

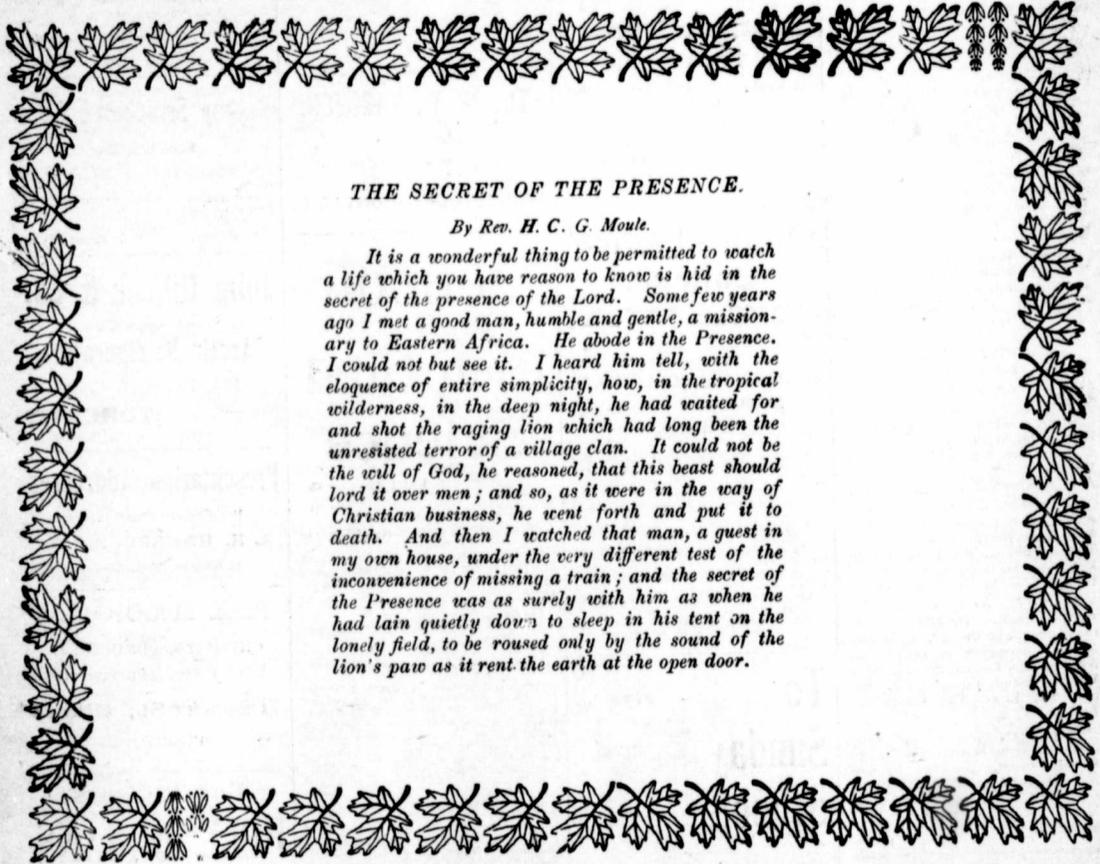
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Note and Comment.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is now wrestling over a new name to be selected by the dioceses. One diocese, that of Illinois, has chosen the name "The American Catholic Church in the United States."

The drought has driven Australian pastoralists to all sorts of expedients to keep their stock alive. In Queensland one squatter has chopped bulrushes into chaff, mixed them with molasses and water, and used them for food for his sheep with very satisfactory results.

The Chicago Theological seminary has conferred the degree of D. D. on the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan. Dr Morgan is Dwight L. Moody's successor in the Northfield extension work and he is being spoken of as successor to Dr. Parker in the pastorate of the City Temple, London, Eng.

The Bank of Montreal has just issued for 1903 a new \$100 bank bill, which is probably the largest bill in America of this denomination. It is twice the size of the ordinary hundred dollar bill, and it will be impossible for clever counterfeiters to raise a \$10 to a \$100 bill of the new issue, as often as has been done in the case of the old bills.

Says the Presbyterian Witness: The Rev. Dr. Fotheringham of St. John, N.B., has been elected a member of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society. As is well known, this Society has rendered great service in throwing light on the history of the Celtic and Medieval Scottish Church. It issues a Journal which is a mine of curious information.

Marshall Field & Co. allow no work whatever to be done in their great Chicago stores on Sunday, they publish no advertisements in Sunday newspapers, and all the window shades are kept down on Sunday. Thus the greatest retail business in the world honorably "remembers the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." In all three particulars, the example is worthy of universal imitation, and it generally followed, would be productive of great good.

Figures recently issued by the Dominion Government show that the arrivals in Canada of settlers from outside countries for the eleven months of the present year, ending November 30th, were 81,479, or an average of 7,316 per month. If this average is maintained for December, it will make a total of 87,795 arrivals for the whole year. Of the present arrivals, about 56,000 settled in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Furthermore, there was a movement of the population from Eastern Canada to the West, aggregating 14,300, thus making a total of 70,300 persons who located in Manitoba and the Territories during the eleven months.

The new licensing act, which went into effect on the 2nd inst, and which aims to

diminish drunkenness, is being enforced by the London judges. The magistrates immediately applied the clause which calls for the publication of a blacklist of habitual drunkards, whose convictions must be made known to the police authorities. These habitual drunkards are debarred from buying intoxicants for a term of three years. Another clause in the act provides for a fine of \$10, or a month's imprisonment, for a woman found intoxicated while she is accompanied by any child under 7 years. Such an Act in this country might prove useful as regards old toppers; but something quite different is required if we are to prevent our young men becoming "habitual drunkards." Prevention is much better than cure.

Owing to the rapidly increasing dimensions of vessels, it has become imperative for the River Clyde to be straightened, deepened, and widened in the vicinity of the various shipbuilding yards, in order to facilitate the launching of large vessels. The project has been contemplated for some time past, but it will have to be undertaken immediately, as the two new Cunard liners, which are to be the largest vessels afloat, are to be built upon the Clyde, if possible. Construction in the Clyde yards, however, can only be carried out by improving the river, to obtain the necessary launching accommodation.

Nobody knows how much Kipling's *Jungle Books* had to do with whetting the children's appetites for nature and animal stories, but certain it is that the youngsters are demanding books of this kind, and the book market—as sensitive to the public requirements as any market in the world—has responded. Among the many nature books for children, Robert W. Chamber's *Outdoorland* has made such a record for popularity that it is certain Mr. Chambers will do other books along the same lines. It is not every novelist who can write successfully for children, but those who can, find great pleasure and no inconsiderable profit in the work.

The second of the unique series of Imperial Competitions inaugurated by the publishers of *Good Words* has just been concluded. The first competition was for the best Coronation Ode, and the number of odes received from all corners of the empire was 1084. In July last cash prizes to the value of £75 were offered to any subject of the King, at home and in the colonies, for the three best "Songs of the Empire." Again the poets in every corner of the empire sat them down to write, with the result that 321 songs were received. Of these, 191 came from within the British Isles, and the others were sent from all the Australian States, New Zealand, Canada, Newfoundland, India, Ceylon, Cape Colony, Natal, Jamaica, Bermuda, Mauritius, Trinidad, Bahamas, The Leeward Isles, Straits Settlements, and the Malay Straits. The £75 were divided into nine prizes, three of which were won by residents in England, two in Scotland, two in Australia, one in Bermuda, and one in Ireland.

Queen's Alumni Conference Programme.

Feb. 9-13, 1903.

Monday 4 p.m. Preacher's use of Hebrew Literature. Prof. Jordan D. D., Rev. W. H. Cramm B. D., Rev. W. W. Peck L. L. B. (Read Prof. McFadyen's Prophetic and Priestly Historians. Kyle's Early Narratives of Genesis.)

8 p.m. Lecture on Forestry. Prof. Fernow.

Tuesday, 10 a.m. Epistle to the Hebrews. Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D. (Read Bruce, Davidson, Westcott)

11 a.m. Deuteronomy (1) The Book, Rev. M. Macgillivray M. A., (2) The Movement. Rev. Eber Crammy B. Sc. (Read Driver's Deuteronomy.)

3 p.m. The Fourth Gospel. Present Position of the Critical Problem. Prof. McNaughton M. A., Rev. J. R. Fraser M. A., (Read Vends Gospel of John, Glog's Introduction to the Johannine writings. Stevens' Theology of the New Testament)

7:30 p.m. Chancellors Lectureship. Ancient Records, from standpoint of Science. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

8:45 p.m. Thomas Carlyle, Sarter Re-sartus. Prof. Alexander Ph. D.

Wednesday 10 a.m. Meeting of Alumni, next Conference Programme, and other business.

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Jeremiah. Rev. Neil MacPherson B. D., Rev. James Anthony, M. A. (Read Cheyne's Jeremiah, Men of the Bible Series, Prof. Jordan's Prophetic Ideas and Ideals.)

3 p.m. Interpretation of Modern Life by Modern Poets. William Morris. Mr. A. W. Playfair M. A.

4 p.m. Modern Poetry. Prof. Cappon M. A.

8 p.m. Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

Thursday 10 a.m. The Fourth Gospel, Logos Doctrine. Rev. S. G. Bland, B. A., Rev. M. Mackinnon M. A.

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Ezekiel; His Place. (1) in Hebrew Theology by Rev. R. Laird M. A., (2) in Hebrew Ritual, Rev. D. Strachan B. A. (Read Davidson's Ezekiel, Cornill's Prophets of Israel.)

3 p.m. Reading of Chancellors Prize Essay on Journalism.

4 p.m. Fourth Gospel. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Earnest Thomas B. A., (1) Logos Doctrine, consult books above referred to; also Godeh, Westcott, Revile. On Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, consult G. Smeaton. On all matters connected with Fourth Gospel see recent Bible Dictionaries.)

8 p.m. Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

Friday 1 p.m. Deutero-Isaiah. (1) Plan and Purpose of the Section. Rev. C. E. Bland B. A. (2) Universalism, Prof. Jordan D. D. (3) The Servant Conception. Rev. G. F. Johnston M. A. (Read Driver's and George Adams Smith's Isaiah.)

3 p.m. Meeting of the Programme Committee.

8 p.m. The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

Our Contributors.

The Historical Christ.

BY REV. R. G. MCBETH, M.A.

The supremest attestation to the Divine truth and inspiration of the Bible lies in the fact that Jesus Christ, its central character, is the unique and transcendent personality on the plain of human history. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." This is one of His own vivid sayings, and His pre-eminent life is its best illustration. Through all the critical centuries He has stood in the fierce search-light that beats upon lonely greatness. But that light has revealed no fault nor flaw in Him. Under its detecting glare men have seen only a spotless whiteness, faultless perfection and flawless symmetry. The greatest minds in all the ages have paid homage to this Ideal Man and nowhere else in all the realm of history or drama or fiction does such a figure appear. That a little group of unlearned peasants and fishermen in Galilee could have invented a character which has commanded the inextinguishable homage of the strongest men in history is unthinkable. The only honest conclusion is that the Evangelists drew the portrait from life, and the portrait remains upon the canvas of the world dwarfing into comparative insignificance all the other figures of men living or dead.

That Christ did live here on the earth there can be no manner of doubt in sane and honest minds. For proof of that we have not only the genuine and authentic records of the New Testament, but the testimony of profane history, as well as the tide of surpassing influence that has been flowing for two millenniums from the cross erected by Roman soldiers outside the city wall. Some of the evidence for the reality and power of the life of Christ comes curiously enough from unfriendly witnesses. Edward Gibbon, who wrote the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," was quite distinctly hostile to the Christian religion, but amongst the causes contributing to the downfall of the great fabric he gives prominence to the fact that an organization which he calls the Christian Republic had come into existence at the heart of the Empire. This organization could not be rent apart or destroyed by persecution or famine or fire or sword; and it grew so powerful that it shattered the mighty world-power to fragments and scattered its mythologies to the four winds of heaven. But neither Gibbon nor anyone else ever knew a successful organization without a leader, without some man to stand at its centre and fill it to the circumference with his force and fire and influence.

The fact thus adduced is an extraordinary tribute to the personality and power of the Man who stood at the heart of the Christian system and filled it with Divine force and all conquering enthusiasm. And this personal power of Christ, this concreteness of personal leadership, is the most real influence in the world to-day. As the mountain peak is unshaken by the clouds that break upon its mighty front and vanish, so the personality of Christ stands supreme after the clouds of infidelity have broken against the majesty

of his life and left not a rack behind. The millions to-day who are worthy of the Christian name worship not a system or a theory but a Person to whom they are attached by a passionate personal devotion. It was this perennial and progressive personal influence of Christ that in the St. Helena days of Napoleon puzzled that extraordinary man and led him to say, after examining in history the names of the mighty, that Christ's greatness crushed all mere human greatness into nothingness. The fact that the Bible enshrines this transcendent life in its pages puts the hall-mark of Heaven upon the Book.

Vancouver, B.C.

How England is Saving the Land of the Pharaohs.

BY THE REV. JAMES JOHNSTON, A.T.S.

The opening of the now famous Assouan Dam on December 8, 1902, by the Duke of Connaught, marks an epoch-making event in the irrigation of Egypt proper, and the further transformation of that fascinating land. This colossal work, begun in 1899, is most creditable to the British engineers, who have finished the undertaking months before the contract time.

Running straight across the Nile at Assouan, five hundred and eighty miles from Cairo, the dam consists of a great wall a mile and a quarter long, blocking up the channels through which the river in time of flood has been wont to race amid the rocky islets in its bed. This solid rock of masonry is twenty four feet wide at the top, sixty two feet wide at the foundations, and about eighty feet high, forming a reservoir sixty feet deep. It appears that the granite used has come from the quarries of the old Pharaohs, and upon the construction of the dam from ten to twenty thousand Egyptians have been employed night and day. Its total cost will exceed six million pounds sterling.

This wonderful dam is pierced with one hundred and eighty upper sluices in order that, when the Nile is rising, the water will freely flow through them. As soon as it begins to fall, these will be closed, and the dam will hold back a lake one hundred and forty six miles long, and a mile or less in breadth. By letting this stored up water escape gradually into the ancient irrigation channels during the dry season, the plains of middle and lower Egypt will, it is anticipated, enjoy perpetual fertility and prosperity. No longer will there be a rushing, wasteful flood at one season, and a bed as dry as ashes at another period. The result must be all the difference between desolation and teeming abundance.

More truly than five centuries before Christ is the saying of Herodotus, "the father of history," being realized, that Egypt is "the gift of the Nile." Without the Nile no Egypt. This historic river—the longest in Africa, if not of the world—draws its chief sources from the Victoria and Albert Nyanzas, while receiving from the torrents of rain which fall on the rocks of Abyssinia the valuable

chemical ingredients of the rocks and soil, carried down the Nile by Abyssinian tributaries. When the river overflows its bank it deposits on the lower levels a fine mud, producing the most fertile soil in the world.

It is lamentable to consider the waste of precious liquid for ages at flood height, and to learn that out of the four hundred thousand square miles of Egyptian territory only one-twentieth is really habitable; that is, the part washed by the Nile, where it is possible to raise annually two, three, and even four, crops. Hence forward, instead of the narrow strips of green verdure, the outcome of rich soil, hot sun, and light cultivation, confined between the Nile banks and the high water line of the river in flood, boundless and unbroken stretches of dreary desert beyond will be irrigated by refreshing waters, and become transformed into landscapes of beauty and fruitfulness.

Happily the waters in the Delta, in season of flood, have long been gathered and distributed through capacious channels, for the benefit of the humblest toiler on the land. By these irrigation works, known as the Barrage, abundant maize and cotton crops have been gathered, and the fellahen saved from famine and distress,—only too common, in bygone generations, in time of low flood. Similarly, by the gigantic reservoir constructed at Assouan, the expense will be repaid many times over in the transformation of desert into cultivated land, from the first cataract to the Delta.

It is almost universally acknowledged that British occupation in Egypt has wrought marvels, of which the latest is a crowning achievement. Since the deposition of Ismail in 1879, more has been done than Egypt's rulers accomplished during centuries to establish justice, to raise the fellahen from hereditary bondage, and to develop the untiled resources of a land "where all things always seemed the same."

In view of the success at Assouan, it has lately been proposed to construct a dam at Lake Tsana in Abyssinia, to supply water both for Upper Egypt and the Soudan; to erect banks on the Upper Nile, in order to avoid waste in the swamps of the Bahr-el-Ghazal; and, lastly, to construct a storage reservoir at Lake Albert Nyanza large enough to provide for the wants of Egypt and the Soudan above Khartoum. These achievements mean that far up the Nile banks, burning deserts and swamps will steadily disappear, as in the "Great Southwest" of America, and in their place innumerable areas of fertile soil and civilization will be seen on either bank of the life-giving Nile, from the great African lakes to the tideless waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

Darwin, Lancashire, England.

An Urgent Message.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth sends us the following:

The majority of Congregations have not sent in their Congregational Record Books. In some cases they were asked to withhold them until they had their collecting finished, but this did not affect those whose work was done. Now the time set by the Assembly for the completion of the Agents work is within eight weeks of its close. Ministers and Local Treasurers will appreciate the amount of work that lies before me in getting all

these books examined, and the names put in alphabetical order for printing in the Historic Volume. At the best, I can only get it done by working night and day, and if the books do not come in promptly I cannot get the work done at all. I have therefore to ask each Minister to see his Local Treasurer and to ascertain whether the book has been sent in. If it has not, then I have to ask that its despatch be hastened. It will greatly relieve my work if, as I have already indicated the columns are added, the balance is struck, and the names of Y.P. Society members who contributed \$2.00, or upwards, and of Sabbath Schools who have contributed \$1.00, or upwards, are distinctly marked (x). Some Treasurers have put in the names in alphabetical order, which is a great saving to me, but I do not ask this where the books have been already otherwise prepared.

I am asking Ministers to do this for me, because Local Treasurers may not see Church Papers and so may not understand the urgency of the case. I am asking all the books in now, and if in any cases remittances which are not acknowledged in the Congregational books are sent afterwards, then, if they are accompanied with the names, I will put them in their proper book up to the time that the Historic Volume has to be put in the printer's hands.

Notes by Nemo.*

The Use and Abuse of Wine in Former Days.

Recently in reading the story of The Great Marquess* I was struck by the contrast presented by two passages which occur near to each other in that interesting book.

"On the evening of the day on which the death sentence was passed on Argyle, the Marchioness went down to Holyrood to intercede with the Earl of Middleton for delay at least, to all w time for an appeal to the King in the hope of obtaining a reprieve. She had an interview with him and found him confused with wine, yet quite able to understand the purport of her request. He treated her courteously; but we are told when she came to propose her suit he told her he could not serve her there. "It was," he said, "as much as his life was worth; and would, though he should give it be fruitless, for he had received three instructions of the King which he behooved to accomplish—to rescind the Covenants, to take the Marquess of Argyle's head, and to sheath every man's sword in his brother's breast! For days afterwards, it is said, that he was melancholy and irritated at the thought that in his drunkenness he had blabbed State secrets which had been entrusted to him, and that possibly he was a ruined man."

Not much help did that gentleman gain from wine in the critical hour of his life. Now take the other picture. It brings us near to the last scene in the life of the great Marquess.

"At twelve o'clock he dined with his friends and was quite calm and cheerful; and at dinner, according to his custom, he withdrew and lay down for a short nap. When he returned to the company he again expressed his sense of God's nearness to him, and of the Divine mercy in the forgiveness of his sins. The summons to execution was expected at two

o'clock in the afternoon. Some reference was made to the fact, when the Marquess discovered that the prison clock had been stopped since one, and that the hour of departure was now close at hand. He deprecated the would-be kindness which had prompted the action and raved aloud in affecting terms. As soon as he had ended, he received word that the baillies who were to conduct him to the place of execution were below and were waiting for him. On this he called for a glass of wine, and according to the quaint Scotch custom which long continued in use, asked a blessing upon it standing, and then said, 'Now let us go, God go with us.' When he had taken his leave of those in the room who were not to go with him, he said as he went towards the door, probably to one of his advocates, Mr. Mackenzie, that he would not die as a Roman braving death, but as a Christian without being affrighted."

This calmness and courage came not from the wine but from his steadfast faith in God. But surely these two pictures are intensely interesting as showing both the social customs and the moral life of the seventeenth century.

A New Book For The New Year *

This enterprising firm of Scottish publishers open the new year well. This handsome volume, an important contribution to the history of one of the most interesting periods in the commonwealth and church of Scotland, bears the date 1603; and we trust that before the new year becomes old it will have appealed to a large constituency. At present we can only give a brief notice and call attention to the nature and significance of this new historical essay. We hope, however, in the near future to refer more fully to its contents. Such a careful conscientious piece of work does credit to the author; and the style in which the work is presented to the public speaks well for the skill and good taste of the publishers. The ten beautifully finished illustrations add materially to the attractiveness and value of the volume; while the editorial material given in the appendix will be welcomed by the student of history. The body of the work is a clearly written biographical narrative, setting the life and work of a Scottish nobleman, who after a chequered and stormy career ended his days on the scaffold; in one sense a victim of political circumstances, in another a martyr for "the good cause."

In any case there would be a place for such a book, but specially so as there is "no regular biography of Argyle, beyond articles in biographical dictionaries." Surely there ought to be a full, clear biography of such a man, accessible to all who take an interest in the great movements of the past; whether this has been to many of us "a felt want" or no it is a real need. The Covenanters have suffered much at the hands of poets and romancers, and it is well that the impartial historian should vindicate their memory; Mr. Willcock in taking part in this work has rendered real service to his country and church.

The popularity enjoyed by Sheriff Aytoun's *Lays of the Scottish Cavalier* has induced many people to regard him as an authority on historical matters, and to ac-

*THE GREAT MARQUESS. The Life and Times of Archibald and the Earl and 1st (and only) Marquess of Argyle by John Willcock, B. D.; author of "Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromartie," etc. Oliphant Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh.

Bad Blood.

THE ROOT OF MOST TROUBLES THAT AFFLICT MANKIND.

Bad blood is the mother of fifty diseases. It causes disease wherever your body is weakest. Perhaps you suffer from pimples, pale cheeks, indigestion, neuralgia, rheumatism or general decline. In each case the cause is the same—bad blood. Strike at once at the root of the trouble by renewing and enriching your blood supply with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose helps to give you new, rich, red blood that will carry healing to every part of your body. Among the thousands who have proved the truth of these statements is Mr. Neil H. McDonald, Estmere, N.B., who says:—"I have found Dr. Williams' Pink Pills all that is claimed for them. I was completely run down, my appetite was poor and I suffered much from severe headaches. Doctor's medicine gave me no relief so I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A few boxes have restored me to good health and made me feel like a new man." Give the pills a fair trial and you will find new health and strength. Don't take a substitute or anything else said to be "just as good." See that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around the box. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail, post paid, at 50c a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

cept his defamation of the characters of prominent Covenanters as accurate portraiture. His special gifts and tone of mind, however, find more ample exercise and illustration in dealing with ideal personages like "Ta falant Fhairsion" than with those like MacCallum Mor, who belong to the actual world of history. In the body of the following work we deal with the view of matters given in the poems called "The Execution of Montrose" and therefore make no further comment upon it here, lest we exhaust the patience of our readers by slaying the slain an unnecessary number of times."

"Sir Walter Scott, in *A Legend of Montrose*, has introduced the Marquess of Argyll as one of his characters, and has delighted multitudes of readers by that brilliant novel. His unwillingness to deliver an open attack upon one so closely connected as Argyll was with the Covenanting movement, and one, moreover, who was regarded by so many as a martyr on its behalf, has led him to somewhat more subtle and effective methods of assault. Thus in his description of the battle of Inverlochy he seems to be labouring with all his might to set down all that can be said in defence of Argyll's procedure, while at the same time by skillful innuendoes he destroys the effect of his exculpation with a finish and completeness that Mrs. Candour might have envied. After reading the compositions of both writers, one is inclined to think that our eminent Covenanter would suffer less damage from being knocked down by Aytoun than from being picked up by Scott." (preface page xxi)

We commend this volume to the attention of all intelligent readers. Scotchmen in general, and the Campbell clan in particular, should have a special interest in it; but it deals with a large movement that has affected us all; and the tale it tells carries a lesson of abiding value.

*The Great Marquess by John Willcock, B. D., Oliphant Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh.

The Quiet Hour.

Paul at Thessaloni caand Berea.

S. S. Lesson 18th Jan; Acts 17th: 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: Psa. 119: 105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.

BY REV. GEO. B. MCLLROD, M. A. TRURO, N. S.

Came to Thessalonica, v. 1. What a world-traveller Paul was! And how many different sorts of people he would meet on his journeys. He would see the proud consul going through his Province with much display of soldiery, or the sick patient in search of health, or the commercial men, or the band of pleasure seekers. But Paul was on the road for far other purposes. He travelled for Jesus, and wished to represent the gospel of Christ. His one object was to bring glory to the name of the loved Master who had called him out of darkness into His marvellous light: Do we represent Christ as we travel through life?

Three sabbath days, v. 2. By working at his trade for self-support during the week, Paul sets us a noble example of independence, and also teaches us that in working for Christ we should guard ourselves against any charge of being mere money-makers.

Christ must suffer, v. 3. Think what we would lack if the Saviour had not suffered. We should not have known how great is the love of God to us. We should still be bearing the burden of our own sins. We should be deprived of His great example to encourage us and inspire us to bear our trials cheerfully and bravely. It was necessary, for our sakes that Christ should die, and so great was His love that He suffered willingly.

Rise from the dead, v. 3. It was as needful that Christ should rise from the dead as that He should die on the cross. He died so that He might obtain for us pardon of sin and help for right living. He rose that He might receive this pardon and help for us, and He lives now to give them to us.

This Jesus... is Christ, v. 3. These words point us, like an outstretched finger, to the Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth and Calvary, as our only Saviour. He is the only Teacher who can save us completely from ignorance and error; the only Leader under whose guidance we can never go astray; the only Example whom we can always safely follow: the only Sacrifice through whom we can receive pardon.

Consorted with Paul and Silas, v. 4. Worldly companionship has ruined many a young Christian, who has not followed the example of the converts of Thessalonica, and consorted with God's people. The friendship of the world is enmity against God. Again, some boast that they are strong enough to stand alone in the Christian life, but this boasting is often woefully punished.

Assaulted the house, v. 5. But the assaults of the crowd could not impede the progress of Christ. He was Lord of all, and ere many years passed, the citizens of this same place found out how true it was that Jesus had turned the world upside down. "In A. D. 390, the Emperor Theodosius, in revenge for some affront, ruthlessly massacred 1,500 of the inhabitants of Thessalonica. For this act, St. Ambrose, the great bishop of Milan, compelled the Emperor to do abject penance, refusing him communion for eight months.

until he submitted." So the gospel of Christ proved to be stronger than the empire of Rome. They who fight against God are engaged in a very one-sided battle, and they might as well submit at once, without conditions or delay.

Another king, one Jesus, v. 7. Who has so good a right to be crowned King and rule over men as Jesus? The winds and waves obeyed Him when He spoke. Disease loosed its hold on its victims at His word. His bidding brought back the dead to life. Evil spirits crouched in terror before Him, and bright legions of angels stood ready to do His will. He is the true King. And yet He says so graciously to us, "Come unto Me," "Abide in Me," "Follow Me." Who would not love and serve such a King as Jesus?

Went into the synagogue, v. 10. They walked into danger again. What a thrilling tale of adventure, if familiarity had not placed its cold hand upon our imagination! Yet Christian history is full of such bravery. Jesus makes heroes of people. Read such a life as that of James Chalmers, of New Guinea, and see him face death over and over again, without a shadow of dread and no change in his pulse.

Readiness of mind, v. 7. When we wish to do a thing, how easily we find reasons for doing it! And when we are unwilling, how quickly objections come into our minds! Our likes and dislikes resemble colored glass, which gives its own hue to objects seen through it. It is only when we are wise enough to lay them aside that we see things as they really are. And we need only to look at the teaching of Jesus fairly to see its beauty and value. Difficulties about the Bible usually vanish when we become willing to regard its teachings. Faith follows obedience.

A Prayer.

This was the prayer offered by the late Dr. Joseph Parker before the sermon at the last Thursday meeting in the City Temple, from which he went home to die:

Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy strong servants; for the men who have had something to say in Thy name, and have said it with tenderness and gentle suasion. We bless Thee for Thy servant Paul, for his massiveness and grandeur of soul; help us to enter into his purposes as he entered into the purpose of Christ, and may we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. We would not be strong in ignorance, in vanity, in selfishness; we would find all our strength in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Bless Thy servants who are here from all quarters, under all flags of a denominational kind, and unite their hearts in one great consent and sacrament of love. May we know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and all things rising and flowing from that sacred source.

We bless Thee that we are here; we have seen the Lord at noonday for many a long year; yea, He has been a Light above the brightness of the sun, and to-day He will be more gracious than ever.

Come to us as penitent sinners, broken-down men who are drinking the cup of self-humiliation and self-accusation, and speak to us according to the greatness of Thy grace. May we see the cross, may we lay

hold on the cross.

"In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

Amen.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Bible Study. One Verse at a Time.

Isaiah 55 4; Paper V.

BY MRS. ANNA ROSS.

Prayer at the beginning, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."

1st Clause. "Behold!"

"Ho!" at the beginning of the chapter, calls inattentive ears to listen. "Behold!" at the beginning of this verse calls inattentive eyes to look, lest we may miss what God knows we need to see.

What are we to look at?

We are summoned to look at that which the whole universe is regarding with interest and which we can least of all afford to disregard—at the great Redeemer, David's son and David's Lord as "given" to man. "Behold" Christ, and behold Him as God's unspeakable gift to us.

2nd Clause. "I have given Him"

That is not the whole of it, but it is enough at first. This has been a season of gifts. We understand well what a gift means. It is something we are free to take as our own. A gift is something we are more than free to take. To reject or neglect it, is felt to be a discourtesy to the one making the gift. The more promptly we accept of it, and the more heartily we appropriate and use it, the more do we honor both the gift and the giver. So free and more than free is God's gift of His own Son to us, "Behold! I have given Him."

We are accustomed to the words, but not to the thought. Comparatively few stop and look at it long enough to be able to take in the thought. Let us look at it calmly and intelligently until we have fairly grasped it intellectually as true for everybody, and then let it in deeper still as true for me. As it enters in to the heart as a reality for me, I shall be able to lift up that heart to the Giver and sing softly through: very reverence, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift." "Behold! I have given Him."

2nd Clause completed. "I have given Him as a witness to the people."

God has given Him to us as a witness, to tell us from Him what we do not know, and what we must know, if this tremendous existence upon which we have entered is to be a victory instead of a failure. Do we want an eternal victory instead of an eternal failure? Then let us thank God for a Witness who can tell us what we need to know; and let our daily attitude toward that Witness be, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Thus we are back again at the word of God, for it is in that book that Christ's testimony, and all that is preparatory to it, is written down for us. But it is more than a mere book now. It is the voice of God's appointed Witness.

3rd Clause. "A Leader and Commander to the people."

Thank God for this clause. Jesus Christ is more than a mere instructor. He is a living Leader under whom we can enlist. Man needs this. Man must have this if he is ever to make the best of himself. He needs a living, personal Leader, one who is his hero, one to whom he can be loyal, one for whom he can live. He needs this just as a dog needs a master.

A dog without a master is a pitiful object, and he feels it himself. He has not the dignity of a dog while he is sinking round

Our Young People

Training for Church Work.

—Topic for January 18.

Acts 2: 17, 18; Prov. 2: 1-8; Mark 1: 16-20
Thoughts on Topic.

The public school teachers in all progressive States are required to have a normal-school training. No one can become foreman of a printing-office who has not served an apprenticeship at setting type. No one can become a soldier without passing through the regular drill. Ship captains begin "before the mast." Everywhere, if there is to be efficiency and power, training must precede responsibility and authority. Should it not be so in the church?

And yet, before the Christian Endeavor Society was established, the church had absolutely no training school for its work. Now it has such a school, and a glorious one.

For what kinds of church work does our Society train its members?

By its prayer meetings it trains to public testimony for Christ. By its offices and chairmanships it trains to office holding in the church. By its missionary meetings it trains for the church missionary meetings. By its drill in giving it trains for the church benevolences. By its songs it trains for the musical service of the church. By its socials it trains for the work of conducting the church socials. By its lookout committee it trains for such work as that of the deacons. By its work with the associates it trains for evangelistic labors. By its union work it trains for the larger work of the churches in co-operation. Indeed, it would be quite impossible to name any kind of church work for which a well-equipped Christian Endeavor society is not training the young people.

The pastor is, and always should be, the head trainer; but the beauty of the Christian Endeavor Society is that the young people enter the work and keep it up of their own volition. If, as in the old days, the work all rested upon the pastor, it would be a burden too heavy for him to bear.

With our pastor's help, then, let us continue the work we have begun in this society trying in better and better ways to fit our selves for the great work into which we shall enter as soon as we have received our training—the work of carrying on God's kingdom in the earth.—C. E. World.

Pithy Paragraphs.

Wellington said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket field of Eton. Battles are always won by the preparation that come before, and the great battles of the church are won or lost by the preparation we are making for them, or are failing to make, in the Christian Endeavor Society.

Some people talking about church-work were comparing it to different parts of a locomotive, and saying that they would rather be the driving wheels of the church, its headlight, its bell, its brake, etc., when a modest young man spoke up and said, "I would rather be the coal than anything else, because, though it has to be burned up, it makes the engine go."

One of the most necessary things for the Christian to do for the church is to use in its service the same talents he uses in his daily occupation. Are you a clerk in a gro-

cery store? or a teacher? or a house-keeper? or a scholar in school? There are qualities you are using in your regular work that the church needs, and there is something in every line of daily work that you can put to good use in the church-work.

FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

In the Kingdom or Out.

BY W. H. WETHENBE.

The teachings of Christ make most apparent the truth that some people are in God's kingdom, and that other people are out of it. Notwithstanding all the talk in favor of the great fatherhood of God and the broad brotherhood of man, seeking to convey the idea that all people are the loved children of God, yet against those assumptions there stands most distinctly the very significant truth that not all people are in G d's kingdom. Nothing can be plainer than the fact that not by natural birth, nor by any personal meritorious works are people in that kingdom; all, by reason of natural birth and personal works, are outside of the kingdom. A rich man went to Christ one day and in a most reverential manner, asked Him this question: "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Did this man suppose that he was already in God's kingdom? Evidently he did not, else he would not have asked that question; and certainly Christ knew he was not in the kingdom, for he said: "One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." But the man "went away sorrowful." Why need he feel sorrowful if he were already in G d's kingdom?

Then notice what Christ at once said to his disciples: "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" Clearly enough these words prove that that man was not then in God's kingdom. Then in connection with those words Christ also said: "It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Surely this language denotes that some people are outside of G d's kingdom. A sharp, strong line is drawn between those who are in that kingdom and those who are out of it, and that line always did exist, and it certainly will ever continue to exist. No theology, new or old, can obliterate that line. No sort of theology can place inside of the kingdom of God those who, by nature and works, are outside of it. And notice the fact that Christ did not tell that man that if he would submit to baptism he could enter the kingdom; nothing of the kind. He told him to sell his property, give it to poor people, and he should have "treasure in heaven," and then added: "Come, follow me." Get into the kingdom, and then you can follow Christ. Christ lays down the terms of entrance into God's kingdom, and people must accept them, or remain out of the kingdom.

A bright little fellow was turning over the dusty leaves of the family Bible, when suddenly he asked his mother, "Mother, is this God's Book?" "Yes." "Why, then," said the tiny fellow, "hadn't we better send it back to God, for we never use it?"

with no master.

One day a curly brown water spaniel tried to attach himself to our household. We had a dog, and did not want another. But the stranger was gentle and humble and lingered round for scraps and kind words. It is hard to be stern to a forlorn stranger, so he got both. We were evidently in danger of having two dogs on our hands.

The annual county fair was to be held in Brucefield. A young friend was asked to take the dog with him and to lose him in the crowd. In the afternoon we drove through the village on our way to Clinton. The dog was running among the people, and simply the glance of an eye rested on him for a moment. That was enough. He took in the recognition, and was after us with a glad bound, and followed us with the joy and pride of a lost dog who has at last been recognized and owned by a master.

The action of the dog went to my heart. It touched me to see how glad he was to have a master to serve. But I saw in him a picture of many human lives round about, purposeless for want of a master, failures for want of a leader, for whom they can enthusiastically live or die. We were made to follow a loved and trusted leader. We were never constituted to merely revolve around ourselves. That makes anyone dizzy. The planets revolve around the sun, or they cannot be planets, and men must revolve around God, or he cannot be a real man, but only the hollow, unsatisfied, undeveloped semblance of a man.

Thank God, He "has given" His Son to be a leader and commander to the people, and the sooner we "behold" Him, and trustfully enlist under Him, and loyally follow Him, the better for us, and for those round about us.

Ottawa Ladies' College,
Dec. 28, 1902.

For Daily Reading.

- Mon., Jan. 12.—Through testimony. John 9: 8-17
Tues., Jan. 13.—Through prayer. Matt. 7: 7-12
Wed., Jan. 14.—Through Bible study. 2 Tim. 4: 14-17
Thurs., Jan. 15.—Through giving. 2 Cor. 8: 1-5
Fri., Jan. 16.—Through serving. Rom. 12: 9-13
Sat., Jan. 17.—Through obeying. 1 Pet. 5: 5-7
Sun., Jan. 18.—Topic. Endeavorers in training for church work. Acts 2: 17, 18; Prov. 2: 1-8; Mark 1: 16-20.

Forgetting the Past.

A. R. ADAMS, IN HERALD AND PRESBYTER.

Forgetting the past with its long, dreary years,
Forgetting my troubles, my doubts, and my tears,
I will live in the future for Jesus my Lord,
And walk evermore in the light of his word.

Forgetting the injuries from others received,
The follies and sins over which I have grieved,
I will use all the talents my Saviour hath given
In pointing lost souls to their homes up in heaven.

It has been said that the best preparation for service is the knowledge of our own weakness. That is why we put at the opening of our pledge the words, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

Sometimes those that try to help only succeed in hindering, because they do not first find out what help is needed and how it ought to be given. If we want to help the church, we must first get a clear idea of what the church is doing and trying to do, and then we must study its work and put ourselves in training for it.

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We congratulate the Toronto Presbytery and the Westminster Company on the appointment of Rev. James A. MacDonald to the managing editorship of the Globe. The change will be found distinctly to the advantage of the Toronto Presbytery.

Lord Roseberry, in the English House of Lords, speaking on the Education Bill said: "But what I confess, is sadder still is the religious aspect of this question. That nineteen centuries after the birth of Christ, the reformed churches of this country cannot agree among themselves upon a form of religious education which might be taught to children under fourteen years of age, is, I think, a grave subject of reflection and meditation to the friends of all these Churches."

Six months ago the Toronto Presbytery initiated a scheme of City Mission work under Deaconesses. The Presbytery did not call these good ladies Deaconesses, of course, but they did the work of the deaconess, and worked just as well under the better understood name of "Bible-women." Three consecrated women were put to work in three sections of the City, each being placed under the care of one of the sessions of the district, and instructed to make regular returns to that session and to the Presbytery. The scheme was on trial for six months, but so well has it worked that it is probable that it will, with some necessary modifications, be adopted finally and incorporated with the other schemes under the control of the Presbytery. In the report submitted it is stated that of something over 1100 families visited only 170 did not attend some church. This caused some surprise to those who had not done work among the non-church goers. Invariably the people who do not attend church will tell the visitor, that is the official visitor, that they attend the other church, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of England, as the case may be, to which the visitor does not belong. The careful visitor soon learns to put no value upon this declaration. It is probable that this or some similar plan may soon be put in operation in other cities. The Church has been altogether too slow in utilizing the services and talents of devout women.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION AND POINTE AUX-TREMBLES.

The condition of the funds of the French Board are such as to demand attention. For the last few years, the revenue has fallen off considerably. For the ordinary French Fund, the receipts from the church were, last year \$17,050, compared with \$23,400 in 1895. The receipts for the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, last year, deducting fees, were \$7,095, as compared with \$9,500 in 1895. To make good the shortage last year, the Reserve Fund was drawn upon to the extent of \$6,000. At present, the French Evangelization ordinary fund is \$13,400 in debt, and the Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund \$5,200, in debt. On the basis of last year's receipts, there will be a shortage in both funds of upwards of \$11,000, and no available Reserve fund on which to draw to make good the shortage.

The claims of these funds seem to have been neglected in many quarters of recent years, and unless there is a very large increase in revenue it will become necessary to contract the work of the Board. This will be a matter of deep regret, more especially in connection with Pointe-aux-Trembles, where such admirable work is being done. We learn that the communion was dispensed there on Sabbath last, when fourteen of the pupils professed their faith in Christ and were received into fellowship with the church. It is hoped in connection with the distribution of missionary moneys, which soon took place in many congregations, that the claims of this work will be duly considered, and grants made in accordance with the requirements.

Will not many Sabbath Schools who, heretofore, have done little for this work, each become responsible for the support of a pupil at Pointe aux Trembles. The cost of this is \$50 per annum. When a Sabbath School agrees to contribute \$50., a particular pupil is assigned to it, concerning whom information is sent to the Sabbath School from time to time.

STATE OF THE FUNDS.

The Rev. Dr. Warden sends us the following comparative statement of receipts for the schemes of the Church, to 31st December.

	1900.	1901.	1902.
Home Missions	\$22,586.86	\$26,951.21	\$40,829.84
Augmentation	3,211.55	3,292.63	4,457.38
Foreign Missions	32,106.71	33,746.49	36,935.82
French Evangelization	5,878.73	5,543.43	8,321.40
Pointe-Aux-Trembles	3,166.47	1,744.19	3,083.05
Wid' & Orphan's fund	2,981.19	1,699.65	2,673.01
Ag'd & Infirm Min. "	1,675.24	1,164.52	2,093.63
Assembly Fund	2,269.98	2,132.90	2,536.31
Knorr College	1,293.81	1,310.51	1,194.70
Queen's College	380.95	354.97	429.79
Pres. College, Montreal	277.27	28.92	441.27
Manitoba College	1,163.39	908.23	996.55

The year ends on 28th February 1903. All contributions should reach the Treasurer's office on or before the evening of that date.

The Rev. Dr. Gordon, the principal elect of Queen's University, is expected in Kingston early in the New Year. He comes in deference to the earnest request of the local Trustees who feel that the general interests of the University require his presence. It is not likely that he will do much in the way of teaching during the present term. Dr. McComb will probably spend the remainder of the college session in Halifax, lecturing to the students there in the place of Dr. Gordon.

THE MARTYR ISLE.

This work is more than an autobiography. It is a description of the Island of Erromanga, and of the group of which it forms an important member; it is an account of the manners, customs, pursuits and superstitions of the people, a statement of the resources and productions of the island, and a history of mission work thereon. And what a history! The reader must be of a sluggish temperament, indeed, if his pulse is not quickened as he peruses the tragic story of the martyrdom of John Williams, James Harris, the Gordon brothers and Mrs. Ellen C. Gordon. Nor will his interest cease even then. Other incidents and scenes will hold his attention without flagging till the very end. The plots which were formed to kill the Robertsons and to put an end to Christianity on the island, and the providential way in which these diabolical plots were frustrated, make an exceedingly entertaining narrative; while the splendid triumphs of the Gospel among a people who were once so steeped in degradation awaken a feeling of gratitude that a man of Mr. Robertson's sympathetic nature, hopeful spirit, and consecrated heart should be permitted to labor so long on the martyr isle.

Though the subject with which the author deals is naturally a grave one, yet the book is by no means destitute of humor, and the best of it is, that the humor often scintillates where it is least expected. Sometimes in the midst of a very exciting scene the reader is forced to smile by some amusing remark interjected in the story. The manner in which Mrs. Robertson and her lady visitor flew into each others arms, again and again, one night during a series of earthquake shocks, the way in which Mr. Robertson found out that his milkman was becoming civilized, his attempts at match making, and his account of the marriage which did not come off are fine bits which relieve the tension of the story.

Some of the character sketches are very good. Evidently Mr. Robertson appreciated his two teachers and preachers, Yamot and Nosoreki, in much the same way as the late Dr. G. L. MacKay esteemed A Hoa and Tan He. It is a great tribute to the power of the Gospel in Erromanga, as well as in Formosa, that under its ennobling and purifying influence, such men as those mentioned could be taken out of the darkness or heathenism, and in a short time, made such burning and shining lights in the Church. It is another testimony to the fact that the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and that no man need be ashamed of it.

The mechanical work of the book is all that could be desired. The illustrations are excellent. The Editor, Rev. John Fraser of Sydney writes an extremely modest preface, but the notes which he has appended to the volume are very valuable. An appendix by Dr. Alexander Morrison, Government Botanist of Perth, Australia, on the physical features and flora of the New Hebrides, will be especially helpful to those who are inter-

*Erromanga, the Martyr Isle, by the Rev. H. A. Robertson. Edited by John Fraser, B.A., LL.D. Toronto: The Upper Canada Book Co.

ected in such studies. Mr. Robertson by his own careful researches, and by calling in the aid of others, has produced a work which will be enjoyed by every lover of missions, and which will always be a mine of information upon "The Martyr Isle."

THE CRITIC'S CORNER.

A Great Career. XIII.

Recently death has caused many vacancies in the high places of the Christian Church. In our own Church several prominent ministers, "men of light and leading," have been taken from us. In England the Free Churches suffered heavily in the closing days of the year through the removal of Hugh Price Hughes and Dr. Parker. And now the Church of England mourns the loss of its ecclesiastical chief, Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, "Primate of all England." The Pope continues upon the scene a marvel, if not of vigour, at least, of remarkable vitality, and we trust that he will have a peaceful New Year. The able men whom we have lost all died in harness, clinging to their work to the very last. They teach us that the strongest and the noblest must go; but they also show that high places and great influence in the true Catholic Church can only be gained by great, noble and self-sacrificing toil. These men did not belong merely to their own Churches; they had made themselves part of the larger life of humanity.

Dr. Temple climbed steadily upward as a hard working student, an able teacher, a faithful minister, a wise bishop until he reached the noblest position; and we believe through it all he lived in the spirit of the words, "He that is greatest among you let him be your minister (servant)." He was a fine scholar, a keen thinker, a wise administrator, a man who would have been a credit to any community and an ornament to any Church. I cannot attempt a complete biography or an elaborate eulogium; just a few words from my own recollection, that is all. I remember the "E-says and Reviews, and the stir that the book created, the panic in certain orthodox circles, the sharp replies, the "Aids to Faith" that were called forth. It was not that Dr. Temple's contribution was so alarming but he was condemned because of the company that he kept. The world does move a little; and the same book would hardly make the same sensation now. That noble essay on "The Education of the World" was a delight to my youthful mind, and it certainly was a fine embodiment of the modern spirit, the spirit that has moved great poets and thinkers since the days of Lessing. It is said that the writer became more conservative as he grew older. That may be: it is quite natural, but the man who wrote that essay could only cherish a conservatism of a noble kind, he could never be an obscurantist.

I remember that Dr. Temple, then, I believe, Bishop of Exeter, took an interest in the Temperance cause and at a meeting was pelted with bags of flour, small ones I presume, by the fueds of liquor; but he was not the man to be bothered by trifles of that kind. Rotten eggs or handfuls of flour may be less convenient than floral offerings but their weight as argument is very light; they simply show that selfish interests and vicious men are disturbed. Dr. Temple was a gentleman according to St. Paul's standard, ready to become all things to all men to win some; but ready, also, to face the fiercest opposition in his efforts to save the lost. A man of culture and courage, he was worthy

of promotion and it came.

With regard to the cause in which he spent the last of his strength that remained, the Church side of the Education question. We may differ from him and yet admire the courage and conviction that kept him to the last moment at his post.

I never heard the great bishop preach; but I have read many of his deliverances and admired his clearness of thought and his fine sense of justice, as he sought to bind the varied sections of his own Church into a living unity. We honour ourselves in recognising the worth of such a man.

VERAX.

There is something very solemn, as well as humbling to men, in the constant onflow of time, ceaseless, resistless for even a moment, sweeping onward in its march, every human being alike prince and peasant, philosopher and fool, rich and poor, the aged and the infant in days. And this is deepened by the absolute ignorance of all as to what the future may have in store for them. As to how we shall meet it, there is no option; all must walk by faith, not by sight. Happy they who strong in faith, can set their face to the way they have not travelled heretofore, singing as they go, "I will trust and not be afraid."

The General Assembly's Teacher Training Course has met with so much favor throughout the church that the demand for the October issue of the Teachers' Monthly containing the opening lessons of this course in the departments Scripture and Doctrine has completely exhausted the supply. It will be looked upon as a favor, if any who have copies of this issue, and do not wish to keep them, will send them to the Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee on Teacher Training Course, Rev. J. M. Duncan, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

Literary Notes.

The opening article in the January Cosmopolitan is "Pierpont Morgan, His Advisers and His Organization," by the editor. Then follow: "Paris, City of Beautiful Women"; "The Music of Nature"; "Roman Games" and other interesting articles, in addition to several short stories and the continuation of Merriman's story, "Barlasch of the Guard." The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, N. Y.

To any one unable to subscribe for several reviews or periodicals, "The Living Age," published every week, its contents made up from the world's choicest, current literature, offers an opportunity of getting a marvellously useful publication, in handsome form, at a moderate price. For full particulars see advertisement on last page of this paper; and take advantage of the liberal offer made therein.

Mr. MacKenzie Bell's religious lyric, "Lord, teach us to Pray," which is set to music as an anthem by Herr Georg Liebling, has been translated into German verse by the Rev. Professor Carl Glebe, of Boeheme, Westphalia, for use throughout Germany. The second edition of the anthem, just published in London, by Dr. Charles Vincent, has both the English and the German words.

The Missionary Statistics of the World for the year 1907 appear in the January number of this *Monthly Review of the World*.

These show the grand totals and all the principal Societies working in heathen lands and are in themselves a conclusive argument for the efficiency of Foreign Missions. In the General Missionary Intelligence are items of great interest. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2 50 a year.

ST. MARGARET'S CHRONICLE is decidedly the best publication we have ever seen issued by a Ladies' School. It is bright and newsy, and there is no nonsense about it. Typographically also it does credit to the College, being well printed and exceedingly neat in form. The Christmas number contains many interesting contributions from pupils and ex-pupils, and a large number of illustrations add value to the issue.

In the January number of the Ladies' Magazine is published the first picture of a series of "Canadian Girls" "The Debutante". Each month a different type of Canadian girl is to appear in the Magazine. "The Transformation of Miss Philura" is a remarkably good short story, and there are two or three other stories as well as a number of excellent articles on a variety of subjects. Under "Keystone of Style" we find many helpful suggestions. The Dyas Publishing Co., Toronto.

The January number of Harper's Monthly Magazine contains several articles with illustrations in tint, including "Arctic Whaling of To-day," "Chinese and Western Civilization," and "In the Tuscan Maremma." Other articles of special interest are "London's Oldest Art Club," "Bequerel Rays" and "The Coinage of Words." There are short stories by Roy Rolfe Gilson, Marie Van Vorst and several other clever writers, while Amelie Rives' story is concluded and Mrs. Humphrey Ward's is continued. Harper and Brothers, New York.

A CANNY COUNTRYSIDE by John Home. (Oliphant Anderson, and Ferrier, 30 St. Mary Street, Edinburgh. To use the cant of the London Reviewers we may say that this book belongs to the "Kail Yard" school of literature; but that term, originally one of contempt, has now become a title of honour. When all fair criticisms are made it is now evident that Barrie, Crockett and Ian MacLaren, have made real contributions to the literature of their country which have been welcomed and appreciated all around the world. This is the second edition of *A Canny Countryside*, and it is worthy of a cordial reception. It is printed in clear, bold type, and is in a neat strong binding. Those who desire a readable series of sketches, racy of auld Scotia's soil, will do well to order it through the nearest bookseller. If the writer has not the subtlety of Barrie, nor the generous idealism of Ian MacLaren, he has a quality of his own; his characters stand out in a clear, dry light, they are etched by a few sharp strokes. A brief quotation cannot do justice to a book of this kind, so next week we hope to reproduce a chapter for the benefit of our readers who may thus be led to procure the others for themselves.

Alderman Urquhart, a pronounced temperance man, and possessed of advanced opinions on many municipal questions, has been elected mayor of Toronto by a substantial majority. The *Globe*, *World* and *Star* supported Alderman Lamb's who took a third part.

only no so bonnie, and I hef lived here effer since, and I hef seen many sorrows, but more joys; to Himself be the praise.'

'Forty years!' exclaimed Sybil; 'what a long, long time! I did not think you could hef lived here so long as that.'

'Oh yes. I am an old woman, and it will not be fery long I will be here now. But Ronald has been a good son, and now you will be more to him than his old mother. I will not be mindin' that if you and he are happy.'

Morag's eyes filled with tears and she said no more.

Sybil felt uncomfortable; she rose and looked out of the window to see if Ronald was returning. He was not in sight, but she turned quickly to Morag.

'There iss a lady coming up the path,' she said, 'a young lady; who can it be?'

'It iss Mrs. Waldegrave's maid,' replied Mrs. Campbell, glancing out of the window. 'Grace Armstrong iss her name; she will be coming with a message for Ronald.'

Morag went to the door, and Sybil listened to the sweet, soft tones of the stranger's voice, and watched her from the window, as she departed, with half envious eyes. For there was something in her dress and movements so quiet and lady-like that Sybil felt instinctively was beyond her, use what efforts she would.

'You would hef liked Grace Armstrong had she been able to come in,' said Morag. 'She iss a bonnie lassie and fery sensible.'

After a short time Ronald returned, and the evening passed quickly. The next morning Sybil went back to Struthan in Ronald's boat. Mrs. Campbell walked down to the rough stone quay and watched them sail away. Then she turned homeward with a sigh.

'Ochone, ochone!' she cried, as her eyes filled with tears. 'My poor lad; my bonnie, bonnie lad.'

CHAPTER VIII.

THE TRIUMPHS OF THE ELECT.

'Will you go for a drive this morning?' asked Nial Mor Duff abruptly.

As he spoke he thrust a letter fiercely into the inner side-pocket of his coat and turned to his father.

The latter, looking somewhat stronger than when he last saw him, sat by the fire-side reading a little book on the Triumphs of the Elect.

What he perused evidently gratified him, for a gleam of satisfaction flitted across his pinched and withered features, and he turned the pages now and again with a smile of calm and settled conviction.

With a glance of annoyance, like one awakened from a pleasant dream, he answered pettishly, 'No; it is too cold and raw to-day.'

Nial Mor went to his own room, and stood for a moment or two with clouded brow. Then he changed his coat, picked up a pair of gloves, and returned to his father.

'I'm going for a long ride,' he said; 'but I shall be back for lunch.'

His father gave a nod of acquiescence, and again settled down to his book.

It has been already suggested that Mr. Fergus Duff was a bright example of the man who is bent on making the best of both worlds. Beginning life as an exceptionally sharp lawyer, he soon became a noted figure among those who laid up treasures on earth as well as treasures in heaven. His wealth increased with mysterious rapidity; so that he was able to purchase an extensive Highland estate while yet young. He took immense interest in Bible Societies, Evangelical

Associations, and the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts. Before the multitude he appeared a wealthy man of exemplary piety and zeal; but in circles where much is known of what goes on behind the scenes he was watched with suspicion or jeered at as one of the 'unco guid.'

An instinctive natural affection bound him to his son; otherwise they had not much in common. Nial Mor had had no professional or commercial training, and had been purposely kept in the dark concerning the business affairs in which his father had been, or was still, interested.

As to religion, the sour Calvinism which oozed like a black bog-stream through all Fergus Duff's pious talk, had, together with his sordid worldliness, nearly converted his son into an atheist.

It is not surprising, therefore, that conversation often flagged during their stay at Bath, and that as Mr. Duff grew better and stronger he was not unwilling to be left alone occasionally for a few hours.

And now for what Nial Mor had been in a particularly unhappy mood.

He had heard about the wreck of the 'Montreal,' and of the rescue of Waldegrave. It had given him another opportunity of writing to Fiona which he had eagerly seized; and he had contrived to convey into his expression of admiration for her bravery a tender, personal tone, and to hint of his unalterable regard for her.

But this letter was no true indication of his mind. In reality the news had awakened in him the utmost vexation and jealousy. When going away with his father for a few weeks he had congratulated himself that he had no rivals to fear. Fiona, in her lonely Highland home, was as much cut off from society as if she lived on a desert island away in the Pacific.

But who could tell what might happen now? He recalled G-offrey Waldegrave's handsome, soldierly presence, his high culture and gentleness, and a thousand times he wished that the young lieutenant was lying at the bottom of Loch-na Keal rather than in the house of Fasach with only a broken leg.

In his anxiety to obtain further information he had written to his man, Lachlan McCuaig—who was as cunning as a fox—requesting him to find out privately all that was going on, and to keep him regularly informed of it.

If It Be Clear at Sunset.

When shining bright 'mid gold and purple splendor,

The sun in regal beauty sinks to rest;
And tints of rose and richest crimson render
Their aid to make sublime the glowing west;
The storms that made the day so dark and dreary,

The howling winds, the rain that fiercely fell,
Are all forgotten in the scene so cheery.
If it be clear at sunset, all is well.

Life's transient day is full of care and sorrow,
The skies are often dark and overcast,
But hoping, longing for a bright to-morrow,
We know that it will clearer grow at last;
Clouds oftentimes shut out the blue of heaven,
But 'neath God's hand we still securely dwell,
And, trusting him, wait patiently for even.
If it be clear at sunset, all is well.

Never Knew Him.

A touching story is told of the child of a well-known French painter. The little girl lost her sight in infancy, and her blindness was supposed to be incurable. A famous oculist in Paris, however, performed an operation on her eyes and restored her sight.

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Her mother had long been dead, and her father had been her only friend and companion. When she was told that blindness could be cured, her one thought was that she could see him; and, when the cure was complete and the bandages were removed, she ran to him, and tremblingly pored over his features, shutting her eyes now and then, and passing her fingers over his face, as if to make sure that it was he.

The father had a noble head and presence, and his every look and motion was watched by his daughter with the keenest delight. For the first time his constant tenderness and care seemed real to her. If he caressed her, or even looked upon her kindly, it brought tears to her eyes.

"To think," she cried, holding his hand close in hers, "that I had this father so many years and never knew him!"

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Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

The New Year was ushered in in Toronto with a beautiful mild day, and already 1903 is fairly on its way. Services were held in many of the churches both to see the old year out and the new year in. To thoughtful people, at least, this way of closing the departing year and welcoming the new one must always feel to be most appropriate.

The close of the old year was overshadowed by the feeling of startled horror, at the fearful railway disaster, which, in a moment, hurried into eternity so many, some on their homeward journey, and some returning from glad family gatherings at home. Toronto, fortunately, had but few among the victims, but the one who met his death only a few hours after leaving his aged parents and a happy home, Mr. Archibald Douglas, Banker, Alminston, has called forth an expression of very deep and wide-felt sympathy for his parents and their family, long and well known here. The case of his twin brother, who, a year ago last July, was drowned in the rapids just above Mattawa, returning from a canoeing trip, will be remembered by many who knew of it in the Ottawa Valley.

An announcement which would almost take away the breath of some, but not so strange to those who have been watching the trend of things, was that of the appointment of Rev. J. A. Macdonald to be managing editor of the *Globe*. He has been well known as editor of the *Westminster Presbyterian*; and it will be interesting to see how one, who has been thought by not a few to have shown conservative leanings in the past, will play the part of a model liberal; and how a clergyman, whose moral rule of conduct is supposed to be inflexible, will do duty for politicians, a principal article in whose creed and conduct is usually believed to be, compromise give and take. The editor of such a journal as the *Globe* holds both an enviable, and an unenviable place from the service he may render or fail to render to the country, from the tone he may give or fail to give to the discussion of great public questions of all kinds; and for its treatments of public men of all parties and creeds. In this respect because of the new editor's clerical profession, the country without regard to party will expect, and has a right to expect, that the tone and spirit of this leading newspaper will be high and helpful.

A still more surprising event in the political world, is the public renunciation and denunciation of the liberal party, its government and all its doings by Hon. S. H. Blake. Fortunately it is no part of our duty here to defend the doings of either party; but it will strike very many as strange that, if the party he has left has been so long in the corrupt and debased state he describes, he should not have discovered it before, and should so long have kept silence; and that he who knows so well all about both parties, should leave one in the expectation of finding unsullied purity and absolute justice, truth and righteousness in the other. People naturally ask, what is the real, true inwardness of this sudden change, and so far as yet can only guess.

This city is troubled at this writing with a superabundance of candidates for the mayoralty, no fewer than four being in the field. As nothing except a horse race is so uncertain, said to be, as an election, the voting day is awaited with keen interest both by candidates and their friends. The sense of the importance of good municipal government is decidedly growing in some quarters at least, and without prophesying, we content ourselves with expressing the hope that the mayoralty, and the management of city affairs for the coming year may fall into good hands—the best hands.

The Lord's Day Alliance, which, since the appointment as its travelling secretary of Rev. Mr. Shearer, has made such steady progress, has now felt justified in carrying out a recommendation passed at the annual meeting, to give him assistance in his work. The Rev. T. Albert Moore, President of the Hamilton Methodist Conference, has been chosen as official secretary of the Alliance for Ontario, and assistant secretary for the Dominion, and will enter fully upon his duties next July.

Referendum returns still come in and the

latest bulletin gives the majority for the Liquor Act of 96.026, and expressed in percentages, 65.9 for and 34.1 against.

The last Sunday of the year, the Canadian Temperance League made a great pledging-signing day. Pledge cards were handed to each person on entering the hall, and 1216 were returned signed. Miss Eva Booth was the speaker, and she expressed herself as greatly encouraged by the large vote for closing the bars.

According to a long standing custom now in this city, arrangements have been made under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance for the observance of the week of prayer. The meetings will be held in the hall of the Young Women's Christian Guild, will be presided over each day by some well known christian layman, and addressed by ministers representing the different Protestant bodies in the city.

The conference of educationists already referred to in this letter, to make arrangements for the distribution of the Rhodes' scholarships, was held here on the 20th ult., in the education department, and was largely attended by representatives of the degree conferring educational institutions in the province. The main features of the distribution and arrangement made appear to be that, one scholarship should be assigned to each province of Canada, and one to the territories, that the best men should be sent, not less than 21 years nor more than 25 years of age, and preferably graduates. Dr. Parkin, who is entrusted with this important matter, pointed out that after two years, 24 Canadians would be continuously receiving their education at Oxford, and in receipt of \$1,500 a year under the terms of Mr. Rhodes' will.

The Conservatory of Music, under the able management of Dr. Fisher, has so increased the number of its students, as to make it necessary to add to it accommodation for carrying on its work. Additional land has been acquired adjoining the present premises, on which are two buildings, one of which will be fitted up as a residence for a limited number of pupils, and placed in charge of Miss Denzil who, as well as Dr. Fisher, is well known to many in Ottawa.

I may mention, in closing, that in building operations the past has been a record year in Toronto. The total value of buildings erected or on the way amounting to the value of upwards of five million dollars.

Western Ontario.

The Session of Westminster Church, Mount Forest, have arranged for a series of special services during the month of January.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, in St. Andrew's Church, London, has commenced a series of four sermons on "Life's Problems."

The young people of St. Andrew's church, Bayfield, has been discussing the subject: A revival of religion and how to get it.

Miss McDonald of the First church, Chatham, was made the recipient of a very handsome present on Christmas eve by the young ladies of her S. S. class.

The New Year's services in Chalmer's church, Guelph, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, was well attended and very impressive.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of Chatham Presbytery, held in Chatham on January 2nd., a unanimous call from Bothwell, Florence, etc., in favour of Rev. G. C. Little, B. A., of Corbeton, was duly sustained.

The fiftieth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith into the ministry of the Presbyterian church, was celebrated by special services in Knox church, Galt, last Sabbath. Dr. Smith is again a resident of Galt, where he spent so many years of a fruitful ministry.

Mr. T. Robinson, Knox College, student very acceptably occupied the pulpit of the Cromarty church on Sabbath last in behalf of the Students' Missionary Society, the church being well filled with an appreciative and interested audience. A good collection was the result.

The anniversary of Knox church Sunday school, South London, was the most successful of its kind yet given. There was large attendance; and addresses were delivered by Superintendent McAlpine, Principal McQueen, James Johnston, and the pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, who occupied the chair.

Rev. E. A. Henry just inducted pastor of Knox church has been tendered a reception by the congregation. The large Sunday school-room was crowded. Rev. R. Martin, who acted as moderator in the call, was chairman. Short addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Pastor P. W. Philpott, Rev. J. K. Unsworth, and Rev. J. H. Hazlewood. A good musical programme was presented, and refreshments were served. During the evening T. I. Stewart, as treasurer of the church, presented to Rev. Mr. Martin a cheque for \$200, in recognition of his services as interim moderator.

On the evening of the 30th ult., the induction of Rev. E. A. Henry, late of Brandon, took place in Knox church, Hamilton, the pulpit of which was vacated by Rev. Dr. Fraser, owing to continued illness. Rev. R. Martin presided. Those on the platform were: Revs. Dr. Lyle, Dr. Fletcher, A. MacWilliams, J. Young, Neil Leckie, S. H. Grey (Dundas), Mr. Ratcliffe, J. H. Black, Messrs. W. H. Wardrope, K. C., and A. I. McKenzie. Rev. S. H. Grey preached the sermon; Rev. J. H. Radcliffe delivered the charge to the minister; and Rev. Dr. Lyle addressed the congregation. Mr. Henry enters on his work in Knox church at the unanimous call of the people, and with every prospect of a useful and successful pastorate.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Bayne and Rev. N. G. Henderson, of Pembroke, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery will meet at Arnprior on Jan. 20th at 10:30 o'clock.

Anniversary services will be held in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, Sabbath next.

Rev. Mr. Bayne, of Ashton, preached a missionary sermon in the Methodist church, Munster, last Sabbath afternoon.

The 25th annual convention of the S. S. Association of the Presbytery of Glengarry will be held in Knox church, Cornwall, on Jan. 20th and 21st.

Rev. Mr. Myers, of Manotick, occupied the pulpit of the third line Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, in exchange with the Rev. Mr. Wood, of Richmond.

Rev. James Potter, Kingston, preached in Perth last Sunday in behalf of the sailors' mission fund, and managed, as indeed is always the case, to make his subject most interesting to his hearers.

The series of revival meetings conducted by Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo, assisted by Rev. A. Eadie, of Bethany church, Hintonburg, was brought to a close on Friday evening of last week.

The annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial W. F. M. S., will be held at Smith's Falls on the 14th and 15th inst. Miss Jamieson of Ujjain, India, is expected to be present.

The ladies of St. Paul's church, Franktown, held a pleasant social at the home of Mr. R. F. Campbell on New Year's night. The proceeds were in aid of the new church.

A pleasant feature of an enjoyable social on Christmas evening, in St. Andrew's church, second concession of Lancaster, was the presentation of a purse of \$120 to Rev. J. U. Tanner by members of the congregation.

We regret to learn that the health of the wife of Rev. James Rattary, of Eggleville continues to give grave concern to her friends. Mrs. Rattary recently underwent an operation in St. Luke's hospital, Ottawa, but without the expected good results.

At the annual Christmas entertainment in the Centreville church, the pastor's sister, Miss Mary C. McIntosh, was the recipient of an address from the members of the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., and ladies of the congregation, expressing a deep sense of gratitude for the many services she had rendered them. The address was accompanied by a handsome gold watch as a slight evidence of their appreciation and esteem.

The worthy pastor of Moose Creek has been extending the hospitality of the new manse to the elders, deacons and members of the building committee, on Christmas night, on which occasion Mr. Hugh McIntosh was called to take the chair. Speeches were delivered by all who were present, the elders and committee expressing their delight in seeing their pastor in the new manse and wishing he might live to occupy it for many years. The pastor responded in a

lengthy speech, touching on the work done, the guidance of God in his life and his desire to see a great revival in his congregation. The chairman, on behalf of those present, in fitting words presented Mrs. Beaton with a purse.

The Rev. J. U. Tanner, B.A., of Lancaster, Ont., spent New Year's with his parents in Windsor Mills.

The trustees of Queen's University are making preparations for an informal reception to the new principal, the Rev. Dr. Gordon, on Jan. 13. It is understood that the students and faculty will meet the principal at the train, and he will be conducted to the City Hall or to the University, where addresses and speeches suitable to the occasion will be made.

The Maxville Presbyterians had a happy Christmas entertainment when their justly popular minister was not forgotten. Rev. James Cormack was presented with a valuable fur-lined overcoat. Of course the social could not be other than a marked success when gotten up by the ladies of Maxville and neighborhood.

Here are some interesting facts respecting the Glengarry Sunday School association, which is announced to meet at Cornwall on the 20th inst.: Organized at St. Elmo Sept. 27th, 1881. Two conventions held in 1883, 1884, 1885. Undertook to build Glengarry chapel in Formosa, 1883—cost \$250. Resolution to support native teacher in Glengarry chapel, 1886; cost \$100. Resolution to continue native teacher in Formosa permanently, at a salary of \$120 per annum, 1887. A second missionary proposed for Central India, 1892. Resolutions carried to support four student missionaries in Central India, 1895. Since 1895 these five native Christian Workers have been supported by contributions from the schools of the Presbytery of Glengarry. Sunday School institutes held in 1899 and 1900 at Dunvegan and Gravel Hill. A good record.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. R. A. Cranston of Cromarty has been spending his Christmas holidays at his home in Caledon East.

Rev. R. V. McKilbi, and family are now settled at Magnetawan. Mr. McKilbi for the past two years has had charge of Loring and related charges, where he did excellent work. His new field is a large and important one, and there also he will give a good account of himself in the way of faithful services.

The Sundridge Knox church Christmas social proved a great success. The Rev. J. Becket presided in his usual happy manner and did much to make the evening a pleasant one for those present. The programme was varied, entertaining and instructive and very creditable to all who took part. Proceeds \$16.00.

The tenth Anniversary services of Bradford church were conducted by Rev. J. A. Brown, of Agincourt, whose sermons were eloquent and thoughtful and likely to prove helpful and encouraging to all who were privileged to hear him. Rev. Dr. Smith took the services at Agincourt.

The induction of Rev. Hugh Ross, as pastor of Airie Church, took place on the 30th inst. Rev. J. A. McConnell, of Creemore, presided; Rev. Mr. Allison, of Stayner, preached the sermon; Rev. Mr. Paton, of Angus, addressed the minister; and Mr. Allison the people. In the evening the church was well filled at the reception given the newly inducted minister; and abundant refreshments were provided. The proceeds amounted to \$90.00.

Rev. Dr. Barclay has been appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. MacVicar on the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, and he will bring with him to the office wide experience in educational matters, having been a member of the school board in Edinburgh, Scotland, before he came to Canada to St. Paul's Church, Montreal in 1883. Dr. Barclay has several times preached before the late Queen, fills a number of positions in the city in which he lives; and was recently offered the chair of principal of Queen's University; and more recently was appointed, along with Dr. Scrimger, to carry forward the work of the late Dr. MacVicar in the Montreal Presbyterian College.

Miss L. H. Gilchrist, now of Woodville, but for a long time actively connected with the Christian activities of Knox church, Beaverton, was made the recipient of a double presentation at a social entertainment under the auspices of

the Ladies Aid Society of the congregation. First came the gift of a beautifully worked auto-graph cushion from the mission band, the address was read by Miss Annie Calder, Secretary-treasurer, and the presentation was made by two little girls of the band—Floramel Cameron and Gracie Leigh. The neat presentation came from the Aid Society and friends of the congregation. The address was read by Miss Mary Calder, Secretary of the Aid Society and the presentation was made by Misses Edith Moore, Jean Campbell, and Belle Galloway and consisted of a lady's beautiful dressing case, fountain pen, and 12 volumes of carefully selected books, six of them being padded leather bound poets.

Winnipeg.

Dr. Bryce, moderator of the General Assembly, has returned from his territorial tour in the interests of Manitoba College. Several thousand dollars were received, Regina Presbytery giving \$3,200, with only three self-sustaining congregations, and Moose Jaw \$1,100.

Montreal.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, of Montreal, who is a popular lecturer on a number of interesting subjects, can be secured on favorable terms to address Sunday School anniversaries and church social meetings. Among the topics treated are the following: What I saw in Italy; A peep at England and the Continent; a look at Germany and the Rhine; and several others equally as attractive.

Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Montreal, Presbyterian College, is suffering from a sprained wrist, and carries his arm in a sling. The injury resulted from a fall during the slippery weather.

St. John, N. B.

The session of St. John's Church, in this city, have entered heartily into the Forward evangelistic movement, and are holding special services every Sunday evening. For some time before Easter it is intended to hold enquiry meetings at the close of each service. The members of the congregation, especially the elders, distribute a number of leaflets, on which are printed hearty invitations to be present, along with the subject of the sermon.

Ottawa.

At the evening services in Bank Street church last Sabbath Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., interim Moderator, preached and declared the pulpit vacant. At the morning service Rev. Neil McGillivray, of Carp, was the preacher.

At a special meeting for prayer of the Bank Street auxiliary of the W.F.M.S., Mrs. Harvey gave an address followed by a bible reading in which all the members joined. Mrs. Dewar presided.

Village Life in India, was the subject of a bright and inspiring address given by Mrs. Craig, a returned missionary, at a public meeting under the auspices of the Knox church auxiliary to the W.F.M.S. The address was particularly interesting as dealing more especially with the life of the women Mrs. Alexander presided and the pastor, Rev. D. M. Ramsay was present.

Miss McLean had charge of the special meeting for prayer, under the auspices of the Stewartry Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. Mrs. J. B. Halkett gave a short address on the power of prayer and the need of it. Rev. Mr. Herbison took part in the service. The ladies taking part were Mrs. Moore, Miss Stewart, president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Ardley, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Miss Mina Stewart, Miss Aitchison and Miss Margaret Carruthers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Missionary society of St. Andrew's church was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There was an unusually good attendance. Mrs. Herridge, the president, occupied the chair. After routine a short, interesting paper was read by Mrs. Herridge on Contemplation. Mrs. Gillean read a letter from Dr. McLaren, the new superintendent of missions. The next meeting will be the annual, at which the election of officers will take place.

A meeting of Ottawa Wesleyan Presbytery was held on Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Waddell was released from the charge at Shawville. Several items of interest came before the Presbytery; but we

are compelled to hold over report till next issue.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies Aid of Knox Church satisfactory reports were read and the following officers elected: Mrs. H. F. Campbell, re-elected president; Mrs. Robert Masson and Mrs. F. J. Jarvis, vice-presidents; Mrs. Hugh Rowatt, secretary; Miss Stalker, treasurer; Mrs. John Robertson, convener of poor relief committee; Mrs. Robert Masson, convener refreshment committee; Mrs. Allen, convener reception committee; Mrs. Thos. Mc Janet, convener entertainment committee. It was stated that \$10 each would be given both the Protestant and St. Luke's hospitals.

Western Ontario.

Rev. R. W. Ross, of Knox Church, Guelph, has returned from a visit to the old land.

Dr. Johnston, of London, says, "No part of public worship is unimportant." Dr. Talling, in his volume on 'Extempore Prayer,' has done a good and necessary work in calling the attention of worshippers in pew and pulpit to the supreme importance of prayer and to the necessity as well as the possibility of a proper preparation for this great duty and priceless privilege. Had Dr. Talling done no more than call the attention of the church to the subject, his work would not have been regarded as without value; to treat it as he has done in this volume, comprehensively, reverently, is to make the Christian public his debtor.

Glengarry S. S. Convention.

The Sunday School Teachers of Glengarry County, along with their friends, meet in Convention at Cornwall on the 20th inst. A good programme has been provided. The President, Rev. P. F. Langill, of Martintown, will preside. Among the principal speakers are the following: Rev. F. Harkness will welcome the delegates and visitors; Rev. A. Graham of Lancaster, is to speak on the Deepening of Spiritual Life in the Sunday School; Rev. J. A. McFarlane, Director of the Canadian Bible Institute will deal with God's Word as Related to Intellectual Culture, and later on in the Conference will tell "How to Study the Bible;" Mr. W. J. Scott, of Lancaster, and Rev. J. U. Tanner will also take part in the proceedings, the latter dealing with "The Old Book in the New Century." This is only a small portion of a rich programme. Superintendents or secretaries of Sunday Schools are requested to send a list of delegates to the convention to Wm. Dingwall, Cornwall, at least one week before the date of meeting.

Assembly Travelling Arrangements

As numerous enquiries are being received, I think it well to state that the matter of going to Vancouver by one line of railway, and returning by another, is under consideration, but it will probably be some time before we receive a definite answer regarding this, as the arrangements have to be discussed with the American lines.

The rates in connection with the Assembly will be good for sixty (60) days, and there will be stop-over privileges granted between Winnipeg and the West. We are unable to effect any reduction in the regular sleeping car rates. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, however, offer to put on tourists sleeping cars at the reduced rates for these, provided a sufficient number to fill one can be assembled at several of the leading points, say at St. John, N. B., Montreal, Toronto and Fort William.

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Placards containing brief statements of the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco have been placed in five thousand school-rooms in Norway.

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A teacher was trying to interest his class in foreign matters, and asked: "Does any one know how to make a Maltese cross?" "Sure," responded the smallest boy of the lot. "Tell us how," said the teacher. "Step on her tail."

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Johnny Cake.—One pint corn meal, 1 teacup flour, 2 eggs, 1 pint of sweet milk, 1 tablespoon each melted butter and molasses, a little salt, and 2 teaspoons baking powder. Bake in square tins. Serve hot but is also good cold if left over.

Popcorn Pudding.—Select nicely popped corn and soak in sweet milk for an hour or two. When soaked, add 2 well-beaten eggs, more milk if needed, a pinch of salt, and sweeten to taste. Put in a pudding dish and bake. Serve while hot.

Beetsteak Rolls.—Cut tender steak in nice sized pieces for serving, season, and spread each piece rather thickly with onions which have been sliced thin and fried for 10 minutes in plenty of butter. Roll up tightly, tie with a string, put in a baking pan with a little good stock or gravy, and bake until done. Five minutes before taking them from the oven, spread soft butter over each.

Apple Cream.—Pare and core tart apples. Slice and weigh, and to 3 lbs fruit allow 1 cup sugar. Turn into a granite kettle, add the grated rind and juice of 1 small lemon, 2 cloves, and 1 inch stick cinnamon. Let simmer slowly, until the apples are very tender, then rub through a colander. Scald 1 pt. rich fresh cream, mix with the apple pulp and set on ice until ready to serve.

Smothered Codfish.—To 1 pint boiling milk add 1 tablespoon butter and two tablespoons flour rubbed together and moistened with cold milk. Stir constantly until it thickens. Have ready 2 eggs beaten very light, pour the mixture on them being careful not to cook the eggs. Place a layer of cold boiled codfish in the bottom of a baking dish, sprinkle with pepper and salt, cover with a layer of the same and repeat until it is all used. Cover the top with bread crumbs and bake 20 minutes.

Bananas as Food.

Bananas are said to contain more nitrogenous and nutritive matter than any other fruit, and the advocates of fruit diet are bringing this fruit forward as a more staple article of diet than it has been considered hitherto.

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"Bananas go well with beef, lamb, poultry, in fact, any kind of meat," says a noted authority on this subject. A simple, novel and enjoyable way of preparing them is as follows:

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 Kamloops, Revelstoke, March, 4 10 a.m.
 Kootenay, Nelson, B.C., Feb. 17.
 Westminster, Chilliwack, 1 Sept. 8 p.m.
 Victoria, Victoria, 2 Sept. 10 a.m.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST

Brandon, Brandon, Superior, Port Arthur, March.
 Winnipeg, Man. Coll., bi-mo
 Rock Lake, Crystal City, 17 Feb.
 Glenboro, Glenboro.
 Portage, Portage la P., 2 Sept., 7 p.m.
 Minnedosa, Minnedosa, 17 Feb.
 Melita, at call of Moderator.
 Regina, Moosejaw, Feb.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

Hamilton, Knox, 6 Jan. 10 a.m.
 Paris, Woodstock, 13 Jan. 11 a.m.
 London, London, Glencoe, 11 Nov. 11 a.m.
 Chatham, Chatham, 13 Jan. 10 a.m.
 Stratford, 11 Nov.

Huron, Goderich, 30 Jan 11 a.m.
 Sarnia, Sarnia, 9 Dec. 11 a.m.
 Maitland, Wingham, 16 ec. 10 a.m.
 Bruce, Paisley, 2 Dec. 11 a.m.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

Kingston, Belleville, 9th Dec. 11 a.m.
 Peterboro, Port Hope, Dec. 9 2 p.m.
 Whitby/Pelk ring Jan 20 10 a.m.
 Toronto, Toronto, Knox, 1st Tues. ev. mo.
 Lindsay, Lindsay, 16 Dec. 11 a.m.
 Orangeville, Orangeville, 13th Jan.
 Barrie, Dec. 9th 10 a.m.
 Owen Sound, Owen Sound, 2 Dec. 10 a.m.

Algoma, Blind River, Sept.
 North Bay, Parry Sound, 30 Sept., 9 a.m.
 Sauguen, Palmerston, 9 Dec., 10 a.m.
 Guelph, Hespeler, 20th Jan. 10.30 a.m.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

Quebec, Quebec, 9 Dec.
 Montreal, Montreal, Knox, 9 Dec
 Glengarry, Maxville, 15 Dec. 7.30 p.m.
 Lanark & Renfrew, Arnprior, 20 Jan 10.30 a.m.
 Ottawa, Ottawa, Bank St. 1st Tues Nov.
 Brockville, L'yn, 9 Dec. 2.30 p. m.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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

P. E. I. Charlottetown, 3 Feb.
 Pictou, New Glasgow, 4th Nov. 1 p.m.
 Wallace, Oxford, 6th May 7.30 p.m.
 Truro, Truro, Jan, 20 10 30 a.m.
 Halifax, Chalmers Hall, Halifax, 26th Feb., 10 a.m.
 Lunenburg, Rose Bay.
 St. John, St. John, Oct. 21.
 Miramichi, Chatham, 24th June.

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