was Nehemiah's plan?" "He was an Israelitish noble, and the great hader in re-building Jerusalem after the captivity," replied the stranger, planging at once into the subject, and not manifesting the least surprise at the question. "And his way of rebuilding the wall was to set each man to building before his own house. No one spent his time running around, putting in a stone here and a 'tone there, trying to build a little in every breach, or trying to find an opening that just suited him, and build there; but every man took the work that was straight be-fore him. If you want to do good work in this world, try Nehemiah's plan. If you want to build—" The preacher had dropped into his chapting tone; but, just as Margaret began to realize that she had called down the whole sermon upon her devoted head, her foot slipped

the whole sermon upon her devoted head, her foot slipped upon a wet stone in the rough steep path, and she fell. It was awkward enough, she assured herself in vexation, bat was awkward enough, she assured herself in vexation, bat the first effort to rise proved it something far worse. She grew white, and faint with pain, and the voice of her com-panion asking if she were hart sounded indistinct and far away. Some of the others turned back. She scarcely noticed who came or how they aided her, but she presently found herself at Miss Grey's, surrounded by a sympathizing g.oup and a strong odour of camp.hor. "A bad sprain like that is really worse than a broken bone—at least it takes longer to heal," announced the country practitioner, an hour later, when he had examined and prescribed for the wounded member. "It will be several weeks before you can put that foot to the ground again."

again." Several weeks ' Margaret listened to his retreating steps, looked at her swollen and bandaged ankle, and then at the

Booked at her swollen and bandaged ankle, and then at the figure moving busily about the room, picking up bottles and bits of old linen.
"Miss Grey, what will you do with me?"
"I'll have to do the best I can, I s'pose. Here you air, and we can't neither of us help it. What can t be cured 'll have to be endured," answered that lady, without pausing in her work of putting to rights.
Having her presence accepted as an afflictive dispensation was a new experience to Margaret; she thought of home and Tom. She had ample leisure for thinking of many things as the long afternoon wore away, and she began fully to realize the imp isonment upon which she had entered—that all her planning had ended in this. How strangely it had happened 1 had happened 1

"The idea of leaving home just to hun, myself here !" she sighed, reviewing the situation. "Nuhemiah's plan in-deed ! I shall certainly have to build straight before me for the next two months if I build at all."

Straight before her in the next room sai Miss Grey, bend-ing busily over cloth and pattern with a perplexed winkle

in her forchead. "What is it ? If I, could help you--" questioned Mar-garet, and hesitated. She had grown interested after watch-

gater, and nestated. She had grown interested after watch-ing her a moment. "Well, you can't," said Miss Grey, dropping her hard hands meditatively in her lap. "I'm trying to make over an old dress of my great ann's into a new one for myself, and there ain enough of it. It seems as if I ought to be able to do it by this time, for my

whole life has just been a-makin' over, or patchin' up, or

whole life has just been a-makin' over, or patchin' up, or turnin' best side out, of what somebody else has used or was'ed or spoiled before I got it. It's taken my best days to eke out short-comin's and patch up blunders. I've never had anything fresh and new to start on." "Lxcept Billy?" ventured Margaret, as the child's sunny head appeated at a window. " 'Billy 1 Well-" Miss Grey paused. That little half-brother was dearer to her even than she knew, but he was perplexing also. Something that looked out from his dark eyes and spoke in his wistful tones was more difficult than anything else to fit into her hard homely life; it did not seem to belong there. But she would not say so; she was beginning already to wonder at what she had said. With a quick breath that would have been a slep on less determined inys, she bent over her work sgam. Upon those stooped beginning aiready to wonder at what she bidd said. With a quick breath that would have been a sigh on less determined hips, she bent over her work again. Upon those stooped and rounded shoulders life's burdens had fallen early. She had paid the penalty of being considered "smart" and "capable" by having whatever the others of the family were too busy, too indolent, or too selfish to do always "left for Susau." When her discouraged mother slipped away out of the world she found herself alone to plan for and supply what her careless, improvident father never provide—to supplement his love of ease with her self-dennil, and economize while he wasted. After haid years he had crowned his extravagances by bringing home a fra-gile young wife whom he could not support, and, that feat accomplished, had comfortably died and left her to Susan's care, as she a little later, left Billy. It never occured to Susan to shirk the burdens that others dropped. She had taken them up resolutely one by one, and gone on her way, never having had time for a life of her own. So it happened naturally that having accepted Margaret's stay as one of her "allotments," she gave faithfully the best care in her power.

stay as one of her "alloiments," she gave faithfully the best care in her power. "A kindness that can never be itemized in the bill, nor repaid in any way," said Margaret, regretfully. "You have so much to do, it seems strange that I should have been thrown on your hands." "Mebby," suggested Billy, gravely—"mebby you was throwed for me. 'Cause I don't have things like—folks. I'm—" he hesitated, and looked at her foot—"I'm the oladdet kind of sorrs"

I'm—" he hesitated, and looked at her foot—" I'm the gladdest kind of sorry." Her presence seemed indeed a constant pleasure to the child. He hung about her, admired her pretty dresses and ornaments, and listened in delight whenever she spoke of the world of "folks" from which she came. When her trunk arrived, and she took from it one day a portfolio of sketches and drawing materials, he looked from the pictures to ber face with a wondering. trembling experiess.

to her face with a wondering, trembling eigerness. "That looks like something a little lame boy could play if he knew how," he said, clasping and unclasping his small brown hands in a tremour of excitement. "He shall try," smiled Margaret, won by the pleading

eyes. That was the beginning of many lessons, in which a new world opened to Billy, and Margaret quite forgot that she had left home to find rest from teaching. There were many things forgotten in those slow, quiet days. Her vague un-rest, her feverish ambition, seemed selfsh and ignoble in the presence of this strong, brave life before her—such a hard, homely life that she could scarcely understand her own interest in it interest in it.

She had written home nothing of the accident that had befallen her, but only indefinitely of a "necessary change of plan." There was no need that any one should be anxious about her or greve at her disappointment, and there was one who would do both, she remembered, with a little thrill at her heart. Some way she was often reminded of Tom in these days. Now that she was recovering, it was not so great a disappointment, after all, to find that there was no

great a disappointment, alter all, to had that there was no time left to carry out any part of her original purpose. "I spose you'll go away to-morrow," said Miss Grey, slowly, one evening, as she sorted and put aside the meagre daily mail. "Well, we did live before you came. it and t more'n two months ago, either, though " seems so leng— but I can't seem to think beyond to-morrow. It some way seems as if everything ends then." The truth of scheres so foreign to the woice and the 'bole

seems as it everything ends then." The touch of sadness so foreign to the voice, and the look in B.1's is dark eyes, haunted Margaret's pillow that night. She vainly tried to plan for them beyond the morrow, and even when she slept they followed her in dreams. "Come I come !" called Miss Grey's excited voice. Then a hand fell on her shoulder, and she awoke with a start to find the voice a reality.

start to find the voice a reality. "Quick ! quick ! the house is burning ! I though you'd never wake !"

Through the windows came a fiery glare and a rushing, ciacking sound, and already the room was filled with smoke.

Margaret made her way through the blinding clouds, catch-ing up articles here and there, her bewildered brain aided

ing up articles nere and incre, ner bewindered brain ander by Miss Grey's retreating call. "Gather what you want most. There's no hope for the house; we must save what we can." "Why does no one come? Can't we give the alarm? erned Margaret, as she rushed out into the open air with an armful of treasures, and turned a glance of terror at the blasing roof. blazing roof.

'Our voices woudn't reach. The light 'll spread the story quickest, but no one can get here in time to save the house, or anything in it but what we bring out," answered the owner of the house, resolutely plunging into the stifling smoke again.

Margaret followed her, and they worked with a strength Margaret followed her, and they worked with a strength that only desperation could have given, tearing up, lifting, and carrying out through the narrow passage that grew mo-mently more suffocating and perilous. "We must let the rest go," Miss Grey herself announced, with grim resignation, leaning back against a tree and watching the long fiery arms that were crushing the building in a hornble embrace. "Fire:" should a hoarse voice far down the hill-side, "then other works took it and the sounds drew nearest

then other voices took it up, and the sounds drew nearer. Heip was coming, to late. Suddenly Miss Grey started, turning a white face to Margaet as she passed. "The mail! I forgot it !"

"That little bundle ! What madness-"

But the unfinished sentence and detaining hand were put ewiftly solds They belong to others folks ; they were trusted to me,

Miss Grey explained, hurriedly, as she sprang forward and vanished in the lurid smoke. It seemed hours that Margaret watched for her with strain-

It seemed hours that Margaret watched for her with strain-ing eyes, and she did not come; ages before that shouting crowd drew near enough to be directed to the spot where she had disappeared. Then moving figures swept in be-tween the burning mass and the place where Margaret stood with Billy's little hand tightly clasped in hers, and partially intercepted her view. Loud voices shouted contradictory orders, dark groups swayed rapidly to and fro. There was a crash of burning tumbers, the flames leaped up for a mo-ment and sank again, and the crowd, which had fallen back, parted and let two smoke blackened men pass through, bearing a prostrate form. Margaret could never clearly recall all the incidents of

parted and let two smoke blackened men pass through, bearing a prostrate form. Margaret could never clearly recall all the incidents of that night. Her recollection was a confused mingling of terror, haste, stifling air, and horrible flame and sound. But the gray morning found the old house a charred and smouldering ruin, while in a little cabin down the hill-side lay its mistress, with her last work for "other folks" done. Every aid tha' could be given was rendered, but the physi-cian shook his nead as he turned away. Margaret sat be-side her, sad-cycl and still. This was the to-morrow be-yond which they could not see. "Don't fret about it," said the steady, practical voice, in nearly its usual tone. "Twould be gueer to be here, any-how, with the old house gore." Then, after a pause, "Everything up yonder is to be 'made new'; don't it say so? I think I'd be glad to go- but for Billy." "Leave him to me," said Margaret, earnestly. "I love the child. He shall have all the care that I can give

The sufferer's eyes flashed wide open with a quick glad look. "Why," she said, 1 rghtly, "I'd have been willin' to die any time to gain that for the child." Then the tred lids fell, and with the brightness still on

her face she was away. Two days later Margaret reached home.

Two days later Margaret reached home. The evening lamps gleamed a welcome, and the fire, lighted because of the chair rain, threw a cheery glow over the pretty room, where with Billy tucked away for the night, Margaret and guided Mergins, lineared and the night, Margaret and where with Billy tucked away for the night, Margaret and good Meggins lingered, woman-like, over the beauty of the golden curls and the long lashes, and even of the little lame foot, concerning which Meggins declared herself "moral certain that it might be cured, or leastways made a good deal straighter and stronger." Tom, attracted by the bright windows, came with eager greeting. "And you are really home again, Margie. Did you carry out your plan?" "Not exactly mune; it was—Nehemish's, I think." "Nehemiah's?" rep⁻ ted Tom, bewildered, and scarcely liking the name. "And did you find your noole lives." "I found one—yes," Margaret answered reverent!. "Yes; I brought that home with me. Come and see."

"And your work?" "Yes; I brought that home with me. Come and see," and she led him to the sleeping child. "But after all, Margie," said Tom, when the talk had grown an hour long, "if you only wanted some one to take care of, you know..." "Yes, I know,"she laughed. "I don't nuch mind if I do take you too. Tom. I don't like to flatter your vanity, but familiar objects sometimes appear to wonderfal advan tage when we go far enough away to take a bird's eye view of them."

THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY BILL.

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The Bill provides for the appointment of Commissioners, who are to be invested with nearly plenary powers of re-view and reform. The entire University system, in regard to professors and students, finances and teachings, buildings to professors and students, finances and teachings, buildings and prospects, are to be submitted to those to do with them apparently as may seem right in their own eyes. They are to have power to call before them principals, professors, masters and others, whether holding office or not, and to ex-amine them in reference to anything connected with the Uni-versilles about which they may wish reformation. They are to be empowered to revise the respective foundations, mot tifications and bursaries; and, in any way, consistent with the intention of the donors, to alter or modify the conditions upon which those endowments, which have been in opera-tion for more than twenty years, are henceforth to be con-ferred. They may combine small bursaries into bursaries of larger amount, and transfer, "with or without compensa-tion," the patronage of bursaries from private persons to the Senatus Academicus. They are likewise to have power granted them to transfer to the University Court the patronage of professorships now vested in private patrons; to protect them to transfer to the Conversity Court the pair ronage of professorships now vested in private patrons; to regulate the powers, jurisdictions and privaleges of the values University office-beaters, from the Chancellor downwards, and of the Senaius Academicus, the General Council, the University Court, and the Court of Curators in the University of Edinburgh, to make regulations 2s to the time, place and manner of electing all University officers, and in particular to substitute election by a majority of students for election by Nations of the Rectors of the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen; to make rules for the management Glasgow and Aberdeen; to make rules for the management of the Universities; to regulate the manuer and conditions in which students shall be admitted to the Universities, the coarse of study and the manner of teaching, the length of the academical curriculum and the manner of examination and the granting of degrees, whether in arts, divinity, law or medicine, or science. They are empowered to do a great many other things, but those we have indicated are sufficient to show the thorough-going nature of the changes which it is intended to make in the Scottish Universities. The provisions with respect to St. Andrew's the oldest of the Scottish Universities, are in harmony with the commos-sense requirements in reference to it. The Commissioners are to be empowered to unite the University and College

sense requirements in reference to it. The Commissioners are to be empowered to unite the University and Colleges of the ancient city into one corporation, lop off imperfect or unnecessary Faculties, give other colleges an opportunity of affiliating themselves with it, and then, after twelve monthy trial, if it be found that there is no likelihood of benefit re-sulting from it to the courtry, the Commission is practically to decree its dissolution. Of course, should "the worst come to the worst," there will be regret at the disappear-ance of such an ancient institution; but this regret will be tempered by the recollection of the partizan spurt which characterized the bestowal of Theological Degrees.

PULPIT HUMOURS.

The Drawer has never had so good a metaphor, complete in all its parts, as the following, which is cut from a recent article in a prominent religious newspaper. We feal sure that the metaphor is all right, because the author of it is a Doctor of Divinity: "These seeds of pride are bursting with flame which might lay the foundations of a deluge that would with its forge enveron metaphal".

with flame which might lay the foundations of a deluge that would with its fangs envenom my soul." It was a muchless highly cultivated minister who recently made this contribution to e-ymology in a sermon on the "Be-atitudes." "My friends," said the preacher, "before pro-ceeding to unfold our subject it is necessary to give a defi-nition of the word I have just used. Beatitude is composed of two words, 'be' and 'attitude." Be means to hve, to exist, ; and when a man lives, when he really lives, he al-ways strikes an *attitude*. Hence we view," etc. This is hardly a fair illustration of the value of preaching. A much better one comes from one of the pleasantest cities

This is hardly a fair illustration of the value of preaching. A much better one comes from one of the pleasantest cities in Connecticut. A distinguished clergyman in the leading church had one morning finished his sermon, when one of his much-impressed bearers came forward to thank him for it, and this dialogue followed : "It is fifteen years since I heard you last. In this very place, fifteen years ago, I heard you preach a sermon that I have never forgotten. It did me more good than any sermon I ever heard. It sluck by me, and I have always wanted to thank you for it."

I ever heard. It stuck by me, and I have always wanted to thank you for it." "Ah, indeed I" replied the pleased preacher. "Such evidence of my poor labour is very grateful. I should like to know what sermon it was. Do you remember the text

"Well, no, I can't tell what the text was now, but it was the greatest sermon I ever heard. It just hited me. I never forgot that sermon." "I should really like to know what sermon it was," re-

blied the clergyman, much interested in so decided a case of the power of the pu', it. If you cannot recall the text, what was the subject of the sermon?"

"Well, now, doctor, it's gone from me; I forget what the text was, and I can't rake up the subject now; but I tell you it was a great sermon. It did me more good---it was the most powerful discourse I ever heard. I shan't forget it it I live to be sciebu!" if I live to be eighty."

if I live to be eighty." "But can't you recall anything in it? You excite my curiosity. Can't you give me a clew that will identify it?" "No, I can't tell what was in it exactly; the subject has slipped out of my mind. I don't know exactly what you said, but it was a magnificent sermon. It did me more good than all the preaching I ever heard. It has just staid by me for fifteen years." "And you cannot recall a word that will help me to identify it?"

"Well, I can't now bring up what it was about, but I re member how it wound up. You said, 'Theology ain't re-ligion-not by a ---- sight !"-Editor's Drawer, in Har-per's Magazine for June.

DIVORCES.

Judge Jameson, in his "North American Review" article on "Divorce," makes some statements that should carry weight against the great legalized evil of the day. He does not seem to favour the strict New Testament law, but his generalization from the Chicago suits seems to contain an argument in favour of that law: "In far the greater number of cases, so court, listening to the narratives of the parties, can doubt that had they been held together by an iror bond, making divorce impossible for any cause, they would, at an early stage of their martial differences, have effected a recon-culation; the fatal step of revealing to possible fields. any sign of their martial differences, have effected a recon-culation; the fatal step of revealing to gossiping friends their real or fanced wrongs would not have been taken, and so their mutual wounds would have healed 'by first inten-tion." And again: "It is our firm conviction that, if the truth could be ascertained, at least two-thirds, perhaps four-fiths, of the 714 cases of divorce during the past year either were fraudulent in fact, or with a reasonably conciliatory temper on the part of the couples divorced, and under suf-hciently stringent legal conditions were avoidable or prevent-able." He also adds: "The more uneducated and incon-spicous the married persons, the more numerous are their divorces." From which, we think, two inferences should be drawn: (1) The law should be strict and inexorable, making divorces possible only for New Testament cause; but (2) back of that, and under it, only mocal rd religious training and cievation can check the evil that is working such domestic and social run.—St. Louis Evangelist.

A HEBREW THERMOPYLA.

The story of this is told in Josephus. Founded by the last of the Maccabees, a century and a half before Christ, Marada had ever been one of the impregnable forts of Judea, where her kings were safe even from Roman invasion. When Jerusalem fell, 70 A.D., before the victorious arms of Trus, an undaunted few of the Jews field to this stronghold, and under Eleszar, the Galilean, made it their last refuge against Roman rule and oppression, taking with them their wives and children. wives and children.

But the Roman cagle was not to balked of any part of his But the Roman eagle was not to balked of any part of his prey, and the complete submission of all of Judea alone could satisfy the Casar. Masada was besieged, and the devoted garrison, after heroic resistance, long protracted against overwhelming numbers, were driven to desperation. Iosephus records the terrible appeal made by Eleszar to the remnant of his garrison never to fall alive into the hands of their fell foe, but sooner to sacrifice themselves and escape insult and implety by a voluntary martyrdom, thus insuring for themselves and those they loved escape from disbonour

for themselves and those they loved escape from dishonour here, and bliss hereafter. Inspired by his terrible cloquence, every man and woman there hailed his words. Each man with his own hand slew those dearest to him, and selecting ten by lot to act as exe-cutioners, died under their hands without a struggle; then, as a funeral pyre, the last survivor set fire to the palace, and consummated the sacrifice by suicide. On the morning of Easter Day, 73 A.D., the Romans, ignorant of this tra-gedy, made their final atsault, and finding none to oppose them, rushed triumphantly in, with barbaric shouts, to slay and plunder, to rob and ravish. But even those grim war-machines, as hard as the iron of their own corselets, whose humanity was so subordinate to their discipline that even the fiery shower of Pompeii could not drive them from their posts-even these must have stood appalled at the sight the fiery shower of Pompeii could not drive them from their posts--even these must have stood appalled at the sight that met them in that city of the dead, where they found only the corpses of the men and women who had thus haf-fled their triumph. From a cistern crept two women, whose hearts had failed them, and from these they learned and handed down to posterity this tale of more than Spartan sell-sacrifice, of more than Roman fortitude and patriotism. --Educin de Leon, in Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for Tume Fune.

UNBELIEF.

There is no unbelief ; Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod, And waits to see it push away the clod, Trusts he in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky, "Be patient, heart 1 light breaketh by and by," Trusts the Most High.

Whoever sees, 'neath winter's field of snow, The silent harvest of the future grow, God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep, Content to lock each sense in slumber deep. Knows God will keep.

Whoever says, "To-morrow," "The Unknown," "The Future," trusts that power alone He dares disown.

The heart that looks on when the cyclids close, And dares to live when life has only woes, God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief: And day by day, and night, unconsciously, The heart lives by that faith the lips deny; God knoweth why.

HOW COLDS ARE TAKEN.

A person in good health, with fair play, says the Lencet, easily resists cold. But when the health flags a little, and liberties are taken with the stomach, or the nervous system, a chill is easily taken, and according to the weak spot of the individual, assumes the form of a cold, or pneumonia, or, it may be, jaundice. Of all causes of "cold," probably latigue is one of the most efficient. A jaded man coming home at night from a long day's work, a growing youth losing two hours' sleep over evening parties two or three times a week, or a young lady heavily "doing the season," young children over-fed and with a short allowance of sleep, are common instances of the victims of "cold." Luxury is favourable to chill-taking; very hot rooms, soft chairs, feather beds, create a sensitiveness that leads to Luxity is havourable to chairdaring; very hot rooms, soit chairs, feather beds, create a sensitiveness that leads to catarrhs. It is not, after all, the "cold" that is so much to be feared as the antecedent conditions that give the attack a chance of doing harm. Some of the worst "colds" happen to those who do not leave their house or even their bed, and those who are most invulnerable are often those who are most exposed to changes of temperature, and who by good sleep, cold bathing, and regular habits, preserve the tone of their nervous system and circulation.

Their nervous system and circulation. Probably many chills are contracted at night or at the fag end of the day, when tired people get the cquilbrum of their circulation disturbed by either overheated sitting-rooms or underheated bed-rooms and beds. This is specially the case with elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done instantaneously, or in a single night. It often takes place insidiously, extending over days or even weeks. It thus appears that "taking cold" is not by any means a simple result of a lower temperature, but depends largely on personal conditions and habits, affecting espe-cially the nervous and muscular energy of the body.

DR. J HOOD WILSON, of Edinburgh, laid the memoral stone of a few medical mission hospital at Nazareth on the 4th ult.

PRINCE BISMARCK Writes a letter to an officer of a German anti-vivisection society, expressing hearty sympathy with the society's work.

THE Sultan has agreed to convoke a Turkish Parliament in October, which will resemble the Assembly of 1876. It will be composed of representatives of all religions.

An old woman who has sold newspapers in New York for many years, having a staud at the corner of Broadway and Maiden Lane, died the other day and left about \$10 000.

PROF. LEE says that the theological classes in Glasgow University were never so well attended during the time he has occupied the Church history chair as they are at present. There were nearly three times as many students during the past session as there were ten years ago.

BRITISH AND EOREIGN -BTEMS.

IN 1882, 556,000 passengers crossed the English Channel. EIGHT Jews were lately elected to the Venetian municipal council.

REV. NEV.MAN HALL has a work in the press on the Lord's Prayer.

AFTER a lapse of thirty years Harford county, Indiana, has a revival of Mormonism.

A TREATY of peace beween Chili and Peru has been signed by Gen. Nuvoa and Iglesias, and confirmed. THE Dutch are taking steps to promote the development

to Surinam, of which they hope to make a second Java. ONE hundred and twenty-six doctors graduated from the

New York College of Physicians and Surgeons last week. THE veteran missionary, Dr. Moffat, recently laid the foundation stone of a new Congregational church at Hampstead.

THE greatest feminine land-owner in England is Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby, who has an income of \$250,000 from land.

THE number of persons in London last month receiving pauper relief numbered 93,093, against 88,752 in the cor-responding period in 1880.

MR. JOHN RAE has been appointed assistant-editor of the "Contemporary Review" Mr Rae was at one time a minister of the Free Church at Brechin.

DR. HAUPT, the Assyrian scholar, has accepted the invitation to Johns Hopkins University, where he will teach the Hebrew, Arabic, and Assyrian languages.

DR. W. M. TAYLOR, of New York, is engaged on a brief biography of "John Knox" for the "Men Worth Remem-bering" series of Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton.

TIMBER covers about two-thirds of North Carolina; Mississippi has some twenty million acres of it ; Louisiana, filteen millions ; Texas, a great amount.

CANON WILBERFORCE says that in Bristol over 40,000, and in Sheffield over 15,000 of the cream and flower of the working classes have become abstainers in a very short time.

THE Free Presbytery of Ayr, Scotland, is of opinion that a thorough investigation into the whole subject of "Lapsing, its Causes, Character, "d Cure," is urgently required on the part of the Church.

THE well-known English historical scholar and Oxford doo, George William Kitchin, has just been made Dean of Winchester. He is best known to the public through his History of France.

CANON FARRAR has been appointed to the archdeaconry of Westminster, which is worth $\pounds_1,666$ per annum with a residence. He is rector of St. Margaret's for which he receives \pounds_{500} a year.

VIRUNIA claims the oldest English Church in this coun-y. It is the old Friends' Church at Benton, and was built 1632. An ancessor of Martha Washington is said to be try. It in 1632. buried in the churchyard.

THE effects of Pope Pius IX., consisting of madonnas, crucifixes, portraits, etc., were recently sold at auction in Rome, but did not bring large prices, some of them not even realizing their intrinsic value.

FIVE hundred gamblers have been compelled to quit

Five hundred gamblers have been compelled to quit Nashville, and many of them are heading for Chicago. In a public square, Thursday, five hundred dollars' worth of sporting paraphernalia was burned. AT Richmond, Virginia, Thursday, the local military ob-served the tweniteth anniversary of the death of Stonewall Jackson by marching to the Capitol square and firing a salute in front of Jackson's monument.

REV DEDRICK WILLERS, D.D., died at Barrytown, Y. last week, aged eighty-six. He was the father of N Y., last week, aged eighty-six. He was the father of ex Secretary of State Willers, and was a soldier in the Prussian service at the battle of Waterloo.

JEWS are by no means always fond of brother and sister Jews; indeed, there are Hebrew families in New York who assiduously hold aloof from Israelite society; but this sort of cl.queism seems to calminate in Tiflis. A Jewish official writes that there are five distinct Jewish communities there.

Six chiefs at Oham and Usubepu have attacked and routed Cetawayo, who lost 6,000 men, and whose authority it is believed will be permanently wiped out, as his sup-porters are reported to be abandoning him, having lost confi-dence in his ability to regain the ascendancy he formerly possessed.

GLASGOW University has conferred the degree of D.D., on Revs. John Macleod, of Govan, and his brother, Norman Macleod, of St. Stephans', Edinburgh, two sons of the late Dr. Macleod, of Morven, and also on Revs. George Porter, Maybole, James Smith, Buenos Ayres, and John Inglis, late of the New Hebrides mission.

THE Established Presbytery of Edinburgh has decided with reference to the Scottish Universities Bill the constitu-ency from which the theological professor, are now selected should be enlarged, but that no legislation can be satisfac-tory which does not sufficiently provide for and secure the teaching of the Fresbyterian churches of the country.

PRCF. BLACKIE has a work in the press on the land sys-tem in the Highlands, the MS. of which is said to have narrowly escaped in the recent fire at Messrs. Kegan, Paul & Co.'s, London. The work is so very "hot" on the land-lords that no publisher in Edinburgh would undertake it; and two London firms were afraid of burning their fingers with it.

THE "most holy synod "of Russia has sent a letter to the bishrps of the American Protestant Episcopal Church con-cerning the question of intercommunion. The Greek Church makes it a sine que non that Christian bedies desir-ing to have intercommunion shall accept the seven œcumen-ical councils, and she will never acknowledge the "Episco-pal seccession" in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

MIINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at Burlington last Sabbath. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane preached morning and evening, and the Rev. R J. Laidlaw, St. Paul's, Humlton, in the afternoon. Alltheservices were largely attended. On Monday evening a successful social was held. Mr. Abraham, owing to enfeebled health, has been granted six months leave of absence.

A NUMBER of members and friends of Carleton Presbyterian congregation presented Mr. John H. Wagstaff, who is leaving Carleton, with a gold headed cane, and Mrs. Wagstaff with a peice of plate, accompanying these gifts with an address recognizing the efficient services rendered by him, and expressive of the esteem in which he and his wife are held by the congregation. Mr. Wagstaff made an appropriate reply.

REV. T. M. CHRISTIE having retired from the Trinidad Mission in consequence of ill health, Rov. Mr. Hendrie, of San Fernando, was invited to become Mr. Christie's successor, and consented. Mr. Hendrie could preach at once to the Hindoos in their own tongue, and his acceptance was a great relief to Mr. Christie and the mission council. His medical adviser having given a decided opinion against his undertaking the trials of a missionary. The Foreign Mission Committee, eastern section, are inquiring for a suitable man. Offers of service from ordained ministers or probationers should bead dressed to Dr. Mc-Gregor, Secretary, Halifax.

REV. F. A. MCLENNAN, of Kenyon, Glengarry Presbytery, having obtained leave of absence to visit his native land, Scotland, was, previous to his departure, presented with the sum of \$153, accompanied with a very complimentary address, read by the session clerk on behalf of the congregation, expressing their attrchment to him and appreciation of his services as their pastor, as also their high estimation of Mrs. McLennan as a Christian lady, combined with a kind and amiable disposition, to which Mr. McLennan replied in brief but select sentences, expressing his grateful acknowledgment of their kindness, not only on this, but on former occasions.

A CONGREGATIONAL social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church Winnipeg, was held in Selkirk Hall on Tuesday evening, April 24th The pastor of the congregation, the Rev C. B. Pitblado, occupied the chair, and made an introductory address. Mr Alex. Urquhart, of Knox College, who has been called to assist Mr. Pitblado in his arduous duties for the summer months, addressed the meeting in a very acceptable manner. After an interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music had been rendered the chairman called Mr. R. A. Ptolemy, the popular and efficient precentor of the congregation to the platform, and in the name of his friends presented him with a beautiful pocketbook containing \$190. Mr Ptolemy, who was taken completely by surprise, made a feeling and appropriate reply, and ; after refreshments had been served, a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

AT his residence, Waba Brook in the Township of McNab, Donald Stewart, Esq., died April 29th, and was buried on the 1st of May at White Lake burying ground. The largest assembly ever seen in this part of the county followed his remains to the place of burial. He died at the age of filty four years, longing for the "Rest that remains for the people of God." His sickness which was heart disease lasted only about three days. In his demise every one felt it was the loss of a friend and brother, and a gloom of sadness fell on all classes. His loss will be fel, both in the town ship and county, but especially in the Presbyterian congregation of White Lake where he held so pro minent a position having superintended two Sabbath Schools and taught Bible classes, one at 9 a.m., the other at 3 p.m., four miles apart. His liberality to the cause of Christ in the congregation and to all the missionary schemes of the Church was worthy of imitation. The new stone Church at White Lak, will long stand as a monument to his honour, praise and liberality. - COM

WILLIAM MCDONALD, an active elder of the Presbyterian church in Hull city died at the Desert on the 28th December 1882. He came to Canada in the year 1853 from the parish of Croy, Invernessibire, Scotland He was for many years in the employ of

Messrs, Hamilton & Brothers, lumber merchants, When a Presbyterian Church was commenced in Hull he was among the first who took an active part in the erection of a church building, and one of the last things he did in the midst of the illness which terminated in death was to give a subscription liberal for one of his means-that the debt still remaining upon the church building might be cleared off, and he had the happiness of seeing his last effort crowned with success. He was one of the first called to fill the office of ruling elder in the church, and took a deep interest in its prosperity up till the day of his death. He was genial in disposition, kind hearted, a faithful friend, a good neighbour, a highly esteemed and useful citizen, and faithful unto death in his duty to man and to his God. The last words audibly uttered that fell from his lips were "My Lord and my God."

THE induction of the Rev. Andrew Wilson, late of Brock Street Congregation, Kingston, into the pastoral charge of Carlton Street congregation took place last Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance. The Rev. R. P. McKay, Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto presided. The sermon-appropriate and impressive-was preached by the Rev. John Smith of Erskine Church. The steps leading to the induction were narrated by the Presbytery clerk, Rev. R. Monteath. The usual questions having been addressed to Mr. Wilson and satisfactorily responded to by him, he was solemnly inducted minister of Carlton Street Church. The Rcv. H. M. Parsons addressed the minister in suitable and affectionate words, and the people were addressed by the Rev. A. Gilray on the duties resting upon them in relation to hearty co-operation with the minister in Church work. At the close of the service Mr. Wilson met with a cordial welcome from the congregation and their friends assembled on the occasion. In connection with the service a reception which was largely attended was held in the evening. After refreshments Mr. James Bain was called to the chair. He read an address of welcome in the name of the congregation to Mr. Wilson, which was responded to in eloquent terms. Rev. Mr. Gilray was then presented with a costly set of silver plate bearing the following inscription .- "Presented to the Rev. Alex. Gilray by the Carleton Street Presbyterian Church, of Toronto, as a slight token of esteem and regard for him as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him while acting as chairman of the Interim Session of the congregation. ' Mr. Gilray replied in a few fitting remarks, and was followed by Ald. Carlyle, Mr. James Brown, and Rev. Messrs. Smith, Burton, Cameron, and Powis, who fervently expressed their cordial good wishes for Mr. Wilson's and the congregation's prosperity.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.-This Presbytery met in Clinton on the 8th inst. Mr. R. J. Craig, student of Knox College, having undergone his trial examination for license in a very satisfactory manner, was licensed in the usual way. Final action on the report of the financial committee anent the mode of raising funds for defraying the expenses of commissioners to the Assembly was delayed till next meeting. Dr. King, of Toronto, was nominated as the next Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. McCoy, on behalf of the committee to consider the statistical and financial returns of congregations for this year, tabulated a report showing the contributions per member and family of all the congregations within the bounds. The report was ordered to be printed and copies sent to all the congregations to be distributed. Mr. McDonald introduced the subject of the endowment scheme of Knox College, which was heartily commended to the consideration of the sessions and congregations within the bounds. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Knox Charch, Goderich, on the second Tuesday of July, at elven o'clock a.m.-A. MCLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESENTERY OF TORONTO.— This Presebytery met in three different churches in this city on the 17th inst., partly for transacting competent business, and partly for inducting a pastor. Rev. R. P. Mackay presided at all the diets, and the number of members present was considerable. The resignation of Rev. W. Stewart, of Horaby, tendered at a previous meeting, was duly considered; and, after hearing a commissioner, the Presbytery agreed to ask leave from the General Assembly for Mr. Stewart to reture from the active duties of the ministry, and to recommend

his case to the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. An application was read from the congregation of Brockton for leave to move their place of worship, viz., from its present site to the vicinity of Dovercourt Road and Dundas Street, as also for leave to secure a new site, to dispose of the present lot, and to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,500. After hearing commissioners, it was moved and carried to grant the application. Rev. J. Alexander reported in a call from Georgetown and Limehouse in favour of Rev. W. G. Wallace, M.A., recently licensed by the Presbytery. The stipend promised is \$900 The call was sustained, and, being put into Mr. Wallace's hands, was accepted by him. His ordination was then appointed to take place at Georgetown on the 31st instant, Revs. J. Alexander, J. R. Gilchrist, R. Pettigrew and E. D. McLaren to officiate on that occasion. Rev. W. Amos reported also in a call from Newmarket in favour of Rev. J. Goodwillie, minister without charge. The stipend promised is \$800. The call was sustained; and Mr. Goodwillie, who was present, accepted the same. His induction was then appointed to take place in Newmarket on the 12th of June, Revs. W. Amos, A. Gilray, W. Frizzell and Dr. J. Fraser to officiate on that occasion. The induction of Rev. A. Wilson, late of Kingston, took place in Carlton Street Church in the alternoon, and the following ministers officiated as here stated : Rev. J. Smith preached a sermon from Isaiah xlix. 15 10. the clerk narrated the previous steps ; the moderator put the questions, offered prayer, and inducted Mr. Wilson to his new charge; he was then addressed by Rev. H. M. Parsons; and Rev. A. Gilray addressed the congregation. Mr. Wilson was afterwards cordially welcomed by his people, and his name was put on the Presbytery Roll. On resuming business, the special case of a student was referred to the General Assembly, with recommendation. Two other students, who had previously been examined, viz. Mr. Wm. Robertson, M.A., and Mr. John Mutch, M.A., appeared before the Presbytery, and were taken on public trials for license. These trials, which occu-pied a considerable time, were severally sustained, and the young men were solemnly and duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The remits sent down from the General Assembly were afterwards considered. The remit on Theological Education was discussed at some length, and on motion made, the Presbytery agreed to disapprove of it. The remit on Standing Committees and the method of appoinding them was next considered, with the recommendations given by a committee thereanent. The first recommendation was approved of ; the second was not approved of, and as to the remaining five the Presbytery agreed to enpress no oninion. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place, on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m.-R. MON-TEATH, Pres. Clerk.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa met last week in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville.

The Moderator, the Rev. R. Campbell, Monureal, delivered a most excellent opening discourse from Isaiah xxi. 11.-" Watchman, what of the night. The drift of the discourse was the necessity of ministers acting as watchmen at the present day, when so much apparent infidelity was abroad in the form of both disbelief and unbelief, and Socialism and Nihilism. The prophets of old were seers who could discern the signs of the times and warn the people of coming evil. So ought the ministry of the present day to point out to the people what their duty was, even though the waining might be rasping on the hearts and consciences of hearers, as it did not always do to speak smooth things when the truth had to be told. He showed the necessity of watchmen or ministers doing their duty, and said that Matthew Arnold was realizing the evil effects of his teaching and was harking back. The sermon was divided into three divisions--disbelief and unbelief, Socialism and Nihilism, and doc trinal unrest, under each of which heads Mr. Campbell's exposition was masterly, and earnestly listened to. He closed with the remark that Jesus brought light to the darkest soul, and that ministers ought to hold Him up and keep close to Him and all darkness and gloom, doubts and difficulties would be dispelled.

After the sermon, the moderator constituted the Synod by prayer, when the Rev. Mr. Watson, cf Huntingdon, clerk of Synod, read the roll of members. The moderator then announced that his term of office having expired, the next order of business was the appointment of his successor. He thanked the members for the support given him in the duties of his office, and stated that it was a source of thankfulness that during the year only one death had occurred among the ministers belonging to the Synod -that of the Rev. Mr. Lochead, of North Gower

Dr. Jardine then moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Bennett, that the Rev. Mr. Burnet, of Martintown, be appointed moderator for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations, the motion was agreed to, and the Rev. Mr. Burnet took his seat and returned thanks for a very unexpected honour-an honour, however, which he took to be paid more to the old Presbytery of Glengarry than for anything personal to himself.

The following committees were then appointed :

On Bills and Overtures-The clerks of Synod and Presbyteries, and the following members from the several Presbyteries :

Quebec-Rev. Dr. Mathews, and Mr. James G. Ross, elder.

Montreal-Rev. Mr. Cruickshank and Dr. Drysdale, elder.

Ottawa-Rev. Mr. Bayne and Mr. Alex. McClelland, elder.

Lanark and Renfrew-Rev. Mr. McGillivray and Mr. R. Bell, elder.

Brockville-Dr. Jardine and Mr. Lanskail, elder. Glengarry-Rev. Mr. McCormack and Mr. Mc-

Cuaig, elder. On Elders' Commissions-Rev. Messrs. Crombie

and Burnfield, and Mr. J. M. Gill, elder. A vote of thanks to the retiring moderator was carried, and after a doxology and the benediction, the services closed.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Synod met on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, the moderator in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted for the first hour, after which the Synod proceeded to business.

The minutes having been read and sustained, the Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted the business to be taken up during the day.

Applications were made by different Presbyteries for leave to take students upon trial for license as follows

By the Presbytery of Ottawa, on behalf of Wm. H. Geddes.

By the Presbytery of Quebec, on behalf of Mr. John Ferguson, BA, and Mr. Richard Hyde.

There was then considered a reference from the General Assembly in regard to the best means of raising money for local and general Church purposes. It was moved by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to consider the subject of the reference, and report at a subsequent sederunt.

A report was read from the Presbytery of Ottawa in reference to Protestant schools within the Province of Ouebec. The schools were represented as being in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition, and the report recommended a greater amount of interest and oversight on the part of Presbyteries in the Provinces A verbal report was presented in reference to the same subject from the Presbytery of Quebec.

Au overture was presented from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew proposing a plan for reducing the expenses of the working of the church, and asking for greater details in the publication of accounts. Alter considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Jardine, and agreed, that the overture on the subject be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Rev. W. J. Dey then read the report upon temperance, and aner it had been received, a communication from the Dominion Alliance was read. The matter of temperance was very fully discussed, and the recommendations of the report adopted.

It was decided that the next Synod meet at Ottawa, on the second Tuesday in May, 1884.

Mr. Barnfield, in the name of the ladies, invited the members to tea and a social in the basement of the church.

THE SOCIAL.

The social in the evening was most enjoyable , fro hears and a half were spent in short addresses, and vocal and instrumențal music. The Rev. Mr. Burnfield presided.

After tea, Mr. Burnfield and Dr. Jardine delivered addresses of welcome in the name of the ladies of both congregations, replied to by the moderator, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, late moderator.

A solo was then sung by the Rev. Mr. Heine, which met with the most hearty applause, the same result following a song by Mr. Haywood.

The Rev. Mr. Crombie was then called upon to return thanks to the ladies for their kindness in pro-viding so rich a feast for the members of Synod. The Rev. Messrs. McGillivary and Ross followed on the same subject. Miss Powell responded by an excellent musical rendering.

Mr. J. M. Gill replied on behalf of the ladies, when Miss Hutcheson in response to the call of the chairman played a plano solo in an admirable manner.

The Rev. Mr. Cruickshank returned thanks to those who had taken part in the musical portion of the proceedings, followed by the Rev. Mr. Edmondson and Rev. Dr. Moore, to which Col. Wylie was called upon to reply, followed by Mr. H. Freeland.

This brought the social to a close, which was most heartily enjoyed by all, the speeches being short, interesting and humorous.

In reference to a few incidents connected with the First Presbyter an Church, Brockville, Col. Wylie, read the names of the members of the church in 1832, fifty years ago, the list having been handed to him by Judge McDonald, who had found it among some papers belonging to the late Rev. Mr. Smart, a minister whose name is still green in the remembrance of many of the old settlers of the district.

After enjoying the social, the members met in the church, when a long discussion took place on the report of the chairman of the committee on the State of Religion in the several Preubyteries. The Rev. Mr. Doudiet, of Montreal, is chairman of the committee, but being upable to be present at this meeting of the Synod, transmitted a long report on the subject to the Clerk of the Synod, which that reveread gentleman read.

Messrs. Cattanach, Dewey, Patterson, Bennett, Dr. Jardine, Mr. Purnfield and others spoke at some length on the subject matter contained in the report, the idea prevailing that although the report was admirably drawn up, the conclusions come to were in some instances too strongly expressed, especially on the subject of family worship. It was argued that the children ought to be taught the importance of erecting a family altar, otherwise they might lose themselves in the materialism and unbelief of the world, from which nothing but the grace of God could save them.

Sabbath School Seacher. INTERNATIONAL LESSONS. LESSON XXII.

June 3.] 1883 | AT ANTIOCH. { Acts 13: 13-16, and 43 57. GOLDEN TEXT.-" And the word of the Lord was

plished throughout all the region."-Acts 13: GENTRAL TRUTH. - "Corrupt churches can resist

• the trDth." Norrs. — Paphos (see preceding lesson). Parga . a cchicl yown of Pamphylia, on the river Cestrus. Anciently a temple of Diana stood on a hill out side of the town. Here John Maik ich the Missionaries and returned to Jernsalem. Pamphylia a cretcent shaped province of Asia Minor, the inner curve bordering on an open bay. It is about eighty miles in lengh and twenty miles in its widest part. Many Jews were there. Antioch, founded or rebuilt by Sciencus Nicator on a ridge of the Taurus near the northern border of Pisidia It is called Antioch in Pisidia to distin-guish it from the Syrian city of the same name built by the same man. Pisidia : a Roman Province bordering on the north of Pamphila, having for its chief city Antioch, which is so far north the is sometunes called a. Phrygian town. The country is * 'u and ridged, and doubless here Paul en-countered some of the " perils of the rivers" and " perils of robbers." Gentiles: all countrymen not Jews. Iconium-about fifty miles from Antoch in Pisidia, on the great thorabout fifty miles from Antioch in Pisidia, on the great thor-orghfare extending from the Ægean on the west through the Syrian gates on the east; capital of Lyczonia. It has now 30,000 population and is called Konieh. Imposing ruins

remain. CONNECTION. — The story continues. How long they remained in Paphos in Cyprus we know not. Judging from similar missionary visits now to new fields, we should sup-dose they would not stay less than a month. We do not, in obtaining, allow enough time in each place 1 and that is one of the main troubles we have in the chronology of "Acts." I, FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONTINUED.—Ver. 13.—Faul Andahis company : notice how Paul now takes the lead. He sought no pre-eminence; but God put it upon him. Camo to Porga : in Pamphylia, north

from Cyprus, a port, seven miles up the river Cestrus. John departing from them: Mark went back to Jerusalem. We judge from 15 38, that Mark should not have left the apostles at this time.

have left the apostles at this time. II. FIRST SABBATH IN ANTIOCH-Ver 14.-Depart-od from Porga: flid not apparently stay there to begin any work Carme to Antioch in Pisidia. Adjustinct city from the great capital of Syria It was eighty or a hun dred miles north of Perga; and the way led through moun tains, and among robbers, and tribes only half-civilized, and half-sublued by the Komans. (2 Cor. 11:26) Word Into the synagogue. Paul always made use of the syna-gogue, as long as he was allowed. Ver. 15.-After the reading of the law and the prophots. there was freedom of speech for every one who

ver. 15.—After the reading of the law and the prophots, there were regular "lessons" for each day. After that, there was ficedom of speech for every one who had vuseful word to say. This "prophecying" (as John Knox called it) is a valuable means of grace for any Church that practises it; but to obtain the best results, *it meels a* VRRV wise man as chairman or conductor. The elders saw were strangers, and courteously invited them to 'hey speak.

Ver. 16.—Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand : over and over again Paul is described as beck-oning with his hand. Orientals gesuculate more than we.

his hand . over and over again Paul is described as beck-oning with his hand. Orientals gesuculate more than we. Give audience hear what I have to say. He had good news for them; and we wanted to win their favour. [Read carefully the intervening verses, and see how Paul briefly brings down the history of Israel to the time of David —did he model himself after Stephen here?—and then speaks of Jesus as David's great Heir. How He was the promised Saviour; was slain, was buried, and rose from the dead, and then a warning against rejecting Him.] Ver. 43.—Jews and religious proselytes: Paul had addressed them (ver. 16) as two classes. There was a number in every city who worshipped with the Jews. Ovid speaks of them at Rome, and intimates that they were mostly women. So does Josephus, respecting Damascus. Speaking to them : the aposiles spoke farther to them, outside the synagogue. To continue in the grace of God : God was present, forgiving them, and giving them a bope for eternity: follow Him ! III. SECOND SABBATH IN ANTIOCH.—Ver. 44.—The next Sabbath day (*Revision*, "the next Sabbath "). the synagogues assembled Saturday, Morday and Thursday. We may be sure that Paul and Barnabas would be at the strangene were there was workin there ' and so we are

We may be sure that Paul and Barnabas would be at the synapogue next time there was worship there ! and so we are not shut up to the conclusion that they waited a whole week. We may therefore take "next Sabbath" here, as equivalent to "next worship-day." Almost the whole city the news had spread; the public were excited. The multitudes could not be accommodated in the synagogue, but must have

could not be accommodated in the synagogue, but must nave been addressed outside. Ver 45 – Jews . . . filled with envy: they could not think that Gentiles should have the same privileges as Jews. They might become "Jews," followers of "the law," but should not be offered salvation on any other terms. Spake against those things. they denied all Paul's fa and deductions. And when they had no argu-ments, they had sneers, and bitter and reproachful words. Ver. 46.—Waxed bold: defended their words, and went on with a further message. Necessary: it was

ver. 40.—Waxed bold: defended their words, and went on with a further message. Necessary: it was Christ's order, that the Cospel should be first preached to the Jews. (Luke 24: 27) We turn to the Gentiles. Paul understood the advantage of having understood the ad-vantage of having synagogue privileges; but his Gospel was for all; and if one class would not receive it, he would turn to another.

to another. Ver. 47.—Commanded us : specially to Paul (Acts 9. 15), generally to all God's servants—was the command and promise in favour of the Gentiles as well as Jews. The quotation here, is specially spoken to the Messiah. (Isaiah

49:6.) Ver. 48.—Glad and giorified the Word : the Greeks Ver. 48.—Glad and giorified the Word : the Greeks welcomed a Gospel that could bring them pardon of sin ; and praised God and honoured Him. Wore ordained to eternal life . were set, disposed, induced. persuaded, toward eternal life —through the preaching of the Word, and reception of the truth. God's public decree, which no un-revealed counsel ever contradicts, is that "whosoever believeth shall be saved." "The Greek word does not imply more than that they fell in with the divine order which the Jews rejected."—*Plumptre* "As many as were deter-mined not to have eternal life put it from them : and as many as were induced to have it, received it in the truth of the Gospel."—*Kirk*. Gospel."-Kirk, Ver. 40. - Wa

Ver. 49. - Was published so many realous converts would furish many helps in the work. All the villages round would be visited, and the public mind stirred. Ver. 50. - Devout: the Jews stirred up, among others, the derivative start of the start was a start of the s

ver. 50.—Devout : the Jews stirted up, among others, the devout (religious) somen, who were worshippers with the Jews. They used their influence agains, what the Jews would call a pestilent and Masphemours Arresy. Honour-able women : it is difficult for us to understand the sunken able wollden i it is official for us to understand the staken state of morals in that day, and in those lands. An acknow-ledged wiFg, standing on a social equality with her husband, was almost a rare thing, among the higher classes. These were "the honourable women" ro often mentioned in the New Testament. It does not apply to rank; though no doubt some were of the nobles. Raised persecution : these with the thirf men stormuch the culture of Faulthese, with the thirf mea, product dhe capabion of Faul and Barnabas, as disturbers of the public peace Ver. 51.—Shook off the dust of their feet.—See Luke 10.8-11, which perfective explains the

ver. 51.—Shook off the dust of their feet.—See Luke 10.8-11, which perfectly explains this. And came to Iconium. sixty miles south-east. Ver. 52 Filled with joy no wonder they had passed from death unto life! With the Holy Ghost: seems to imply the more special and miraculous gifts bestowed by the Spirit.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

v. What better work could Mark have on hand, than helping Paul and Barnabas? What other better work have you on hand, who excuse yourselves from Christian work? 2, Paul found in the synagogue-worship much that he could join in. It is wise always to make the best of circum-

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Nor all kings have palaces to live in. The King of Coomassie, for example, lives in Ashantee.

As long as some fellow doesn't ask if the dog-star of the star-route tria's is a Ker, the case will not be so Sirius.

DONE IN THE DARKNESS.

We parted in silence, we parted by night, On the bank of a beautiful river; No sound but a gurgle, as out of my sight Swift she sank with scarcely a shiver. The nightingales warbled, the stars sweetly shore

shone,

And, though she will rise again never, No sorrow was shown for the life that had flown-

For that cat is silent forever.

EVERYTHING seems to move in a circle. While, for instance, the lawyers are looking up the authorities, the authorities are looking up the criminal, and the criminal, in his turn, has to look up the lawyers.

SAID a student of one college to a friend "Your college never turns out gentlemen." "No," was the reply, "our college allows gentlemen to go right on and graduate."

THEY were boasting about ancestry. "My forefathers," said John, "came over from England on the 'Mayflower.'" "And my ancestry," said Pat, "kim over from Quanes-town on the 'Sunflower.' It's asthetic I am." am.

A KOOK just published is entitled "How to make \$500 Yearly Profit with Twelve Hens." We have not read the book, but we suppose the author's recipe is to sell the corn they would annually eat, and then kill the bens. hens.

"Pat, wud yuz luk at 'em now?" Mike St. Patrick's day in the march. "See, now, the fellows phat drinks the whiskey all on fut, and the fellows phat sell it all a' roidin'." Mike grasped a pregnant fact.

"WELL, Andrew," a gentleman remarked to a Scotchman, who, with his brother, was the only remnant of a narrow sect, "I sup-pose you and Sandy are the only bodies who will get to heaven now?" "'Deed, sir," replied Andrew, shaking his head, "an' I'm no' sure about Sandy."

IT is told of an American millionaire who It is told of an American millionaire who bought him a castle on the Rhine that one cold day his daughter found him warming his hands at a fire which he had kindled in a suit of plate armor. "Oh, papa, what have you been doing," she cried. "The feller that patented that stove," replied the lord of the castle, "must have been crazy; but I've made the old thing heat up at last." WE read in the "Church Union" that a gentlemap had his boots blacked by one of

we read in the "church Union" that a gentleman had his boots blacked by one of two boys, and gave the shiner a \$2 bill to get changed. After waiting some time, he said to the other boy, "Where's your part-ner?" "Oh," said the youth, with a grin, "he's bust up, and I'm his assignce."

"he's bust up, and 1 m his assignce." "WHy so gloomy this inoming, Jacob?" "Ah. my poor little Penjamin Levi—he is tead !" "Dead! You surprise me. How did it happen?" "Vell, you see, my leette Penjamin he vas at ter synagogue to say his brayers, and a boy put in his het at the toor, aud gries 'Job Lot !' and leetle Penjamin— he was gilt in der grush."

be was gilt in der grush." JANET was not comely, but an excellent servant, and especially devout. One Sunday afternoon, on returning from the kirk, she mentioned to the ladies of the family how much she had enjoyed the services. Shortly afterward they heard her scolding at a great rate, and one of the ladies remonstrated with her. "Why, Janet, I'm afraid the service did you very little good, after all, as you seem to have lost your temper." "Ah. weel," said Janet, "I left Willum to look after things, and every thing's so upset it's enough to tak the taste o' prayer out o' ones' mouth."

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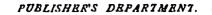




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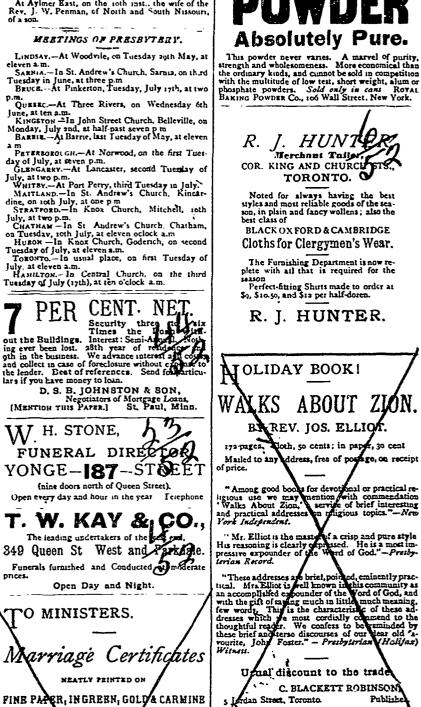
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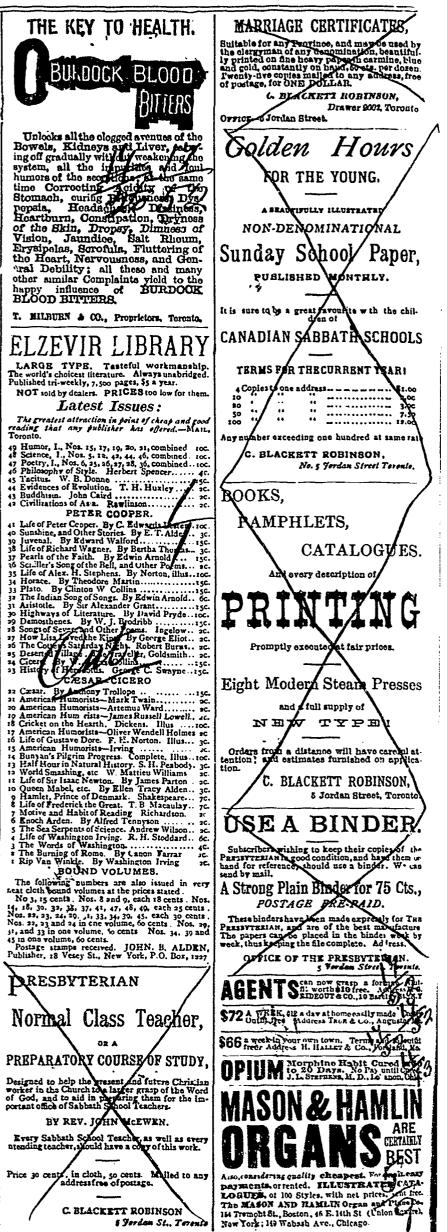
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