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VERITAS VINCIT.

Sooner or later, nay! doubt it not, For see already what God hath wrought; His praises are sung in ev'ry land, His workmen are found on ev'ry hand. 'Way to the snow-clad fields of the North Men like McDougall went boldly forth, To tell the poor red man Jesus died, For him on the cross was crucified, And the savage bowed at the pierced feet, Melted and won by the tale so sweet. Dark and benighted Burmah hath heard Ot a risen Saviour, Christ the Lord. China shall yet her idols give o'er Japan hath already thrown wide the door. Each busy toiler strives with his might To kindle the torch of Gospel light, So little by little the work goes on; Little by little the vict'ry's won-Sooner or later the earth shall sing Veritas vincit, the Lord is king. Oxford, 1879.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

DEATH OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

event has fallen very heavily upon our Family and the entire nation. The deceased Princess was well known to be a very great favorite with all the members of her family, and a larger measure of general love and high esteem, than that accorded to her, has not fallen to the lot of any of the members of the family. She was truly worthy of all the deep affection poured upon her. Full of love and sym- ably good. Very much yet remains to be pathy herself, graceful and attractive in person, tender and pitiful wherever suffering presented itself, it is not surprising | far away into the midst of his territory that Germany as the nation of her adoption, and England as that of her birth, feeling of disfavor deepens at home, desshould now be emulous of paying all honor to her memory.

HER GOOD DEEDS will ever be held in grateful remembrance When but a comparatively young woman, she aided in the charge of her dying father and comforted others in the time of her sore distress. At the time of the serious illness of the Prince of Wales she again evidenced her bravery in danger, and her devotion to a loved one in a situation of

imminent peril.

THE WOUNDED AND DYING brought from the battle fields in the terrible conflicts of that memorable year. were ministered unto by the hands of our Princess, and many were the blessings that fell upon her from the hearts and lips of those who were ready to perish. When the terrible disease laid hold upon her children and husband, she devoted all her time and strength to them. One dear child was taken, and as the other members of her family were slowly strugling back into convalescence and strength. the wearied watcher, the brave self-sacrificing mother was stricken down, the dis ease (so well known and dreaded on your side of the Atlantic), ran a swift and almost unchecked course, and she was taken to be at rest, amidst the tears and regrets of vast numbers, who mourn as for the loss of a dear personal friend. Her life is represented as saintly in its bright and singular purity, and it is with the most blessed assurances of her preparation for death, that she has passed from all the light, love and joy of her earthly home. to the higher joys of a home in heaven. Her death occurred on the anniversary of her father's, and her early removal from earth in her 35th year, has recalled many of the circumstauces which accompanied that painful event, and the grief then felt at his untimely loss. The Princess was believd to be a devout Christian, and was beard again and again repeating the words of a German chorale the first verse of which is as follows:

"I shall not in the grave remain, Since thou death's bonds hast severed. But hope with Thee to rise again From fear of death delivered. I'll come to Thee where'er Thou art. Live with Thee, from Thee never part, Therefore to die is rapture."

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY has recently had a full cup of sorrow pressed to his lips, and has suffered sore bereavements. His only son who had entered on his clerical profession with high honors, with thorough devotion to his work, and zeal for souls, sickened and died, with all of life before him, and its work barely entered upon. Then the mother, we m'down by the unceasing care of the dear invalid, somewhat suddenly yielded to disease, and has passed away to be with her son, and what is far better, to be with her Lord and Saviour. They gamy.

two were loving and lovely in life and in death were not divided.

THE BRIEF SESSION of our Imperial Parliament is over and legislators released from a most unwilling attention upon Parliamentary duties at this season, are away to their homes and holidays. The business mainly consisted of a vindication on the part of the majority of the policy of Earl Beaconsfield at home and Lord Lytton in India. No amount f evidence, and no power of unas verable argument could shake the solid phalanx of the Government. They came up to vote for the war, for the men who have percipitated us into it, and who had determined that India shor'd pay for it, and they did so, squarely and compactly. There was a slight desertion from the respective ranks on either side, but it amounted to very little, and so the Ministry baving obtained all they wanted in DEAR MR. EDITOR.—This mournful the way of vindication, and in supplies for carrying on the war, were in a posihonored and beloved Queen, the Royal tion to release Parliament for a good long

has so far been singularly fortunate for our men and arms. Some very important positions have been taken without serious opposition. The losses have not been heavy, and considering the bad weather, the health of the troops remain remarkpossessed, and the cruel and crafty Ameer is not yet humbled, and we are getting out and further from our bases of supply. The pite the victory in Parliament. It seems

MORMONISM IN A NUTSHELL.

Joseph Cook thus sums up the modern Mormon imposture :-

What has happened between the Sierras and the nocky Mountains in territory not have dwelt on his, association with thus strategic in position? I In 1828 an ignorant, indolent, and

not reputable young man, named Joseph Smith, began to claim that he was a pro-2. In 1830 he announced that he had

dug out of a hill in New York State the book of Mormon; and, although his fellow conspirators, deserting him, denouncd his claims as a fraud, he published a the book, and began to collect followers view gave me more comfort, but not peramong the ignorant.

3 He and his associates were driven in 1838 from Kirtland, Ohio, where he failed as president of a bank. 4 His debaucheries were denounced

5 Razing to the ground the office of a

newspaper which exposed his immoralities he was shot dead by a mob at Carthage Ill., in 1844. 6 Expelled from Nauvoo, Ill., in 1844

the Mormons, under Brigham Young, reached Salt Lake in 1848. 7. Originally denounced by the book of Mormon, polygamy was introduced by

Young as an institution in 1852. 8 Notwithstanding the death of Brigham Young in 1877, the hierarachy he founded is successful in carrying forward social aspects. There have been more Mormon marriages in Utah in the last two years than ever before in the same length of time. Polygamous marriages are contracted in endowment houses called temples. These are being erected throughout the torritory in large numbers, and at great expense. No gentile is permitted to euter them. Even apostates will not reveal the oaths taken in the Mormon endowment bouses, and to maintain

contracts made there witnesses and juries perjure themselves. 9 Three or four hundred missionaries are constantly at work abroad, and they induced some two thousand Mormon emigrants to come to this country between

April and October in 1878. 10 The Mormons have the balance of power in Idaho, and are acquiring influence rapidly in Arizona and Colorado.

11 It is estimated that there are now 200,000 Mormons in Utah and its vicinity and 50,000 in other countries.

12 Thus it happens that between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierras there is a district, larger than New England, in which a majority of the population teaches its children that :-

(1) God has a bodily form. (2) He is a celestial patron of poly-

(3) Jesus was a pattern to his disciples in this respect. (4) Polygamy on earth gives rank in

(5) Mothers should be responsible for he support of their children. (6) Mother and daughter may be wives of one husband.

HOW BISHOP SIMPSON READ THE BIBLE.

Seldom have we seen this point so well Simpson's Fourth Yale Lecture :

Let me caution you against underating any portion of the Hely Scriptures. The Psalms are beautifu', the Gospels and Epistles are rich and instructive, but they are only parts of the word of God. Never allow yourselves to speak or think dis paragingly of the Old Testament. It is as much the Word of God as the New. It had not been revealed, but that God saw it was necessary for our humanity. Its necessity is not merely historical, prophetical, or explanatory, but there are rich veins of truth cropping out amid its local histories, and even its darkest narratives, like the veins of gold and silver amid the rugged quartz of the mountains, that will amply repay and enrich the devoted searcher. May I illustrate by an incident from my own reading and experience? I was a Bible reader from my childhood, and I remember that very early I was surprised that so many evil things were written about the best men; and that the portraits of some of them, though command ing as a whole, were drawn with exceedingly dark colors. There were even passages which, it seemed to me, might have been omitted. It did not seem to me that they added either to the glory of God or to the real instruction or edification of ed, bringing a whole bag full of-dispite the victory in Parliament. It seems to have begun without any actual need and is being prosecuted for extension and a silly menace to aggrandizement, and a silly menace to had drawn these characte. without shadows, the portraits would not have been true: and their narratives would have been eulogies, rather than histories. I suppose the explanation was the best that could be given. but it was not satisfactory. I could not help saying to myself, that had I written the life of Noah, I would have omitted that so minutely described scene of his drunkenness and disgrace. Had I written the life of Judah, I should

have made so prominent the sins of Solo. mon. Then I was told that these incidents were related that the wonderful mercy of God might be exhibited, and that hope might be given to sinners in every age, when it was seen that, notwithstanding these vices and crimes, God par- many of the miners did after hearing significant proof of what is going on in doned and honored his servants still. That us singing when Mr. Turner preached. fect satisfaction. I was reading one day, when it occurred have been very rich "strikes" made to me that nearly all these dreadful things were recorded of the ancestors of Christ. That Noah was not the only man who had by some of his followers, and in 1843 he used strong drink; nor Judah, nor David pretended to receive a revelation in favor nor Solomon, the only man who had gone astray. There were, after all, picked men: while around and beneath them was a these accounts are true, as many feared change had passed over her mind At first mass of the degraded and corrupt. Those men, ancestors of Christ, were carefully what seemed a new range of thought.

the story of Bathsheba; and I would not

were passed by, while the faults of these recorded. Then there opened before me The Romanists have been trying to get the human nature of Christ as far away from our humanity as possible; and bence have taught the immaculate conception of Mary. Not so with the Scriptures. They show that on his human side Jesus was the descendant of accestors no better than other men; that among these his work both in its political and its ancestors were those who had been guilty of every vice and crime possible to human ity; that the blood which from the human side coursed through his veins, had come down for centuries through the vilest of the vile. Yet in that humanity he had dwelt; his pressence made and kept it pure and holy. And that human country. ity, thus representing the whole race, he has exalted to the highest heavens. Then came to my heart the consoling thought. what if I have hereditary tendencies? what if my nature has been derived from sinning ancestors? that Jesus who dwelt in a human frame eighteen hundred years ago can dwell in my hamenity, and can read with new light that passage : what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh. and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.' This view has seemed to bring the Saviour nearer to me than ever before. He is the Son of Man, and as such he not only knows our weaknesses, but as our great High Priest, he is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," and " was in all points tempted like as we are, yet with-

grace to help in time of need."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

GREENVILLE, NASS RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Oct 23rd, 1878. (Continued from our last)

Dear Mr. Editor:

To have anything but the shadow of an idea of the hardships through which a missionary in the North West must pass one has to travel with him. Out. in a canoe under torrents of rain that illustrated and applied, as in Bishop fall on these mountains on the bosom of waters as remarkably rough as those of the Bay of Fundy. Camping by the shore for days, perhaps without any food, awaiting the subsidence of the storm, one's heart must be aflame with the love of souls to persevere under such trials. Could I have foreseen the hardships which I have been called on to endure already, in my short experience, I doubt if I would have come, but he who holds the winds and waters in His hand, has taken care of me, and I teel as if I had taken a of the turret ship Thunderer burst on the new lease of my life, breathing the pure morning of January 2nd, killing Lieuts. mountain air and drinking the spark- Coker and Daniel, two petty officers, four ling waters of the mountain rills, the equal of which I have not tasted, though I have travelled in three different zones since I left Prince Edward Island.

We have been anxiously awaiting the charge and empty shell. A boatswain mail since my arrival, but as yet none and 32 men wounded, 12 badly. The turhas come. Yesterday we sighted the ret was disabled, but ship otherwise unsails of a small sloop coming from Fort | injured." Simpson -- the nearest steamboat landing, a distance of fifty miles—and immediately despatched a canoe to get the long-looked for mail. Soon is returnof our people here they were unabe to. give us any news from the civilized world. They had seen the Rev. Mr. Turner who volunteered to visit the gold miners to raise enough money to liquidate the debt standing against the Methodist church at Wellington, the scene of Mr. Green's labors prior to his failures have multiplied on every hand coming North. We were also glad to learn that Mr. Turner had done well Tamar. Had I been writing a sketch of not only in collecting but also in pro-David, I should have passed over rapidly claiming the truth among these isolated people, though according to the Indian's stories we fear with little lasting benefit. One Indian says "I could become of those above the artizan class, are either very bad and also get drunk, but I never in want or on the confines of it. The inunder liquor could think of being so creasing number of persons driven to bad as to sing the Methodist hymns, as grant bills of sale on their effects is one Next day lots of them were going round drunk singing "Come to Jesus." There lately after the mass of miners had left ing with the Princess very recently, that for a more genial clime. One lump whatever temptation might in former weighed one hundred and thirty-eight | years have beguiled her royal highness to pounds. One man took out \$30,000 worth o dust in two weeks. We hope of the infidel 'Life of Christ,' a complete

the mines were nearly worked out. We expect this ends our connection with the civilized world till next Marca. We hope the many readers of the WES. LEYAN will remember the work and us in their prayers.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and only Saviour for sinners." a happy new year,

I am respectfully yours,

MALCOLM MATHESON.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Letters from Brazil state that the crops have failed, cattle have died, and small pox and starvation prevail throughout the

Sir William Armstrong, the inventor of the Armstrong guns, lights his library at Craigside, England, successfully with an electric current produced by a waterfall fifteen hundred yards distant. THE GRAND NATIONAL EXHIBITION

to be held at M scow in 1880 will propamake and keep it pure. Then I thought of his wonderful condescension, and I it will be the 25th anniversary of the Emiriously preserved in the Gallican Church, peror's accession. THE FLOOD IN GREAT BRITAIN Dro-

duced by the sudden thaw is the greatest known for fourteen years, The country around Dorlington and Lexington is flooded for miles, and much damage is reported at Berwick and Aberdeen.

THE AFGHAN WAR.-Even if Yakoob Khan is inclined to continue warfare with of our despatches this week that he English Church. He is of opinion that will soon be compelled to submit. His out sin." How logically and how beautitroops are deserting him on account of fully the exhortation follows: "Let us a dispute about pay, and Gen. Biddulph therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find with the Quetta column, is now on the grace to help in time of need."

Many of the Methodist pastors of Unit cago expect to follow the Week of Prayer with continued religious meetings, and the "Northwestern Christian Advocate" thinks the conditions for a good revival

Traffic is very generally impeded throughout the Upper Provinces and a large portion of the United States. The streets of Montreal are completely blockaded, the snow being as high as the fences. Several people have been temporarily lost and others had a narrow escape with their lives; but no fatalities are reported.

The failure of the Cornish Bank is the latest commercial disaster in England. It is believed that the liabilities are over one million pounds sterling. Some say that the bink can pay in full, but it seems the more general opinion that this is impossible in the present state of mining enterprise. It is believed that the mines of Western Cornwall alone owe the bank £100,000, the calling in of which loans would have a most disastrous effect on the whole of West Cornwall.

The following telegram has been received from Admiral Hornby, commanding the British fleet in the Sea of Marmora: "One of the thirty-eight ton guns seaman and a marine. The gun burst just in front of the trunnions, the muzzle blowing overboard. The gua had just been fired with battering charge, but when it burst it was loaded with full

THE REVISION OF THE NEW TESTA. MENT.-The English rev sers of the authorized version of the New Testament completed Dec. 13th their second and flual revision. The company have held eightyfive sessions and have spent 337 days on There now remains the consideration of any further suggestions that may be made by the American company, and the adjustm nt of some questions which have been reserved till the end.

The London Times' financial article says that industries have been disoganized during the year, credit is shaken, and

It is stated on good authority that the failures this year will be nearly five thousand more than last year, and it will be difficult to say where the distress will end. Not only have wages been reduced and many thousands of citizens thrown out of employment, but many thousands. also. the ranks of the lower and middle classes.

The London Record, in announcing the death of the Princess Alice says: " We are enabled to state on the authority of those who had the opportunity of conversadmire the writings of Strauss, the author hat terrible calamity which deprived her of her little son seemed to have produced only 'the sorrow of the world that worketh death,' but gradually it became, by God's mercy, the means of leading her to think, so that she finally came to seek and find peace in a firm faith in Jesus Christ revealed in the Scriptures of truth as the Father Hyacinthe has, in a letter of re-

cent date, formally applied to the bishops of the Church of Eagland for recognition and supervision of a Gallican Church which he will devote himself to forming. At the Lambeth Synod the English bishops appointed a commission to consider the relations between the Old Catholics and others who have separated themselves from the Roman communion." To this commission particularly the application is made. Father Hyacinthe says: "> have held several conferences in Paris, which have been attended by large and attentive audiences. The moment seems to me to have arrived for uniting under one and the same banner, and, above all in one and the same sametuary, those of my fellow countrymen who desire to meunite themselves to the principles of the

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The answer of the bishops is given by "I am prepared," says the bishop, " 🔊 undertake the work thus far entrusted to me, and by recognizing your mission. and tendering it a provisional oversight. to place you in a position to confer with me officially on the details of the work in which you are engaged." Father Ha-cinthe will, therefore, hereafter labour unthere is a great opportunity in France to reach the many Catholics who reject the Vatican decrees, and who yet wish to abide strictly by the formulae of the early Church Councils.

GENERAL READING.

A GREAT CHEMICAL DIS-COVERY.

A great discovery in chemistry is claimed by Prof. Morman Lockver, which has astorished the scientific world, and which, if his claim proves correct, will entirely overthrow all the theories of chemistry at present accepted. The matter was formally presented to the French Academy of Sciences at its last sitting. It produced a great sensation among the savants. The substance of his discovery is stated as

In a series of investigations, extending over some years, into the nature of the spectra of the sun, of other celestial bodies, and the artificial spectra of dif ferent simple bodies at various degrees of temperature, Mr. Lockyer has arrived at the conviction that all the elementary bodies recognized by chemists are neither more nor less than hydrogen at various degrees of condensation.

The report goes on to say:

to present material, physical and chemi- for January cal proofs of this extraordinary fact, which he states is already placed beyond the domain of probabilities, and will inaugurate a new chemistry, giving us a far more expanded idea of the simplicity of the proceedings by which the world in which we live was gradually formed. According to Mr. Lockyer, the stars, which are the holtest, contain either pure hydrogen or the most elementary todies. The sun, which is only of medium heat, consists of a mixture of various elements, while the colder celestial bodies show the most The singer's is the servant's part. complex compounds.

The greatest anxiety was expressed to be made acquainted with the nature of the experiments which had led the learned investigator to come to such conclusions. The startling nature of the announcement is sufficient to excite | Though wish, resolve, and act, our will great astonishment, as it is utterly opposed to all our preconceived notions of the chemistry of the universe, and very naturally makes us think that the ancient astrologers, with their notions of the transmutation of metals, were not such visionaries after all as they have been generally considered only they turned their efforts in a wrong

CONCENTRATE YOUR EFFORT.

When Agassiz was asked to give his opinion on a question in chemistry, he persistently declined. "I am no chemist," was his only reply. This resolute concentration of his power in a few well-defined channels was one of the secrets of his eminence. In this age, when knowledge goes on adding province after province to her vast empire, one can hope to explore but a little space. There are no longer any universal conquerors. Goethe and Humboldt have left no successors, and if they themselves were to return, they could not possibly take the positions they once held. Half the intellectual failures comes from a lack of definite aim and an unflinching devotion to some special pursuit. When so many interesting fields of enquiry are open it requires a Roman fortitude of mind to purposely give up all save one or two. But this is precisely what you must do if you mean to make your power tell in the world. To concentrate is to master | something eventually, while to diffuse your time and energy is to acquire a great mass of imperfect knowledge, and to hold superficially a multitude of disconnected facts. There isn't a part of the human body, or a branch of any science, upon which one could not spend a life-time of work, and yet leave much untouched. The Greek scholar who died lamenting that he had not confined his work to the definite article, instead of taking up in addition the indefinite, and so leaving both incomplete, is an example of what is demanded of one who means to master any one thing.

>-THE AFGHANISTANS.

In their government and customs they resemble other Mohammedan nations, but though proud of their devotion to Islam, they do not hesitate to of the same character. To show that break all its laws when their inclinations prompt them, notably in their large lism, the Christian World of this week consumption of intoxicating liquors. In character the Afghan is bigoted and revengeful. His treachery is proverbial in the East, and hardly less notorious is his readiness to join in plunder | neighboring Ritualistic Sunday School, abundantly some 30, 60 and a hundred

to those of most Mohammedan coun. tries; wives are purchased and regarded | dark room, and made me kneel before as property; a man marries the widow a dolly!" We suppose doll is a playof his deceased brother, and it is a ful contraction of idol; at all events it mortal affront for any other man to was an idol they made this English take her to wife. Polygamy is permit- | child "bow down unto," though no ted, but not largely practiced, the poor | doubt, like the Hindoo in the Times,

Pooshtoo language is an original stock, Weekly News. embracing a good deal of Persian, with some Zend and Sanskrit words, and the character used in writing it is the Niskee form of the Persian Alphabet. Very few words of repute exist in the language. The Afgnans are all Mohammedans of the Soonee persuasion, but they are very tolerant of other faiths. many have never seen them, we think Christians sustain neither persecution they will be of interest: nor reproach; they being called people

FAMILY READING.

OVERRULED,

The threads our bands in blindness spin No self determined plan weaves in; The shuttle of the unseen powers Works out a pattern not as ours.

Ah! small the choice of him who sings What sounds shall leave the smitten Fate holds and guides the hand of art ;

The wind-harp chooses not the tone That though its trembling threads is The patient organ cannot guess

What hand its passive keys shall press.

Is moved by undreamed forces still; And no man measures in advance His strength with untried circumstance.

As streams take hue from shade and sun. As runs the life the song must run ; But glad or sad, to his good end God grant the varying notes may tend!

A RITUALISTIC HYMN.

(From the London correspondent of t1: " North British Mail."

When the late Dr. Guthrie made a tour of the Ritualistic churches in Lendon a few years ago, he declared that the most of the men he saw in those places were just like the pictures of them given in Punch, persons whose poor physiques and retreated foreheads The state of mental imbecility to which some of them have sunk is indicated by the fact that in the Christmas and New Year's services at St. Stephen's in Rochester Row, Westminister, a church founded by the Baroness Burdett Coutts, the following was among the hymns sung by the adult congregation:

- " Joseph was an old man, An old man was he; He married sweet Mary, And a virgin was she.
- " As they went a walking In the garden so gay Maid Mary spied cherries Hanging over you tree.
- " Mary said to Joseph With her sweet lip so mild, Pluck these cherries, Joseph, For to give to my child.
- "' Oh, then,' replied Joseph, With words so unkind. · I will pluck no cherries For to give to thy Child.'
- " Mary said to cherry-tree, Bow down to my knee, That I may pluck cherries, By one, two and three.
- "The uppermost sprig then Bowed down to her knee; Thus you may see, Joseph, These cherries are for me.
- "' Oh eat your cherries, Mary, Oh eat your cherries, now; On eat your cherries, Mary, That grow upon the bough."

The hymn contains seven verses more there are lower depths still in Rituarelates the following anedote, for the truth of which it says it is prepared to vouch:—A London artisan, whose child had been sent by her mother to a asked her what she was taught there: Their marriage customs are similar and all he could get out of the little one was, "Why they took me into a

Education is conducted much as in what a sensible lady like the Baroness the conterminous countries, the children | Coutts thinks of the use that is being of the poor are taught by a moollah made of her church in Westminster; (schoolmaster) to read the Koran and and we would further ask how long say their prayers; the rich employ pri- this Protestant nation will suffer these vate tutors, while students intended for absurdities and such manifest idolatry the learned professions go to colleges. to be practised in its name and with Literature is at a very low ebb. The the authority of the State? - Belfast

ORIGIN OF THE HYMN "ABIDE WITH ME."

As many of our readers do not know the origin of these beautiful lines, and

In the autumn of 1847, the Rev. Mr. of the book, as deriving their tenets from Lyte was advised to go for a time to a written source, which the natives the south of France, in the hope that a themselves respect. The Afghaus are warmer climate would strengthen his very social in their habits, they delight failing health. Before leaving England in dinner parties and are fond of listen- he wished once more to preach to his ing to songs sung to an accompaniment | people. His family feared what the of guitars, fiddles, and hautboys; and result of such an effort might be, but to the marvelous fairy tales of the he gently insisted, and was able to go professional story tellers. They smoke through with the service. He knew a great deal and take much souff. that he was preaching for the last time, story," said a fickle and thoughless They are also fond of engaging in the and his sermon was full of solemn and chase, and all kinds of sports, and they tender appeals to those whom he had habitually train cocks, quails, rams, guided and instructed for many years. For the moment he furnishes no sped dogs, and even camels to engage in At the end of the service he retired ex- "A wanderer filled his travelling cific details, but he promises very soon mutual combat .- National Repository hausted in body, but with his soul written:

ABIDE WITH ME.

The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail, and comforts

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day, Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass Change and decay in all around I see; Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word, But as Thou dwelt with Thy disciples,

Lord, Familiar, condescending, patient, free, Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me !

Come not in terrors as the King of kings; But kind and good, with healing in Thy Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea :

with me! Thou or my head in early youth didst

Come, Friend of sinners, and thus abide

And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left thee; On to the close, O Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power ? Who like Thyself my gaide and stay can

were indicative of small intelligence. Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

> I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, Ills have no weight, and tears no bitter-Where is death's sting? where, grave. thy I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold then Thy cross before my closing Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life and death, O Lord, abide with me.

This was his last hymn on earth .-He reached Nice, and shortly after his spirit entered into rest. He pointed upward as he passed away, and whispered, "Peace, joy!" Thus he went to abide forever with Him who has declared it to be his divine will that his followers be with him where he is, that they may behold his glory. - Times of Refreshing.

A PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR.

O Lord, God of heaven and earth, we beseech Thee, to look down in mercy on all mankind; and open the eyes of their understanding to know and consider, that they cannot become converted to be true Christians and heirs of eternal glory; except they use the talents thou hast given churches, was altogether dispensed them, as thou requirest them to do, by thy with. Holy Word.

For by the light which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world; one of the first steps towards conversion to God, is to pay a strict attention to truth and justice, in all the common affairs of life, without any shadow of deception. For by truth in the heart, it is preparing the heart for the seed of Divine truth, to fall into good ground, and to bring forth

the King of truth. For Moses tells us, God is a God of inward parts. And he that walketh up- stop: then a brother rose, and said he short, study and understand your busilabor both in the household and in the they would protest it was not to "wor- rightly, and worketh righteousness, and had been much impressed by these ness, and you will enjoy it and thrive on

with the Lord: for all the paths of the certain young man, having a linen Lord are mercy and truth, unto such as cloth cast about his naked body; and keep his testimonies.

And Jesus Christ says to us, If ye continue in my word ye shall know the truth (that is divine truth), and the truth shall make you free, (that is free from the bondage of Satan.) And if the Son shall make us free, we shall be free indeed. For be is the truth and the life. And he will give us the Holy Comforter, the Spirit of truth, which will guide us into all truth, from faith to faith, in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

O Lord sanctify us through thy truth, for thy word is truth; and guide us while we remain here below, to continue faithful unto the end, worshipping Thee in spirit and in truth, in the inner man; for Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer's sake. Com. by W. L. P.

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"I should like very much to hear a youth to his teacher. "I hate serious and four addresses given, neither of instruction; I cannot bear preaching." "Listen, then, said the teacher .-

pouch with savory meats and fruits, as sweetly resting on that Saviour whom his way would lead him across a wild ing to me, but they soon appeared to be be had preached with his dying breath. desert. During the first few days he As the evening drew on, he handed to journeyed through the smiling, fortile a member of his family the following fields. Instead of packing the fourts beautiful hymn, which he had just which nature here offered for the re- for silent meditation, instead of the unfreshment of the traveller, he found it | seemly haste which so often charactermore convenient to eat of the provi- ises so many of our services. Yet I sions which he carried with him. He would not exchange our hearty services Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide; soon reached the desert .- Atter journeying onward for a few days, his Friends, even if I did not believe, as I whole store of food was exhausted, do, that they are fundamentally wrong He now began to wail and lament, for in rejecting a stated ministry, the sacnowhere sprouted a blade of grass; raments, and public praise expressed in everything was covered with burning song. sand. After suff ring for two long

the desert."

"Do you act more wisely?" asked the teacher in an earnest tone; "you life, a journey that leads to eternity. after knowledge, and collect the trea- equally good, but not so peculiar. Z. sures of wisdom; but the labor affrights you, and you prefer to trifle away the GOD'S MEASURE A BLESSING. springtide of your years amid useless and childish pleasures. Continue to fail you, fare like that hapless wanderer. - Student and Schoolmate.

A SUNDAY MORNING WITH THE QUAKERS.

FROM OUR PERIPATETIC CORRESPONDENT (From the London Methodist.)

In the ordinary course of my wanderings, I went to one of the "Friends" meeting-houses on a recent "First-day (Sunday) morning." Where the particular "meeting-house" in question is situated is quite immaterial, one service being very much like another. The Friends are opposed to ecclesiasticism in any form; yet, despite all their efforts, they are not altogether successful in preventing the interior of their meeting-houses from having a somewhat "churchy" appearance. At the meeting-house I attended the seats consisted of polished pine forms with backs, and at the top of the room was a raised gallery of three tiers, occupied, I presume, by the elders and other officers of the church. There was a gallery round three sides of the building, which added considerably to its ecclesiastical appearance. As most people are aware, a cruel custom is in vogue among these Christians-husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, lovers, and other friends of both sexes, may walk together to the door, then they have to separate, the males occupying one side of the building, the females the other. (I may here observe that the seats were cushioned on the female side only.) I next noticed that the men kept their hats on-most of them just long enough to maintain the right, but some kept them on all through the service, except during public prayer. And the short, silent prayer, customary in most "Silence reigned supreme" for about

a quarter of an hour after the stated time for commencing the service, then a sister offered a simple prayer asking for forgiveness for the past, expressing thanktulness for all mercies, and desiring a blessing upon the service. (I should add, during the prayer all stood up.) After another silent interval a brother arose and repeated from memory the words: "For if our heart con demn us, God is greater than our heart, fold; and to lead us to become justified and knoweth all things. Beloved, if loyal and royal subjects of King Jesus, our heart condemn us not, then have have plowing, sowing, heavesting, and we confidence towards God" (1 John iii. 20, 21,), and spoke for a few min- burry; but always drive work ahead. utes upon them. Another long pause Know in the evening what you intend to truth and without iniquity, just and right followed, and then a brother in the do next day. Have your rainy day and is he. And David says, The Lord is a centre of the room prayed in an al. your clear day work designed beforehand. God of truth; and he desireth truth in the most inaudible manner. A long full ship" it. We should like to know speaketh the truth in his heart, shall dwell words, "And there followed Him a it.-Cincinnati Giz.

the young men laid hold on Him And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked." He had wondered, he said, what the commentators had said about these words, and what they were in the original tongue; they seemed to him to mean that people commenced to follow Christ in haste, and leave Him abruptly; that there should be calmness and deliberation in all we do. He spoke for a short time in this strain. An aged sister then engaged in praver in a very calm and thoughtful manner, A sister then spoke for a short time upon John xiv. 21, quoting other kindred passages. A brother spoke very well upon 2 Tim ii. 3, 4, in conjunction with Rom. viii. 1. After a long pause, one of the brethren who had spoken prayed that God would guide the Council of Parliament aright in all its deliberations. Another pause ensued, and then one of the brethren on the platform shook hands with one of the sis. ters, and the service was at an end. It lasted nearly an hour and a half. Dur. ing this time four prayers were offered. which occupied more than six minutes, so that more than half of the time was taken up by silent meditation. The long pauses were at first rather irritatsoothing. I could not help thinking that we Methodists might do well if we had a tittle more of calmness and time for the often frigid meetings of the

I could not help noticing that "the days in torments of hunger and thirst ed the Friends. Whilst most of the "It was foolish in him," said the elderly ladies were the old coal-scuttle. youth, "to forget that he had to cross or sugar-scoop bonnets, I only noticed one young lady who had not fallen a victim (?) to the vagaries of modern fashion. So it must be. Sharply de. are setting forth on the journey of this fined angles of distinction get rubbed smooth from constant friction with the Now is the time when you should seek Views of that larger number who are

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Read the 103rd psalm, and mark how act thus, and you will yet, upon the the psalmist bids us "forget not all his journey of life, when wisdom and virtue benefits." Some one has said we cannot remember them all, but we must not forget them all-they are too numerous to keep them all in mind, but let us keep some of them in mind. Observe five things, in 3rd, 4th and 5th verses of this psalm: (1.) "He forgiveth all thine iniquities." (2.) "He healeth all thy diseases." (3.) "He redeemeth thy life from destruction." (4.) "He crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." But there are very many crowned heads that are still not satisfied. God, therefore, does more, (5.) "He satisfieth thy soul. What more can we have than

WORK FOR IT .- Ruskin never said a truer thing than this: "If you want knowledge you must toil for it; and if pleasure you must toil for it." Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work his life is a happy one. Said a poor man in Brooklyn the other day, with a family of eleven to provide for, "If I were worth a million dollars I should not wish to do much different from what Ido now every day, working hour after hour. I love it a thousand times better than rest." He has for nearly half a century been surrounded by workers, and has got the spirit of industry. He loves his work as he loves his food and sleep. He is happy who has conquered laziness once and forever!

Much of the happiness of life depends on our outward demeanour. We have all experienced the charm of gentle and corteous conduct; we have been drawn irresistibly towards those who are affable, and sympathetic in their demeanour. The friendly grasp, the warm welcomei the cheery tone, the encourage ing word, the respectful manner, bear no small share in increasing the joy of life, while the austere tone, the stern rebuke, the sharp and acrid remark, the cold and indifferent manner, the curt and disrespectful air, the supercillious and scornful bearing are responsible for more human distress, despair, and woe than their transient natures might seem to warrant.

BRAIN work, and that of the clearest kind, comes into profitable play quite as well on the farm as any where else. Look ahead-get a fair view of the position; selling all done at the proper time; never Always bring into requisition the full means for compassing the desired end. In

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BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER:-STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B. C 445. Lesson III. THE Mission of NEHEMIAH; or, A Zealous Spirit. January 19.

EXPLANATORY.

Verse 1. Month Nisan. Called in earlier Scripture Abib, the first month of the for in chapter 5, 14, we read that Nehe-Jewish year, corresponding to parts of miah was appointed governor, and re-March and April. Artaxerxes the king. mained twelve years at Jerusalem. He was the first of this name in the Persian annals, and was called Longimanus Fulfilling the duty of cup-bearer, which arch against poison. His office was held in high estimation, as it gave frequent access to the presence of the king. Had from the cheerfulness of his disposition, sence of royalty to look happy. 1. "Those not only that we should recommend his enjoy it with hap y hearts."

2, 3. Why is thy countenance sad ! Four worn upon the cup-bearer's countenance, temple itself, which might need some reand the king notice a his haggard looks. pair, as seventy years had passed since 3. "In spite of our wills our inmost the dedication. king felt sympathy for his servant's sor. Doctrinal Suggestion: Answer to row, how much more a loving father! 5. "Let not masters despise their servants' griefs, but try to make them easy." -M. Henry. Sore afraid. Dreading lest the wrath of the mighty king, on whose will his position and life depended, might be excited by his infraction of the courtcustoms. Let the king live. The common form of saluting an Oriental mon arcb. The place of my father's sepulchers. This would indicate that Nehemiah came of royal as well as Jewish blood, since only the descendants of David were buried within the walls of Jerusalem. Lieth waste. Though ninety years had now passed since the return of the exiles, Jerusalem was still thinly inhabited. The temple was restored, and the daily sacrifice was maintained, but the city was unwalled, defenseless, and exposed to the contempt of its foes. 6. "If Nehemiah felt such interest in a distant city, which he had never seen, how fervent should be our zeal for Zion, the Church of Christ!

account this thou art asking?" The king perceives that his cup bearer's words hold a request in reserve, and his impulse is to grant it. 7. "See how much for good or evil result may depend upon the momentary mood of one man!" 9. "See, too, how God directs the hearts of kings to aid his cause." Artaxerxes was un. conscious that his will at that instant was one link in the great chain of the world's salvation. So I prayed. A momentary, Black Dress Silk Buttons, silent prayer that he might so shape his request as to find favor. 9. "He that would prevail with men must first learn how to prevail with God."-Terry. 10. " We can pray in secret while surrounded by witnesses, and in the midst of the most pressing duties." 11. "Let us bring temporal as well as spiritual needs and perplexities to the mercy-seat, and talk with God concerning every thing."

4, 5. Make request. Literally, "On what

5. 6. That thou wouldest send me. The opportune moment, watched for during four months, had now arrived, and he instantly steps in with his request. 12. " Success consists in tact to know opportunities, and courage to seize them." Notice in this request, 1. Its boldness in () and after MONDAY, the 18th November risking the displeasure of a king. 2. Its carefulness and wisdom in expression, 3. Its precision and directness. 4. Its unselfishness in asking nothing but toil and trouble for himself. 5. Its submissiveness to the will of his master. I3. "As Nehemiah came to the king, so let us come to the King of kings." That I may build it. His prayer was not for ease, but for a chance to do hard work for God, in the face of idleness around and opposition without. 14. "Let our aspira-Gen. Supt. Gov't Railways. tions be to do for others, rather than to en-

joy for ourselves." The queen also. The principal wife of the king, whose name according to Ctesias, was Damaspia. Her presence may bave been mentioned as being unusual, or, more likely, because her influence was favorable to Nehemiah's request. For how long. The king valued his faithful servant too highly to consent to his long absence from the court. 15. "It is well when one makes his services valuable and his presence desirable to others." Set him a time. His leave of absence was probably extended afterward,

7, 8. Governor. The term here used is almost the same word with pacha, which or "the long-handed," a title which may is still the title of a subordinate ruler of have referred either to his personal ap- a province. Beyond the river. That is, pearance or to the extent of his domin- on the western side of the Euphrates. In ions, the largest of any land on earth. He the past these officials had been unfriendsucceeded his father Xerxes, though a ly to the Jews, and had interposed many younger son, by assassinating one older obstacles to the rebuilding of the temple. brother during the absence of another, Nehemiah wisely obtains the sanction of and then usurping the throne. He was an authority so high as to silence all weak and irresolute, though friendly to their opposition, and even compel their the Jews, and, on the whole, just in his assistance. Convey me over. Each ruler rule, which was one of the longest among was to provide conveyance through his the Persian kings. Took up the wine own jurisdiction, and forward him on his way. His route of travel was to the was Nehemiah's office at the court. He Euphrates river, by which he would travel had charge of the king's wines, attended up the stream probably to Tiphsah, seven first pouring a little wine into his own through the province of Syria to Jerusahand and tasting it, to guard the mon- lem. The king's forest. Probably a park or inclosed garden, located in Palestine perhaps at Mount Lebanon, and set apart for royal uses; though it may refer to all not been beforetime sad. Literally, "I the forest land of the province, as being was not accustomed to be sad." Perhaps under the special charge of an officer to prevent their destruction. Trees have E. WOODBURN. but more likely because the etiquette of always been highly valued and carefully the Persian court required all in the pre- preserved in the East. Palace which ap pertained to the house. A palace or castle who serve kings must suit their manners connected with the temple; by some supto the royal will." 2. "Our King desires posed to be the royal dwelling of Solo_ mon, by others the fortress adjoining the service by happy faces, but that we should temple, afterward known as the tower Antonia. The house that I shall enter into. Variously interpreted as referring either months of mourning and fasting had to Nehemiah's own residence, or to the

thoughts and feelings are stamped upon Golden Text: The God of heaven he our faces." Characte, writes its tell-tale, will prosper us; therefore we his servants lines on every brow. 4. "If a heathen will arise and build. Neh. 2, 20.

The next lesson is Neh. 4, 7-18.

The human mind needs the kindling of great faith, an inspiring love and worship, to set its spiritual mechanism at work. Give it motive power and it will overcome temptation and achieve seem ingly impossible results. Christ does not begin at the dury but at the faith end.

The events of to-day make us look forward to what will happen to-morrow; those of yesterday carry our views into

Bishop Taylor beautifully remarks ' Prayer is the key to open the day, and the bolt to shut the night. But as the clouds drop the early dew and the evening dew upon the grass, yet it would not spring and grow green by that constant and double falling of the dew, unless some great shower at certain seasons did supply the rest; so the customary devotion of prayer twice a day is the falling of the early and latter dew. But if you will increase and flourish in works of grace empty the great clouds sometimes, and let them fall in a full shower of prayer, Choose out seasons when prayer shall overflow like Jordon in time of barvest."

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1879.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

AND CHRISTIAN UNION. The general observance of the Week of Prayer just closing, recalls attention to the Evangelical Allimace, with whom it originated. To lay down a common basis, on which the chrurches, holding in their integrity the fundementals of Christian doctrine, while differing upon minor points, could enite imprayer for the furtherance of their common work, was certainly a sublime conception, and one which the experience of the thirty-four years of the Alliance's existence fully justifies. And no set apart the first week in each year for this sign of united affection was equally happy; for, after rallyang round one common centre, at the ect of God, where the several memwhere of the one great family can interchange expressions of mutual goodwill, while yet the echo of the Natal song lingers upon the church's ears, the various evangelical sections of the oze!Body are better fitted to:go forth and do battle for the Lord. How much this bend of union has tended to cure church bigotry of its lisping, enabling at to articulate without impediment the Shibboleth of Christian charity, it were hard to say; but certainly it has contributed not a little towards this gratifying result. It would seem, indeed, that the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Evangelical Alfiance are among the noblest monuments of Christian achievement, and stand out upon the vantage ground of Christendom, supporting the weary arms of truth, like Aaron and Hur holding up the intercessory hands of Moses, while the mighty conflict is waging below. If the former possesses the truth as a sacred deposit, which it seeks to disseminate in its silent majesty and untarnished purity-" as chaste as ice, as pure as snow,"-the latter holds " the truth in love," vitalized and embodied in the heart of an evangelical unity. Both are the custodians of precious interests, like the (wo cherubs spreading their wings over the ark of the covenant. Christian union, not of form, nor yet of faith, but of affection, is the grand mission of the Alliance. So that the Church of Christ, like the world of nature, has, at least, one rainbow span-- ning the storm of clashing creeds and ecclesiastical contention, brightening a scene of moral darkness, and giving promise of a coming universal peace. In this age of doctrinal controversy, when men are contending, not for Christ's sepulchre, for that period has passed, nor yet for His body and blood, as that age too has gone, but for His word; when science, so-called, arrays itself against the truth, and philosophy attempts to explain away its hidden mysteries; when the house of Christendom is so strangely divided against itself, until the common charities of life are almost impossible; it is grateful to the Christian mind to contemplate one spot, at least, where a perfect calm prevails, and where pure love sheds its genial radiance. And earely there is a need for such a bond of union as the Evangelical Alliance offers, not merely for the honour of our holy Christianity, which has been outraged by unholy strife, but also that the evils of contention might be stayed. We hear sometimes of the ravages of international and civil wars. It is said, for instance, that the wars of the last twenty-five years have cost the civilized world more than three million lives; but who can estimate the dire and disastrous consesequences resulting from doctrinal contention and ecclesiastical wrangting? How many souls have been beaten back into the dark chaos of a dark, miasmatic infidelity, just as they were feeling the pulsations of a new life, and entering the light and warmth of a new world? If there must be contention among the churches, then, as an old divine quaintly puts it, let them contend like the olive and the vine, as to who shall produce. the best and the most fruit, and not over. After all, the reckoning shows like the aspen and the elm, as to who

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work depends largely apon uni- have deterred many from direct, ener-Alexander the Great owed their splen- explodes them all, however :- Methodid military successes to the introduc- dism has been built up by revivals; tion of the phalanx. Napoleon gained where forty of the hundred were his victories by concentrating his wrecked by backsliding, the remainforces upon a single point. So the ing sixty have been saved. That, atchurch militant will succeed best by any rate, was sixty per cent. clear front, and by gathering to a volume its wealth and omnipotency of affection. And this is all the more necessary when it is remembered how united and determined are the assaults of evil Burke, "the good must associate." in Christian work—is the great need of the present day, and an essential condition of enlarged success.

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

There was sound; philosophy, as well as profound Scriptural truth in the old Methodist definition of sanctification,-A beginning and a growth of religious purity and energy. It may apply to religious life in general. Let us not undervalue the work of the churches even at the worst; -they are fostering, nurturing, edifying believers. But we may well enquire whether they are meeting their obligations in the other respect-calling sinners successfully to repentance and following them persistently till they begin a new life. Of course there must always be difficulty in forming a correct judgment of the actual progress of religion in a given locality or territory, even with the best opportunities of observation. It is a work which proceeds largely beneath the surface, though, coming up, like all growth of Nature, in due time, it ought to show some evidence sooner or later. Elijah had thousands of godly associates, while all the time he thought himself bereft. God's garden is not always so exposed or so fragrant that even good men can observe it. Nevertheless, God pitied the solicitude of a desponding prophet, and soon turned his anxiety into heroism,-his sense of loneliness into joy and prosperity. May He so deal with the watchmen of this

It seems to us there are but few reports of revivals abroad. There are localities even in our revival church which have not been religiously disturbed for ten, fifteen or twenty years. Here and there souls have been brought in; but no revival wave has swept over the place. In certain centres, where young persons are growing up in numbers, where strangers are moving in and out perpetually, and which, consequently, should, to over-take the needs of the population, be in a perpetual agitation of revival, there has been no signal religious movement for some time. With our creed all this reflects discredit upon the church. It is an article of our belief that faith and works are factors in the world's evangelization. While admitting that there may be both faith and works, it is chargeable upon us, perhaps, that these are not properly directed. We may outline just a few thoughts which force themselves upon us in this connection.

We are not cherishing the revival spirit as did our fathers—as did we ourselves some years ago. Successful ministers have always stood out in contrast to all others in this respect -they lived and worked under mighty pressure. What this pressure was we need not define. A sense of responsibility—one of anxiety because of the minister's immense influence and corresponding accountability. A decline in this fervour may be owing to sev-

We yield to the prejudice against revivals. "They are exhausting to ministers and officials. They create much unpleasant opposition and worldly remark. They leave churches often in a state of depression after their period of success and excitement is such losses by backsliding that their actual gain is questionable."

world. Moreover, success in church These are old arguments. They ted effort. Philip of Macedon and getic work for souls. This one fact presenting a united and concentrated gain. Most of merchants would be content with such a balance-sheet. We are leaning too much upon the min-

isters. Preaching was never more

faithful and eloquent than now. But it is possible we have too much of it. and error against the truth. "When We defy any ordinary hearer to rebad men combine," says Bomund member half the good things he receives from the pulpit now-a-days. Such a union on the part of sall the Not a tenth part of these good things churches—a growing charity, kindlier is put in practice. Our ministers are sympathies, and a hearty co-operation worn with study, with perpetual talk, while Christians listen and grow fat. "You are an eloquent man. We pay you for preaching well. See that you do it." That is the common maxim of this time. A rousing prayer-meeting, with a hand-to-hand conflict between the church and practical infidelity, would be a brave, beautiful substitute for part of this ministerial eloquence. How would Christ have looked upon, spoken to, such disciples as these in our churches to-day? Christian life, instead of being a warfare against sin—a perpetual consecration to religious work, not always pleasant but pleasureable,-is now but a conflict by proxy. The enlisted soldier shuns going to the battle. Our trouble is that where there is but a single (ministerial) substitute, the enemy and the drill too often overpower him while he is yet but a youth in the

Oh for more spontaneity in the church! In and out, up and down, in regular greoves, this machinery moves with elegance and regularity. The religion that was once a thing of surprizes, of wonders, of remark, is passing away. We have the old Methodist singing, in all but the searching, burning, harrowing sentiment, repeated over and over, which made the soul look in upon itself and shudder if not at peace with God. Who now sings-" Into its darkest corners shine, and take the veil away!" or, "Terrible hear from all very soon. thought shall I alone?" &c., or, "Stay, thou insulted spirit, stay." Yet they did good work, those rugged stanzas. As for Methedist shouts, they are banished to lands less cultivated and more earnest! We escape the odium by not having the inclination.

This may seem severe criticism. Is there cause for it? That is the ques-May the good Lord visit us with the mighty power of His Holy Spirit, breaking up smooth places and sweeping away conventional barriers. We could forgive a little extravagance just now if only we had the fervorwhich produces it. Refined observers might sneer at us, but the world would feel our influence and yield

AN IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE EDUCATIONAL HISTORY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Within three months, two large, thoroughly equipped buildings have been added to the public school property of this Province. The opening of the Normal School at Truro has been followed by that of the Halifax High School—a superb structure, in every way adapted to modern ideas and necessities. At a very large meeting, composed of the first citizens in social and educational rank, on Tuesday last, the building was formally opened by several eloquent speeches. The Governor, the Chief Justice, the Episcopal Bishop, the Chancellor of the University of Halifax, the Superintendent of Education and others, delivered addresses of great merit. It was the first occasion on which Dr. Allison appeared before a general assemblage of Halifax citizens, representing the interests of that important system over which he is now official head. His address was received with universal appreciation.

- A few thoughts came out prominently in our recollections of the meeting:-
- 1. Though the free school system fortunately transcends all denominationalism, yet Methodism may be sermons were greatly admired for their list and organist.

proud of the generous recognition given by men who are themselves ornaments to society, to the influence of two distinguished educationists in our church. Chief Justice Young paid a warm tribute to the energy and wisdom of Dr. Ryerson in connection with the free school system of Ontario. That system he regarded as the most complete in the world to-day. To Dr. Allison's speech several speakers adverted with compliments which were really enthusiastic. That the Doctor could awaken so much admiration among a very select class of educated hearers, is perhaps the best certificate that could be furnished of his rare qualifications for his present office.

2. A suggestion was thrown out, and afterwards elaborated, that, to make the system complete, an additional link should be added to the chain of educational facilities. From the common schools, any poor boy may compete for entrance to the High School, where, having once entered, he may obtain five years free tuition. A university training should be made available in the same way, by competition among High School pupils once a year. This would preserve what the Governor designated "an aristoc racy of intellect."

3. There is no reason why all this wealth of reward should be denied to the female sex. The High School is for boys exclusively. No girl, however gifted and ambitious, may aspire to High School advantages. This is a reproach upon the system, and should be remedied at once.

We congratulate the citizens of Halifax on the immeasurable advance made in their educational work; and we cherish the hope that the valuable and weighty representations of this public meeting may help to bring about speedily a perfected school sys-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A few marriages and a letter have been overlooked for this issue. vice of any special importance escapes We are sorry. They will be in next those vigilant reporters. They do be-

A few Pastors have reported upon their lists of subscribers. We hope to

The Pominion Parliament is summoned to meet on February 13th.

A copy of Harvie's Almanac for 1879 has been sent to us. It must be a very useful publication in P. E. I-land especially.

Rev. E. Brettle, we are sorry to say, has been quite poorly, He is deprived of the privilege he has long and so much enjoyed-that of preaching the Gospel. Will our readers remember in their prayers one who has long and faithfully served

Two important failures in St. John, two in Windsor, and one in Charlottetown, besides others of lesser moment throughout the country, are in the papers this week. The number of failures in 1878 exceeds by nearly one-third those of the disastrous 1877 for the Lower Provinces. When shall the end be?

The Guardian issued its Jubilee number last week. We congratulate our confere on seeing an honorable completion of a period of great usefulness. The paper has been a power in Canadian/history, and promises still to influence the Deminion for many generations.

Y. M. C A.—The Rev. S. B. Dunn will deliver a Lecture under the Auspicies of the Young Men's Christian Association of Halifax, on Tuesday evening Jany. 14th, in Association Hall, Subject:-" Laconia, or Short, Sharp and Shiny." Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

Rev. John Brown has written us disclaiming all intention of reflecting on ourselves personally, and speaking kindly of our attitude in what has been a somewhat difficult position. His disclaimer we cordially accept; but as he is not disposed to modify his expressions in regard to Mr. Currie, we see no necessity for publishing

Several attempts are being made to bring the Canada Temperance Act into force. Among other places reported, we see united and intelligent action said to exist in Newcastle, N.B., Halifax and other important centres. Moncton is also urging it. Prohibition is virtually in the hands of the people, if they but choose to exercise their rights Five years will see a great change in Canada as to the liquor traffic. or we are much mistaken.

Dr. Stewart, our Theological Professor. visited Windsor last Sabbath week, in the interests of the Educational Society. His | ing. Mrs. Duke is an accomplished plan-

finish and power. Those who remain of friends who sat under his profitable ministry in old times, received him with delight. It is generally felt that his services have given fresh impetus to the cause of our educational institutions and religious enterprize generally.

It is to be hoped that children in other places are protected from the cruelty of kindness which comes to many of them in these parts with Christmas and New Year. Childrens' parties, with the excitements of gitts and the indulgence of sweets. leave many little pale faces and troubled brows. A strange—we tear an unfavorable-contrast to the plain social habits of our predecessors is presented in our holiday festivities. Will the children equal, in physical constitution the fathers? And is it possible to have a race morally robust who are infirm in body?

We have to acknowledge the receipt of an elaborate Wood Trade Circular from J. B. Snowball, Esq., of Miramichi, N. B. The recapitulation of shipments from that vicinity is as follows:-

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Vennor may be comforted. He predicted a very severe winter. Up to last week we were laughing at his prophecies. Now come the tidings that the thermometer fell in twenty-four hours to 29 degrees below zero at Winnipeg, 25 below at Fort Pelly, and 60 below at Battleford. In the Northwest the frost has prostrated the telegraph wires. In the Upper Provinces heavy snow storms and severe frosts have prevailed. Here we have snow, but pleasant weather. On Saturday morning the barometer fell to the lowest point we have ever seen touched and we have been studying that delicate instrument six years. The explanation we can-

Newspaper enterprise in St. John is something wonderful in contrast with that of most of our cities. Not a religious sertimes overstep the bounds of ecclesiastical nomenclature and phraseology it is true, but this is pardonable. For instance, it was announced last week that Rev. Dr. Knight made a brief address at the Centenary Watch night service." This may be prophetic of the youthful associate pastor of Centenary. The name of Dr. Knight in St. John Newspapers would, however, awaken many slumbering recollections in the minds of a remaining few who admired the eloquence of one now succeeded by his promising grandson. With all its imperfections of detail, the churches owe much to the daily press of St. John.

An explanation, taking the force of an apology, has been expressed by the managers of our vice-regal household, as regards the order for ladies to be presented in low-necked dresses. It is said to have been an unwitting promulgation on the part of the Governor-General's private secretary. This we doubt. The same order was issued in Halifax, to regulate the receptions, and was designedly published. A rule which appears natural enough in England, is considered unnatural here. Our habits are as yet free from much of the extravagance of European court life, and we desire that they should so continue. Even the Romish Archbishop of Quebec has preached against the order of low-necked dresses. We forgive the Archbishop! The order has been repealed, however; but we have no doubt a useful lesson has been taught to both His Excellency and the Canadian public at this early stage of the new administration: We are willing to have royalty. We shall always welcome relatives of Queen Victoria; but we must preserve ourselves from becoming rediculous in our own estimation.

OUR CHURCH WORK.

The Methodist congregation of Middle Musquodoboit, a few evenings since, took possession of their parsonage, and, after enjoying themselves for a considerable period, evidenced their respect for their beloved and ploquent pastor and his wife by making them several valuable gifts -

The Gagetown Methodist congregation held a concert and entertainment on New Year's Eve in Temperance Hall. Mrs. Duke, the wife of the pastor, was the presiding genius in music, and elicited great praise by her versatile and graceful plays enterprize generally.

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It would appear that the Centenary long. A large and influential meeting has been held, and a decision reached to proceed so soon as \$25,000 subscription can be secured. A sum of \$1000 was subscribed at the meeting. A committee has been appointed to solicit amounts, to report at an early day. The St. John papers speak very hopefully of the result.

On Tuesday, 31st ult., the Methodist Sabbath School at Nashwaak Village, assisted by friends from Fredericton, Gibson and Marysville, favored the public with a fine musical and literary entertainment. The beautiful night, grand sleighing, and long string of teams, with their " merry, merry bells," furnished by Alex. Gibson, Esq , and/others, gave to the long drive an air of remance and merriment.

At Fredericton, on the evening of the 2d inst., a large number attended the annual tea-meeting in the Methodist Church basement. Music and speeches were brought in at intervals, making a very enjoyable affair. Rev. Mr. Dariel referred very touchingly to the loss of the church and community through the death of Judge Wilmot. The ladies of the church deserve great praise for their energy and skill in providing for this annual treat.

On New Year's eye the Sabbath School children of Beech Street Methodist church, Halifax, enjoyed a verry happy time at their annual winter festival. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens &c., and a large christmas tree, loaded with presents for each scholar, and for so he of the teachers, occupied a conspicuous place. Atter a hearty tea, a number of recitations and dialogues were given by the children, and speeches by Mr G. A. Hart, Rev. Mr, Sharp, and Rev- Mr.

PRESENTATION—After the Watch-night service at the Charlet Street Church on Tuesday night a purse of fifty dollars was presented by Rev. James Sharp on behalf of the members to Miss Maggie Rogers, the lady organist of the Church, Mr. Elliott one of the choir, responded on behalf of the recipient. This is the second time she has been the recipient of a New Year's Gift, which abundantly proves that her services are highly appreciated.

The scholars and teachers of the Cobourg Road Sabbath School had their annual entertainment last week. This mission Church was filled by the members of the school and friends of the children. A bountiful provision of good things was partaken of and addresses were delivered by the Superintendent, Joseph Belcher, Esq., the Revs. W. H. Heartz, S. B. Dunn, and Messrs. Robert Braine, and F. Buckley. A very pleasant feature of the entertainment was the distribution of prizes to a number of the scholars for their attendance and interest in securing pupils for the school.—Herald.

On New Year's Day the following telegram was sent to the Marquis and Princess conveying the New Year's greeting of the Methodist Sunday School children of Mon-

JANUARY 1st, 1879. To His Excellency the Governor General Rideau

Two thousand eight hundred Montreal Methodist Sunday School children, in their annual gathering, set.d their most cordial New Year's greeting to His Excellency the Governor General, and to Her Royal Highness Princess Louise.

(Signed) J. FERRIER, Chairman. The following reply was sent :-

To the Hon. J. Ferrier :-I am commanded to send the thanks of His Excellency and Her Royal Highness for the good wishes of your telegram, which they heartily reciprocate

(Signed) F. DEWINTON. St. John's, N. F.-A few weeks ago some of the Ladies of our Methodist Churches thought it well to start a Benevolent Society, for the purpose of helping to clothe some of our poor. To raise funds they had a Christmas toce, and after working only six weeks in preparation for it, realized the sum of \$416 dollars. As on

accustomed to do things is a whole hearted-As last winter was hard upon the poor in this city, the prospect is no brighter for this winter. We hear it from all around our coasts, and our ministerial brethren

anevitably suffer. We are all hard at work. The ministerial staff in good health. Mr. John of Pouch Cove, our 4th man, has been sent for four weeks to supply Old Perlican. Brother gryant is very sick, and has not preached for some time. His family has been sick with the scarlet fever. Wish you and all the brethren the compliments of the season. Your's truly

the basement of the Methodist Church Mr. John Moore and the Choir Rule main building is to be attempted before Woodstock. The attendance of scholars. parents and friends was unusually large. The programme, an interesting one, was the school, and to give entire satisfaction to the guests. Rev. Mr. Paisley, presided. Mr. Letts had the music in charge and under his lead the school sang a number of pieces in a highly creditable manner: among the several songs were two new pieces, "Hail Happy Morn," and "The Prodigal" which was very pretty. Mrs. Cupples' class of very small children sang sweetly "Jewels;" little Miss Jennie Baird, sang "Seeking to Save," and Miss Day and Miss Mc Indoe's classes united in singing a beautiful piece entitled "Guiding Star, O Lend Thy Light." Miss Mary Golding and Miss Lilly Harrison each acquitted themselves well in a recitation. Brief but pointed remarks were offered by Mr. S. J. Parsons and Mr. S. McLeod.

The report submitted by the Superintendent was especially gratifying, showing a marked progress in every department of the school during the year. Total number of scholars on roll 107; average attendance 66 - Sentinel.

GREENSPOND, Dec. 14th.

Me Dear Sir :

We have just commenced our winter campaign, by or anizing a Band of Hope, in connection with our Sunday School, in accordance with the system recommended by the British Conference The first Pub lic meeting was held on Monday night last, when our School room was literally time since I troubled you with the task of packed with an appreciative audience. deciphering my hieroglyphics, so I will Your correspondent presided and after make another venture now. "Circuit" is singing and prayer proceeded to state the the correct name for this field of labour nature and object of Bands of Hope. Their now, sir, as it is off the Mission Fund. aim being to train the youth in principles The "work of God" is prospering among of sobriety and religion Referring to the us. A very solemn and successful recent additions to the numb r of public "Watch-night" service was held at Dum-Houses in the town he declared it to be barton, and was well attended. Cn Jan. high time for them to bestir themselves. 1, my esteemed superintendent, the Rev. so that, at the very least they might save G. Harrison, visited us at the above place. the young from the debesing consequences preached an excellent and appropriate of the drinking system.

called upon to address the meeting. He church, and administered the Sacrament said, though comparatively ignorant of the of the Lord's Supper at close of the serworking and success of Bands of Hope he vice. A goodly number stayed and a very was fully alive to the need of protecting refreshing season was enjoyed. During our Sunday School children from the al- the last fifteen mouths thirty-eight banlurements of the Grog Shop.

trapped by the drink demon to the silly adults. In the same period over thirty has been taken by a bailiff. down by the chambers of death," were put in large letters over the doors of the the Conference, in reference to temper. public houses the young people would flee from them.

ded by wishing the cause every success.

A Recitation and melody followed; after which Mr. J. C. Spracklin, School Master, in a cheerful manner spoke of firmness in pro and con by incident and anedote much to the gratification of all present.

Another Duet-further explanation as to singing the pledge, by the Chairman. Singing by the audience, and praver brought this very interesting meeting to a close.

Some 76 boys-spoke and 30 adults gave in their names after the meeting, and many others are waiting for an opportuity of casting in their lot among us. Altogether this work seems to be very popular complished by persistent effort.

successful and attractive.

I am, yours &c., J. Laster.

CHARIOTTETOWN.

Those who attended the entertainment given by the scholars of the Methodist Sabbath School on Monday evening, had a pleasant time. The sight of so many many very "Happy New Years," pretty children was in itself a treat. Perhaps the most attractive part of the entertainment was that given by the Infant former occasions so on this, our Ladies in class. A class of wee ones recited a numall church and benevolent enterprises are ber of verses having reference to the coming of our Saviour and did it sweetly. Little Helena McKinnon who cannot have seen more than five Christmas days recited the 121st Psalus beautifully, and little Blanch Findley said a piece about the Pussy very prettily. Though she might have been taken for a large doll at first and cannot be four gears old, she spoke so clearly that everyone could hear her. The vocal music was very good both that J. L. Black, Esq., rendered by the choir and by the children. James George, John Fawcett, W. The accompaniment by Miss Morris and Mr. Fletcher were a great assistance to the s ngers; and an instrumental duett by the G. C. Fawcett, Ovid Weldon, and same lady and gentleman, " Silver Threads among the Gold" was very good. The Small sums loyalty of the school was manifested by On Monday evening the Methodist Sun- recitations from Miss Annie Weeks and sue will be esteemed a favor. day School enjoyed its annual Festival, in Miss L. Lathern and a solo and chorus by

Britannia.

Miss Annie Week's recitation was a welcome to the Marquis of Lorne and the carried out in a way to reflect credit upon Princess Louise, and Lilly Lathern exteled England as the best and noblest of all lands and we think no one would attempt to deny that the little reciter was heart and soul an English lassie. Gussie Harvie told very well the touching story of the Egyptian Princess who loved the light s. well. Mr. Moore's addresss on Music was well delivered and well received. Mr. Robert McKechnie read a beautiful ballad the story of the Princes Dagmer. Mr. McKechnie has a splendid voice and reads naturally and with ex-

Altogether the evening was as Mr. Lathern said, a thoroughly eujoyable one, and we think that gentleman contributed not a little to the enjoyment by the delight with which he received every effort of the little ones, and the kindness with which he introduced them. We had almost forgot to mention a pretty duett by Misses Clara Tanton and Lavinia Duchemin. Some of the recitation have not been spoken of we fear, but our little friends must excuse us if, among so many good ones, we have forgotten any. "Common Sense" by Miss Amy Moore delighted the audience, and Madie Smith and Etbel Poole said their pieces very well indeed .-

BOCABEO CIRCUIT.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It has been a long sermon from Heb. 12; chap. iv., baptized After a Duet, Mr. George Allan was three candidates, received six into the tisms have been registered. Of this num-Comparing the foolish youth who is en ber who received baptism fifteen were which buzzes about the lamp until it have been taken into the church, while falls a victim to the heat, he said, if the forty-eight remain "on trial." The good words "This is the way to hell, going work moves on steadily. We have en deavored to carry out the suggestion of perance, as contained in "Pastoral Address." A society has been formed, and After a very effective speech he conclu- numbers some three score persons on its

Our congregation at Bocabec was lately the recipient of a large splended pulpit Bible, and a dozen new hymn books, as adhering to principle, illustrating them recently published by British Conference. The kind donor was Capt. R. Outhouse. In reference to this matter, the December " Quarterly Meeting" unanimously passed the following resolution: "That the best thanks of this Quarterly Official Board be given to Capt. Rutus Outhouse, for his very timely and valuable present of a Bible and twe!ve newly published hymn ary. books, to our Society at Bocabec; and that a notice of the same be sent to the

A plot of ground has been procured for and we doubt not, much good will be ac- a church on one scene of revival, and early in the spring another piece will be We may also say that a Temperance secured on the other promising field. We Reform Club is to be commenced here expect to organize a "sewing circle" at work. We have thirteen lay helpers on the "Circuit plan," some of whom are doing good service.

As I close, I am sorry to record the loss, soon after conference, of one of our oldest and staunchest supporters. But though death lays low the workman, God keeps the work in progress.

Wishing the Editor and all my readers

Yours, etc., W. R. PEPPER. January 4th, 1879.

FAIRVILLE CHURCH.

The following subscriptions have been

promised to William Crossman aud others towards the Fairville Church most of

W. Fawcett, C. W. George, Al. bert Fawcett, W. F. George, John Harris, Esqrs. 10 00 each R. A. Chapman, Esqrs.

By inserting the above in your next is-

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NOVA SCOTIA.

The gale of Thursday, 2nd inst., was very severe at Shelburne. The steamboat wharf was washed away.

Simon McInnis, of Port Hood, C, B., was missing for several weeks. Then his body was found in the river bed. Evidence showed that he had been under the influence of liquor when last seen. Verdict accordingly. On Tuesday, Dec. 31st, a lad of about 14

years of age, son of Mr. Hall, resident Manager of the Spring Hill coal mines, met with a very painful accident by having his mitten caught in the cog-gear of the rotary screen. Inch by inch his hand and arm were drawn between the cog wheels and literally chopped to bits. At length his face and side came in contact with the wheels and the bones of his shoulder were sufficient to stop the machinery. He was promptly relieved from his awful position and his wounds carefully dressed, the hanging shreds of the limb being amputated. Very slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.

The Yarmouth "Herald" reports that Rev. J. T. T. Moody, the venerable rector of Trinity Church in that town, was thrown from his carriage on Sunday last and severely injured. He is recovering.

Welsford Lodge of Templars resolved to hold a meeting on the 17th inst., at St. Luke's School Room, to discuss the advisability of attempting to enforce in Halifax city and county "The Canada Temperance Delegates are to be invited from all the lodges and divisions as well as the open societies. Other prominent temperance men and the clergy, irrespective of creed, are also

Two sons of Harrington Messenger, of Clyde River, started moose hunting last Thursday morning and were in the woods during the gale. Robert, aged 14, died from exposure. George aged 19, succeeded in which if he failed to do he would be ungetting home with feet and hands badly worthy of the solemn and important posifrozen. Robert's hody was found about 14 miles from home.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND

Messrs. Carvell Bros., of Charlottetown. P. E. I., have suspended payment. Liabilities estimated at between \$90,000 and \$100,-

The voting on the Canada Temperance Act in Prince County, P. E. I., resulted in its being adopted by a vote of 4872 against 271. Mr. P. Bowers has obtained the contract

for printing the "Royal Gazette" of Prince Edward Island for one year, and has been appointed Queen's Printer. Diphtheria is doing a deadly work in Lot

Already four of Malcom McDonald's family are gone, and three of Mr. Stewart's family, of Breadalbane, are now lying under a severe attack of this disease.

Messrs. S. R. Foster & Sons, St. John. tack manufacturers, have suspended. Liabilities about \$46,000; assets \$65,000. A writ of attachment in insolvency has been issued against Mr. D. L. Hutchinson, jeweler, and Mr. Wm. Tait's jeweler's stock

The schooner P. W. arrived in St. John on Tuesday last from New York, with the machinery for re-shipment by the Intercolonial Railway for a powder mill at Halifax. Two pieces of the castings weighed six tons

The eating-house at Vanceboro station was burned on the forenoon of 6th inst.

At the December meeting of the Sackville and Westmorland Agricultural Society, held in Bowes's Hall on Tuesday, the 30th Dec.,after the reading of the Secretary and Treasurer's reports-the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Howard Trueman, President; J. J. Anderson, Vice-President; J. T. Carter, Secretary; J. F. Allison, Treasurer; Albert Fawcett, Edward Trueman, William Easterbrooks, Albert Carter and Trueman Carter, Committee; J. F. Allison, J. L. Black, Albert Trueman, Depo-John Foster and Albert Carter were appointed delegates to the Provincial Farmers League which is to meet in Queen's County in Feb'y. The Westmorland County League meets in Bowes's Hall, Thursday evening, 9th Janu-

UPPER PROVINCES.

A Toronto paper states that the cattle export trade from that place is still enlarging. An Ottawa despatch to the "Telegraph states that a petition is being signed in the Pacific Province for presentation to the Dominion Government praying that the immiforthwith, which we trust will be equally once, as a means of raising funds for the gration of Chinese into Canada be in future prohibited, and that no Chinese labor be employed in the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway or any public works.

An accident occurred to a freight train on the Grand Trunk, near Brampton, recently. A brake beam under one of the cars broke and, throwing the train off the track, caused a block which, with the drifting snow, delayed the train over thirty hours.

DIPHTHERIA.-The Registrar-General of E gland publishes very dreadful figures with reference to diptheria. In 21 years -from 1855 to 1876-the deaths of 81. 361 persons from diphtheria were regis tered in England. The greatest number of deaths occurred in 1859, when as many as 10.184 deaths were registered, and the lowest in 1872, when only 2,152 were recorded. An enormous per centage of the deaths is that of children. It is stated that the tables of mortality published by Dr. Farr in 1875 disclose the curious fact, that more persons die of diphtheria in the healthy discricts of England than in those where the g neral mortality is higher The best medical authorities assert that the disease has existed from the earliest days of medical history, but it certainly did net occupy a very distinct place in noso logy until a comparatively recent date The death of Princess Alice of Hesse, con veys a warning that should not be torgot ten. The physicians who have investigated the cause of the peculiar virulence of the diphtheria which at acked her family with such fatal results have agreed that the rapid spread of the intection was en tirely due to imprudent kissing. A child with a sore throat ought not to be permitt-H. J. CLARKE. ed to kiss any of its companions.

TEMPERANCE IN NEWFOUND-

LAND. The following is from the St. John's

The Temperance Reform Club held another public meeting in Temperance Hall on Saturday evening last, Hon. J. J. Rogerson (Receiver General) occupying the chair. Readings, Recitations, Addresses, and Sacred Songs, occupied the allotted time during the evening, in which ladies and gentlemen assisted. An original recitation by Mrs. Shenton, was given with much earnestness and power, showing how deeply that lady is interested in the temperance movement.

A powerful sermon on the temperance question was preached by the Rev. Mr. Shenton on Sabbath last, Dec. 22nd, in the Gower street, Methodist Church, and repeated in George street Church in the evening, The rev. gentleman chose his text from Joel ii, 1st verse-" Blow yo the trumpet in Zion," and during his discourse, which he had carefully prepared and read from manuscript, he dealt some severe blows at the liquor traffic. He showed by tabulated statements the immense amount of money spent for spirituous liquors, wine and beer in England and the United States, amounting in the aggregate to millions of dollars, -spent in destroying the bodies and souls of men and women-while at the same time it was almost impossible to raise funds sufficient to sustain the missionary enterprizes o the old and new worlds. Coming down to Newfoundland, he treated the subject in a manner which did credit alike to his heart and mind, and which showed that as a Christian minister be had a duty to perform to sound the alarm and "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion," tion be occupied.

Besides the resolution against a change of the itinerancy adopted by the Convention of Methodist Laymen held in Brooklyn recently, the following resolutions were rejected by the close vote of 45 to 42: "That while we rejoice in the general prosperity and steady growth of the Church at large, we are painfully aware of the embarrassment and impairment of the usefulness and influence of individual churches as the result of the inevitable close of the pastoral term at the end of three years under existing rules; that we are of opinion that the Discipline should be so amended as to confer upon bishops the power in rare and exceptional cases to continue a preacher in the same charge for more than three years, when in their judgment it would cause no detriment to connectional interests."

PRESENTATION .- Being on Kent street in this city about the hour of moon, I was informed by a friend that so nething unusual had just occurred in the furiture manufactory of which our fellow citizen. Mr. Mark Butcher, is the proprietor. I at once turned my steps in the direction of the aforementioned establishment, and upon looking into the office I beheld a superb, I may say a magnificent water pitcher-large, beautiful and costlywhich f urteen of the hands in Mr. Butcher's employ had just presented him with; and upon enquiry I found that the men on their way to their homes at their dinner hour had called in at the office to present to their employer the " The complimennts of the Season," and to ask with out the formality of a written address, his acceptance of this splendid token of their regard for one, in whose employ some of them had been engaged for the long pesitors: Thomas Pickard, Auditor. Messrs. riod of between thirty and forty years .-Cor. Charlottetown Examiner.

> King Victor Emanuel was very fond of hunting, and had a great liking, moreover for going about his dominions incognito. One day, descending a mountain with a single attendant, he was met by a peasant farmer, who said, "Good gentle-men, you seem brave hunters, I should be farmer, who said, "Good so grateful if you would kill a wolf that is destroying everything about me." "We should be happy to serve you, but we are out of ammunition," replied the bunters. We will pass this way to-morrow." They came on the morrow and killed the wolf. The peasant expressed his toanks, and gave the King two francs for his trouble. He put them in his pocket saying, "These are the first coins I ever really earned. The peasant was shortly after summoned to Court, and was astonished to recognize in his sovereign the Alpine bunter to whom he had given the two francs, which were restored to him with heavy interest.

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A well authenticated report comes to us from Japan, forcibly illustrating the m rvellous power of the Holy Scriptures. It is summarized as follows: "Several copies of the Scriptures and some other Christian books were recently given by the American Board Mission to the Governor of a prison at Otsa, Japan, who passed them over to an educated prisoner in jail for manslaughter. So n after 3 fire broke out in the prison, but the entire body of prisoners, numbering nearly 100 instead of impr ving the opp rtunity to make their escape, assisted in putting out the flames, and remained to a man to be again imprisoned. Such a remarkable circulatance occasioned inquiry as to the cause, when it appeared that the scholar had been so impressed with the truth of Christianity that he had taught it to his fellow prisoners, and Christian principles combined with his personal influence, had such power over them as to restrain them from fleeing when the doors of their prison were opened. The scholar was subsequently pardoned, but he remained in Otsu to teach the prisoners. He has opened a Chinese school for young men, where Christianity is taught, and is now prepare ing to reprint a Chinese commentary on the Gospel of John."

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gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Corn-wains, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and

High water at Pictou and Jape Tormentine, 2 mrs and II minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours and 20 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes Earlier than at Halifax. At Charottetown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, hours 54 minutes LATER. At Vermouth 2 hours hours 54 minutes LATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes LATER.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum substract the time of rising. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Substract the ime of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the emainder add the time of rising next morning

THE YOUNG FOLKS.

A STRAY SNOW FLAKE.

Oh mother, look, the air is white With the beautiful fleecy snow; And ere I go to bed to-night, Paase tell me all you know About

This beautiful falling snow.

My child! what strange requests you make. You know I can't tell all.

Nor half the lessons taught to us By the beautiful flakes that fall So fast In crystal stars of snow.

It is a touching image child. O: purest grace that saves; The shroud that in black winter days Covers all the graves Wih

Robes of purest snow.

God's hand is in the pure white snow That's borne of the wintry air And as it lies so fair and white We see its image there So pure

And white in the snow. 'Tis not a whirling chaos child Born of the tempests spume, A fury of white by the wild wind churned For God the Lord has plenty of room To reveal

Himself in the snow. For all through you wide belt of storm The snow flakes tell their story. No two alike in their per ect form

Of starry six rayed glory These diversified Flakes of snow. They might be crushed in the roaring mills

Of God to atoms small The six rayed glory can't be destroyed God's hand is in them all Yes

In every flake of snow.

God sends it to us my darling child To keep things snug and warm And to keep beneath its fleecy robes Things sheltered from the storm With its

Warmest robe of snow.

They're guardian angels every one. They silently come and go They touch as with the chill of death But set our hearts aglow, As we feel

God's hand in the beautiful snow. But sleep my child the night comes on The clock has just struck seven,

To live with the God of heaven Who sends us The beautiful snow.

You know he is so kind and good He is so generous here, And I sometimes think of heaven above, And what it must be to be there. O God

Please make me as white as snow 'The child obeyed the mother's word And sweetly went to sleep, But during the night a snow flake fell And kissed her rosy cheek,

And the flush Of crimson turned to snow.

Twas a guardian angel sent from God To save from sin's decay, And when the fond mother arose in the dawn,

Her snow flake had melted away, It was gone To be with the God of the snow. Mid. Musquodoboit, Dec. 27, 1878.

A STRING OF PEARLS.

"She thinks herself as good as the best of us," said one of a group of girls that were standing by an open window of a young lady's seminary. " And why not, pray?"

"Kate Benson, how can you ask?"

head as high as though she were a born herself toward us in every way precisely as if she was our equal, and yet she dresses in the plainest possible manner, and I have heard upon good authority. that her father is only a common day laborer, and I know she never spends a cent of money if she can help it.'

"Mary Langley does not hold her head high. She is modest and unassum. ing, as any unprejudiced person can see, and if her dress is plain it is al ways neat and becoming, and she is certainly not stingy for she excels us in all her charities; and von know Belle, she is a superior scholar and a decided favorite with the teachers as well as with her fellow pupils."

"O, ves, I know she has all these good qualities, but she does not know her place. I believe it has never entered her mind that she is not entitled to as much consideration-not to say respect—as the daughter of a million-

"Who is it that is so very poor?" said the young lady in question with a light laugh as she advanced to the win. dow and threw her arms round each of the two girls who were discussing her merits and demerits.

Belle Hamilton drew herself haughtily away while her companion answered, "O, Mary! you must have heard enough to know that we were speaking of you. I am so sorry, we did not know that you had come up stairs."

"It is no matter, she said with a smile as she playfully pinched Kate's cheek, "but Belle, dear, how mistaken you are if you think me poor. I have a string of pearls no one of which I would part with for the wealth of the Indies." . "A string of pearls, Mary?" said

pressed cagerly around her. you about them ?

some deceased relative?"

" No Fannie, they are each and all given from the great King," said Mary, softly.

"The first on the list is Life, and around it all the others cluster in beautiful harmony. This pearl is delicately veined and exquisitely colored but very wealth of the world could not replace it. Next comes Health, rose-colored, beautiful, and of untold value, and Time with its changeful, silvery sheen, and Talent of variegated hue, but without waiting to speak of the merits of each there are Sight, Hearing, trength, Intellect, Reason, Hope, Love, Contentment and Home, a father's blessing, a mother's love and the sweet affection of my schoolmates and such a long list of blessings that I cannot think to mention, real pearls, the possession of which makes me very happy."

sion, Mary, that you forgot to mention," the most lovely one of all. It is the your other pearls.'

"If that, indeed, belongs in my list, it is fromGod, and no glory belongs to the possessor," she answered, while a bright tear-drop trembled in her eye.

Belle Hamilton had pompously left the room, closing the door behind her with a heavy bang, intended to enforce a sense of her contempt and displeasure; while the other girls gathered around their friend and imprinted kisses upon her sweet face, and one of the most thoughtful of them said: "I have learned a lesson. I too, like Belle, sometimes indulged in high notions of gentility and the fitness of things, but I Do you think Ma dear! I could get up there see now that wealth and position with all the advantages they bring, which we sometimes so pride ourselves upon, are but as baubles beside your precious Pearls."

JOE'S BEAR. BY EMMA HARRIMAN.

I like to tell real stories; and when I tell vou of Joe's bear, you may know it is just as near as Joe told it, as I can remember.

Joe lives in Minnesota, on a farm on the prairie. Bears do not live on the prairie, and Joe went into the woods to hunt. His best friend Tom was with him, and they 'camped out.' They had been out several days, and had killed one or two deer and some smaller game, when one day they came upon a place where they were sure there was a bear.

'Just look at the tracks, Tom!' said Joe; 'I know there is a bear in 'here.' 'Let's run in a pole and see,' said Tom. So they got a pole and thrust it down the opening. A savage growl answered them, at once.

'Hear him!' cried Joe, in delight. He's down there, sure enough; but, how shall we get him? Joe caught the pole and thrust it into the hole vigor-

at them, then disappeared, suddenly. whose stripes we are healed." princess, and has the effrontery to carry | Joe sprang back, but in an instant he out.'

den snap, out came the bear's head. Tom jumped back, but Joe had no time to fire before the bear disappeared

again. 'I don't exactly like that,' said Tom; warmly.' 'You take the rifle, and let | ing Jesus Christ. me try it,' said Joe. So they exchanged; but Tom was too excited to aim well, and missed when he fired. They tried it once or twice more, with no more furious each moment.

'Give me the rifle,' said Joe; 'I'll try shoting in there.' So he got down on fired. Then they got down and listenaire. Now if I were as poor as she ed. There was a low growl, but it did try him with the pole again,' Tom said. her bosom. No head came out this time, and all was still.

> 'I'm going in there,' said Joe; 'I believe I bit him.' 'You'd better not,' said Tom: what if he's only wounded?' but Joe was a!ready on his knees, working his way into the opening. It was grew up a devoted Christian woman. not a large hole, and it was so filled with

his body that he could see nothing. He heard a growling and snapping as he went on, and thought be might only have wounded the bear, but he did not go back. The hole seemed to be shaped like a funnel, he having entered the very dark. He began to move cautiously about on his bands and knees, for it was still too low for him to stand, when he one and another of the girls as they suddenly put his hand into the bear's open mouth. You may be sure he "Yes, a string of pearls, shall I tell jumped, when he felt those sharp ceeth and heard the snapping and growling "Do, do," cried several voices, and commence again close behind him, Fannie Edson, the youngest of the But he knew he could not beat a histy group, asked "Are they a legacy from retreat; that trying to crawl out of moment.

The bear did not spring upon him, and he touched it with his foot. It did not stir, but the growling and snapping began again. 'She's dead,' he called out to Tom; 'it's an old one with cubs. end of the rope, and he fastened it it in action. around her body, then Tom began to pull and to push. It was hard work, for it descended considerably from the entrance to where he stood, so it was no wonder they let it slip back; but Joe ju nped when it came on to bis shoulders, for he did not know but one of those cubs, or possibly an old bear, had sprung upon him. They finally tugged it out-a big, old black bear, with Joe's rected by the theatre. bullet in his head. And then Joe scrambled around there in the dark and "There is one pearl in your posses- caught the cubs. He got a good many bites and scratches, but he got the cubs said Alice Parsons, "and I think it is too; and when he pushed the last one out to Tom, and crawled out after it, ornament of a mack and quiet spirit, he was a proud and happy boy, and I and it adds the purest luster to all don't wonder. I think it was just as brave in him, as for Gen. Putnam to go after the wolf.

A CHILD'S CONVERSION.

In one of the wealthy homes of London lived a little girl named Laura. Sho had parents to educate her, servants to wait upon her, and carriages to ride in. There seemed a great deal around her to make her happy; but Laura was not pleased and satisfied with those things that please and satisfy other little ones.

She knew she often did those things which she ought not to do, and her heart was filled with fear and trembling. What could save her, she asked herself, from God's displeasure?

Before she could read she treasured up passages of the Bible which others read to her, and went away by herself to ponder them over. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thinc heart," Laura often heard from the sacred volume. "But I do not love him," she said to herself; "I don't know how to love him; and I don't love my neigbor as myself .- I love papa, mamma, and my sister best of all. Did ever anybody love God with all their heart, and their neighbor as them. selves? Did God really mean so? She was required to be Christ's faith. ful servan and soldier, and fight manfully under his banner. This amazed her greatly. "I am sure I do not fight; and I do not know what to fight against," she thought.

Laura asked many questions upon these perplexing subjects; but she was bid not to trouble herself upon such matters. "The Bible is not so strict as seems to be," she was told. This eased her mind for a little while; but the Holy Spirit was stirring up Laura's heart. It was forgotten by Laura's friends, that as children sin, and do often bitterly feel the weight of their ill deserts, they must seek forgiveness

WESLEYAN' ALMANAC. her coming up the walk. She holds her a pair of savage looking jaws snapped bruised for our transgressions, and by

When Laura was seven a pious serhad planned the capture. 'You punch | vant-girl came into the family who, him, Tom, and I'll shoot when he comes observing her serious turn, sometimes spoke to her upon the subjects which So Joe took the rifle, and Tom thrust so perplexed her. - As soon as this was in the pole. For a moment there was known she was sent away; but she left only an angry growl; then, with a sud- some little books behind, which the child hid away and read.

"If I could only be a Methodist, I should be sure of salvation," Laura thought; but as she read she found it was not joining any particular people lost, in the realms of human thought. he comes out at a fellow a little too that could save her, but it was believ-

One day as she pondered she read the words of the hymn-

"Who on Jesus relies, without mone or price, The pearl of forgiveness and holiness buys." better result, the bear growing more and and the Holy Sprit opened her eyes to behold and her heart to embrace its precious truth.

his knees, and when he thought be Jesus," she cried aloud .- "I will trust bel, and require much discipline to keep heard the bear moving towards him, he him as my Saviour, and God will count | them right. Grace or sin reigns in every me good for what he has done and suf- human being. They cannot both reign fered, and he will forgive all of my sins at the same time. not sound as near as before. 'Say we for his sake." Joy and gratitude filled

Before, everything seemed easier than to believe; now, the way of believing seemed easier than anything else. Thus the light of the glorious gospel broke upon Laura's mind; she became a lovely disciple of the Lord Jesus, and

THOUGHTS FOR THE TIMES.

Thought moves the world. Human beings can and will think. Bad as well as good thoughts exercise their minds. We small end, and he found himself in a begin to think before we speak. It may much larger place than at first, but still be that now we often speak before we think. This accounts for the many foolish words often heard. The wise think much more than they talk. The foolis talk much more than they think. Only a tithe of the thoughts of the world is pub lished. And it would be well for our race if much of that had never seen light.

Thoughts more than deeds or words determine character. Solomon says respectthat narrow opening with a mad bear ing man, "For as he thinketh in his heart after him, could be little better than to so is he." The moral bias or aim of the stay where he was, so he waited a soul is the essence of character. God's thoughts are always noble, elevating and pure. Some of men's expressed thoughts are of a similar character. Many are not The influence of wrong thought is every where manifest. We often see it in the frail, and if once broken or lost the Throw me the rope, and let's see if we newspaper, hear it from the pulpit and can get her out.' Tom threw him one the platform, read it in books and behold

Doubtless the stage of the present as well as the past abounds with impure ideas, or rather words adapted to awaken vile thoughts in those who hear. The good literature found in the play is not that which pleases generally. Impure hearts prefer unholy thought. The wrong thought of our world will never be cor-

Novel reading is doing much to dwarf intellect, and to fill the world with impure thought. Good ideas are sometimes mingled with the bad ones, but the evil overcomes the good. Novel reading will never rectify the erronous thought of our race The injurious results, of so much light reading, especially among the young, induces us to think, that there is more than one devil connected with some printing presses. The press of to-day is a mighty engine for good or evil. If it were only used, as it should be, for the proper development of man, there would soon be fewer streams of iniquity. But the impure flood which it incessantly pours forth upon the face of the earth, associates with it, in our minds the apocalyptic dragon out of | Seneca. whose mouth a flood issued.

The Bible is the depository of God's great and good thoughts. It is full of ideas, yet, suggests more than it expresses. Only a few of our race, however, become familiar with those ennobling thoughts, for some even in Christian lands consider it unfashionable to read this Book. "O ye fools, when will ye be wise." The ablest and most correct thinkers of this age, are Bible readers. No man in our day is, or can be, fully developed without the influ. ence of Christianity. The best specimens of well developed humanity, are not to be found among the Darwins, Tyndals, Emersons and others of like character, but among those who have studied and felt the power of the "glorious Gospel."

No system of religion on earth, aims at purifying the fountain of thought, man's heart, except, the Christian religion. This where heartify and intelligently embraced does it. It furnishes with proper subjects for thought, hence the purity of thought. After placing before the minds of Chris tians at Phillipi, some of the leading excellencies of Christ's religion, Paul, thus exhorted them; "Think on those things" It is then, our duty and should be our aim said the first speaker. "Just look at ously. Out came a big black head, and and peace through Him "who was springs "evil thoughts." So said Jesus you are shut out from Christ's kingdom.

Christ, and he knew what was in man. Here then, must begin the work, that will leave its boly impress upon the thought of our world The "new heart" in Christianity, involves new thought, words and actions, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." A truly regenerated Christian cherishes right thoughts. His aim is right. He indulges not wicked thoughts, though often sorely tried with them. Hence the soul's warfare. O what battles are fought, won and

The mind of man is a marvellous region. Here Satan's kingdom of darkness is set up. And when the sinner is converted, he is translated from this kingdom into the "kingdom of God's dear Son," which is also set up in this region. "The kingdom of God is within you." When Christ reigns in the soul of man, he billigs "Rely on Jesus; I do! I will rely on | every thought into obedience Some re-

There is doubtless much of superficial thought, in the present age. Men seem not to find time to investigate closely. and think profoundly. Many have insensibly acquired the habit of reading books in a cursory manner, as they do the newspapers. They read but for want of thought-meditation - they understand not. The religious press is doing much to correct wrong thought, and to encourage that which is right. Let agencies of this kind be multiplied and invigorated with live thoughts; so shall the world feel the influence for good, and obscene literature be banished from the homes of the people.

If Chr stianity cannot rectify and purify the thought of our world, nothing else can do it. It is useless to talk of correct thought or sublime morality, apart from the ceansing blood of the world's Re-

Maitland, Jan. 1879.

GEMS WORTH SETTING.

REAPING.

We shape ourselves the joy or fear Of which the coming life is made, And fill our future's atmosphere With sunshine or with shade. The tissue of the life to be We weave with colors all our ewn, And in the field of destiny We reap as we have sown.

BELIEVE not iil of a brother till it is proved beyond donbt.

Make yourself necessary, young man, and your success is certain

THERE is but one thing that is sure here on carth, and that is death. You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge

yourself one. - Froude Following many vocations has ruined

the life of many a man. The flower of youth never looks so lovely as when it bends to the Sun of righteous-

You can not kill goodness, and truth. and integrity, and faith, and holiness; the way that is consistent with these must

be a vay everlasting. How many hours of sadness and sorrow bave been caused by the utterance of careless, thoughtless words! A word unspoken, like a sword in the scapbard, is thine. If thou desire to be held wise be so wise as to hold thy tongne.

I will govern my life and thoughts as if the whole world were to see the one and to read the other, for what does it signify to make anything a secret to my neighbor, when to God (who is the searcher of our hearts) all our privacies are open .-

JOHN BUNYAN said, "I never had, in all my life, so great an inlet into the word of God as now (during his twelve years imprisonment), insomuch that I have often said, were it lawful, I could pray for even greater trouble, for the greater comfort's sake.'

THE happiness of life is made up of minute fractions-the little, soon forgotten, charities of a kiss, a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, or the disguise of a playful raillery, and the countless other infinitesimals of pleasant thought and feeling.

A true Christian in the world is like a ship sailing on the ocean. It is not the ship being in the water which will sink it. but the water getting into the ship. So the world with its love of pleasure getting into the hearts of Christians has ruined its millions.

Show me the man you honor; I know by that symptom, better than by any other, what kind of a man you yourself are. For you show me there what your idea of manhood is, what kind of man you long inexpressibly to be.—Carlyle

THERE is a test point about you somewhere. Perhaps it is pride; you cannot bear an affront: you will not confess a as preachers, educators, writers and pub. fault. Perhaps it is personal vanity, lishers to cherish thoughts of purity, in. ready to sacrifice everything to display. tegrity and holiness. The general thought Perhaps it is some senual appetite. Then of the world must be corrected before its you are to gather up your moral forces merals are rectified. The heart-the in. just here, and, till that darling sin is ner nature of man -is the source whence brought under the practical law of Christ,

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GOSPEL TEMPERANCE.

Much has been said the past two years about gospel temperance, and most of the men who have talked so earnestly about it had been for years entire strangers to gospel teaching, and the efforts put forth by God's ministers for the reformation of the world. These men stepped from the gutter, uplitted by Christian men, to the platform to teach the Church the theology of Gol's plan of salvation. When men, who have spent their lives in the poisoned atmosphere of the saloon, inhaling tue miasm of prejudice against the gospel, making the chosen servants of God the song of their drunken carousal, attempt to teach the philosophy of temperance. we must expect that they will proclaim more of error than truth—that while demanting charity for these whose bread was the price of their own blood, they will be unsparing in their denun-

tims. Forgetting the example of ted with so much usefulness. Christ-who applied the scourge with "There is an immense population well directed blows, and made no effort living from day to day in this semito heal the sick until the money paralyzed condition of the circulation. changers were banished from the temple. They are already, in the midst of their and their tables had been overturned - laughter, half wrecked. They are easily we are commanded to embrace the rum- overbalanced by slight causes, and they seller with affection; to make no effort almost inevitably fall prematurely into to banish his anholy traffic; but leaving death if they continue in their course. these cosspools of pollution to spread. Sometimes they fall from failure of the disease, seek the cure of the contagion heart; sometimes, under a little extra thus engendered; giving license to excitement, a vessel gives way in the these schools of vice, seek to reform brain, and they become partially parathe graduates who have obtained dip- lyzed, if they do not succumb immedilomas of crime, and leave the professors ately. Sometimes they get organic kidto continue instruction to the next new or liver disease, or that consumpclass, selected from the rising genera- tion of the lung which I have already

prevent the overthrow of vice. Gospel faces." - Our Union. temperance traches the sin of drinking, and does not confine that sin to the effects of drunkenness. It teaches the sin of putting the bottle to a neighbor's lips, and claims the right to prohibit Port George, Annapolis Co., N.S., all sin, and enforce its prohibition, not only by divine but by human law, whose wrath upon him who doeth evil."

The gospel plan of temperance is identical with the gospel plan of salvation. Repentance must precede forgiveness; evil must be forsaken as the evidence of true repentance. Before confess his sins. Man commanded to forgive seventy times seven is nowhere required to change Ged's plan of forance. Therefore, let us turn to the affected, Bible for our standard of gospel temperance, and studying carefully God's plan, we shall learn that it is our duty to employ such terms as "Ye generation of vipers" in addressing the rumseller, to secure prohibitory legislation against the traffic, and offer no terms of compromise while they cling to their hellish business. Then let the religious press present the truths of gospel temperance. Let the pulpit resound with the eloquence of earnest appeal to accept the teaching of the gospel; and while laboring for the reformation of the inebriate, let us cease not in our effort, by God's plan of prohibition, to banish the traffic. - Ch. Ad., N. Y.

THE PALE-FACED ABSTAINERS.

Those who have talked about rosy English men and pale-faced Americans will do well to study what an Englishman says about "pale-faces" in the following extract from a speech by Dr. complete success for the cure of sore teats Richardson:

"Under the action of alcohol the resistance to the current of blood through the vessels is diminished. This is indicate in the flush of countenance that is caused by wine in those who are unaccustomed to its use, in the flush which is permanently seated on the faces of so many who in lulge in something more than its moderate use, in the purple uniform of features which is worn by so many of what are called the hard drinkers of society. We see in all these the external signs of that diminished resistance in the blood vessels to the entrance of blood which alcohol

induces in different degres. "It has been one of the reproaches thrown out by ordinary society against the practicing disciples of total abstinence that they are deficient in color, and therefore, so runs the argument, deficient in blood, or deficient in some stainers from alcohol in a large hall, in cents a bottle.

which a multitude of the worshippers of Bacchus had the night before held high festival. I cannot quite report that 'the funeral of baked meats did coldly furnish forth the marriage tables,' but I can report that, an hour or so before my lecture, the odor of the feast was clearly perceptible in the still laden atmosphere of wine, and I can also report that one of my auditors, who was present at the wine feast of the previous day, was full of description of the difference of complexion of the two meetings in regard to the visages of the company. He compared the Bacchanalians to the rosy morning, and the abstainers to the pale evening; but he admitted that in matters of strength, or as he called it, 'healthful solidity,' the abstainers were by far the most promising specimens of humanity.

"Those who laugh at the abstemious for being pale would be warranted in laughing if it were the fact that the red face they so much admire was a face indicative of health, and the pale face indicative of disease. Unfortunately ciations of true Christian men who do for their side of the case, that suffused not fully coincide with all their theo- face, that jolly red face, that dark red face is in fact disease, while the pale The first moral command of God to face is the face as nature meant it to man was "Thou shalt not," and that be. Unfortunately, also, for the laughplan of prohibition is engrafted upon ers, is the fact that the red face is not every page of the divine law. It is God's simply skin-deep, and confined to the plan of treating vice. Gospel temper. face. The same redness extents to ance is therefore a misnomer to any other and more vital surfaces. The sureffort that falls short of prohibition, faces of the brain and of the other vival have been forbidden to deal with wrong according to the degree of injury that doers, and been taught to confine our has been inflicted on the blood-vessels efforts to the reformation of their vice by the paralyzing drug that is a credi-

noticed. Physically, the condition of Forever banish any such theory of the whole of the members of this great gospel temperance. It is the plan taught population is very bad. They are the not by God, but devised by devils to last that should make fun of the pale

JOYFUL NEWS FOR THE AFFLICTED.

June 12th., 1878.

Messis. C. Gates, Son & C.—Gentlemen officers are commanded "not to bear In the Autumn of 1877, my little boy, the sword in vain," but "to execute about two years old, was in very ill health on account of worms, which destroyed his appetite, and made him peevisa and poor. The strongest symptoms of the disease being starting out of a sound sleep and crying loudly. I had never previously used your medicines for any complaint to which children are subject, God will forgive the rumseller, he must | but concluded to try them in this case. I abandon his unholy traffic and publicly administered your No. 1 Syrup according to directions with amazing results. One symptom after another speedily disappeared before it, (it carried off worms four or five inches long,) and when only two giveness, and make it precede repent- bottles had been taken a perfect cure was

In March last I gave the little fellow two bottles of your No. 2 Bitters as a Spring medicine to purify his blood, he having been ailing on account of impurities therein. It cleansed his blood, built him up so that he increased in flesh and strength in a very short time. And ever since he has been well and bearty. I may also say that two swallows (and not very large ones either) of your No. 1 Syrup before mentioned cured me in about fifteen " the stomach, such as I never experienced before or since. I can state further that I have seen your Acadian Liniment applied to cattle for the cure of claw distemper (so called) in the most astonishing results. A gentleman of my acquaintance had a pair of oxen severely crippled by this terrible complaint, but by the use in 5 or 6 bottles of the Liniment aforesaid of care was effected in about ten days. helped apply the medicine myself and know this to be a fact. I am quite sure no other Liniment or other preparation in his country could have done so much in a similar case as this Liniment did. I have also used your Nerve Ointment with on cows. There is nothing I ever tried or heard tell of that will cure them so quick.

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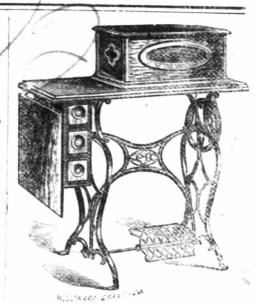
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Prestwood, Mr. Rueben E. Sperry, of Petite Riviere, to Miss Janet Croft, of West Dublin. By Rev. W. Lawson, Dec. 30th,, at the residence of G. Lane. Esq., grandfather of the bride, Margaret Ann Sabine Lone, eldest daughter of Charles T. Sabine Taunton, Mass., U.S., to Geo, Or hard Scantlebury, Carriage Builder, Charlottetown, P.E.I By the same, ilec. 18th., at the residence of the father of the bride, James McConnell, Pisquid P. E. I., Annabella Jessie to Stephen Booyer Hooper, of Pownall, P.E.I.

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At Tryon, P.E.I., on the 25th Nov., after a long and seve e affliction, which was borne with ch is tian resignation, Mrs. Elizabeth Burns, in the 32nd year of her age. The deceased was the wife of the late P. C. Burns of Searltown, and daughter of Samuel and Margaret Leard, of the first named

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On the 4th inst., at Rawdon, after several weeks severe illness, borne with resignation, William Di l aged 60, leaving an affectionate wife and large and loving family to mourn their irreparable loss.

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