


IB. RUSKIN ON FEMALE ATTIRE. Mr. Ruskin adrises his girl readers as follows:
"Dress as plainly as your parent will allow you, but in bright colors, (if they become you,) and in the best ma-
terials-that is to say, in those which terials-that is to say, in those which
wear the longest. When you are reallyin want of a new dress, cat it :(or make it) in the fashion; but never quit an old one merely because it has beeome nfashionable. And if the fashion be costly, you must not follow it. You may wear broad sthpes or narrow, ish you ; bat you neust not buy pablic ouseless stuff to mathe a knot of a $a^{4}$ Hounce of, nor drag them bebind you dress must netef totitrk the loroind at I I arwerast nmueh of the faith I in the parsonal delicancis of the and present
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maker, with fhe atmost attainable premaker, with sthe utmest a attainable pre
cision and perfection; but let this good dressmaker be a poor person, liting i large house in Loidon. Tearn dress making yourself, with pains and time and use a part of every day in needle can for poor as pretty dresses as you nor taste to make them nicely for them selves. You are to show them in you graceful, and to help them to boos what will be prettiest and most becom ing in their own station. If they see will not try to dress above theirs."

THE LORD'S PRAYER. The following beautiful para
redited to M. Pierre Bernard:


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The London correspondent of the Brislarmest, but $I$ happen to know on the very best a athoritit that muck wneeasine Prinee of Wales. He Huffers from clott given to understand, frequently follows bad attacks of typhoid fever. This, I am
told, is not dangerous so long as it fined to the extremities, but is exceeding.
ly dangerous if oon of these clotst come
in the region of the heart. His Royal
Highness has been informed of his exact position, ard has not unnaturally of late
been considerably depressed in conse-
quence, Of course he may live, to a good
old age, but at present the odds are

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A little girl in Reading, Pa., recently
aaw an old drunken man lying on the doort face, and a crowd of children preparing to
make fun of him. She took her little apron and wiped his face, and looking up
so pitifully to the rees, made this remark,
"Oi "andpa,"

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 All Wesleyan Ministers are Agents.
 $\xlongequal{ }$ IGNORANCE OF DOCTRINE journal of Dr. Norman McLeod, as published in his memoir recently given to the public. In preparation for tse
Iord's Supper, he recoived the follow. Lord's supper, he reve intending come
ing answers from two
manicants :-

 minner P No. Did you neverr sine and do
you lore God perfectly Y Yes. Lest any reader may regard this as it may be stated that the place was
Glasgow-the Barony Kirk of that
goodly city,-and the intending communicants were of that class who were
drilled in catechisms, and fostered by the parochial ministrations of the first
orators of the day. The record, moreover, was made but twenty years ago.
Dr.McLeod prefaces this entry with an expression that the answers "illustrate a fact respecting the possibility of per-
sons being regular in church all their lives, and yet remaining ignorant of bly as well as beautifully said is this other inference which follows : "There
are men who no more grasp the truth are men who no more grasp the truth
which they seem to hold, than the sparrow grasps the message passing through
the electrie wire on which it perches." the electrie wire on which it perches."
It would make a valuable addition to our pastoral knowledge if some means
were devised for ascertaining precisely how much our people do know of the weekly supplied in the sanctuary. Without instituting comparisons, it may be tians of our own day are not so proficas might be supposed at first glance. ple may be good Christians and yzt doctrine. There is an admirrable illus-
tration of this in one of the characters tration of this in one of the characters
presented by a modern writer. A young lady of sweet and teachable disposition,
under first impressions of a new and a grave divine to give reasons for the
hope that is within her. Why does she law and made it honorable? "I do not understand you," answers the young
disciple, "but I am sure I love Him
nevertheless!" Here is one class of the uneducated-those just respecting Chris-
region of indifferece
tian truths, into one where doctrine and my lambs," said Christ. To ministers
moter tionately yet faithfully the whole sys-
tem of Christ's king dom and the subto converts 1 Many business, men frequent their Whay of worship disqualified in part to
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willing to follow a train of argument on
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Ponshon, and of legacies not a few.
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an Dr. Ponshon, and of legacies no speakers
We notice that among the
was an eminent Episcopal clergyman,
sliop the Theasurer of the London Mis.
sionary . Society, and a Layman from
Ceylon.

Trat Queen Victoria has a marv lons hold upon the hearts of her subjects,
is a fact more generally admitted than is a fact more generally admitted than understood. Only at rare intervals do we on this side of the ocean ree actual evidence of more to majesty which has always oyeaty to majesty which has alway
distinguished the Britieh people. Recently we heard a pulpit prayer which took an original range of ureerance in
respeet to the Queen of Great Britain.
It called out responsee, subdued but respeet to out responses, subdued but
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the Ritual of prayer for the Royal Fa . mily. we have become so well socustomed amotion ; but let a people hear freek,
aignificnat reference to our Royal Inaly, and all hearts are moved
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the ocean to ita noble occupant at the firet mention of her neine. Het good-
ness, purity, simplicity; the benevolence of nature which brings her down in sym-
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through distress, is the principal secr
of her people's amaxing devotion. of her people's amazing devotion. It is apparent in all history that
great characters gain positions in the hearts of the age in oxact proportion lives. While returning from Camp meeting, a gentleman of culture and
reffection, remarking upon the conduct refection, remarking upon the conduct exclaimed-" How wonderful that child born 1800 years ago, and in manger, should thas move the minds our generation!" We quoted in reply Alexander, Cbarlemagne and mysel founded Empires. Where are they to
day? Jesus Christ founded an empire
in the hearts of the people 1800 years ago, and at this moment thousands
would willingly die for him." Our friend was ignorant that Bonaparte had u tifference ; the wondering words ar spoken in different ways all through the ages, but ever with the same meaning. Why does Christ hold a sway
potent and universal, while the king doms of conquerors perish with their names? Of course there is the divine
in Ohrist-that distinct, supreme, un
approachable character, which was approachable charracter, which wa
never created, and lifts our Lord out o the region of ordinary comparison
Still, He had those elements of life and disposition which would have won $f$ him in any age, in any condition of So
ciety, the highest place in human ad hearts. Great in purity, in unselfish lived and been loved for ever had He
been but man. Convince me that He has no claims to any other homage,
there still remains the fact that He, the
purest, wisest, noblest of historic cha-
racters, honestly gave himself to suffer or me-a sacrifice of sheer love!
Queen Victoria will live in history and human hearts because she is the
most queenly of Queens. Queenly in this, that she has by her pure example
revolutionized the habits of British and revolutionized the habits of British and
some other courts; that, exalted in her character and situation, she has stil
descended to the Ievel of her people' triaks and freely accoorded to th
sympath and prayers.

THE "GUARDIAN" AND THE A leogthy and tather extere article ap peared in the Toronto "Guardian" the 19th inst., bearing, apon a discus-
sion of the Nota Seotia Conference in regard to the subject of Home Mission suarplus funds. What is to be
by removing the consideration Home Mission matter from the
which it Fegitiuntely beFong not see. Surely the Annunl Conference
and the Central Board can dispose o affairs entrusted to them without con-
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as affirmative expression. But no sua
necessity exists for the present. Th
Centril Central Board meets in October.
that tribunal belongs all rights vestigation, if there be injury done. The "Guardian" bases its argument on a report of proceedings of the N. S.
Conference which appeared in the WEs. exan. The Werletan, however, did not furnish the "Guardian" with some orticle referred to. It seems to be thoroughly armed for the contest. From what armory does it draw its weapons? The Nova Scotia Conference is not solitary in its judgment as to the rela tion and Finance bears to the Central Board; nor are we quite sure that it
tranagressed the rules of modenty stanagressed the rules of modenty subject. Beeides, the object of the
"Guardian" harmonizediscordan Wrotherbod. Wre quite confi dent that the tone assumed in some of its reflections will have a very different der it a compliment to be assured tha they are not as capable of judging in their own affinirs as individuals sepa rated from them by
seas and mountains.

## COLLEGE DEGREES

Two papers, Methodists by name anc relation-seem to live for the purpos is atteening abuses. That of Londo honorary degrees, though, to the de gree fairly purchased, it holds always Methodist speaks out very plainly at thi degree-conferring season, with what to judge. Something like these sentiments we now publish from that source we have heard whispered aforetime a street corners. In all fairness, however
we have waxed indignant at the bare mputation of learned and independen men having stood at college doors, hat
in hand, as suppliants. It is high time hat "faculties," met such
these, if they be not true.
"The colleges are not blameworthy for
the abuse of degrees. If the public
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have to wage a hopeless conflict with per
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An address was presented by th cellency Sir John Hawley Glover, G. C.
M. G., Governor of that Island. The

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Methodist Church which President Graat has held for years. His wife is
2 devoted member of the Methodist Charch, while the Governor gives his
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nent, the Central Board of Education of the Methodist Church of Canada, met in ingley Hall, Sackville, N. B., on the 1 2th
inst., at $10 o^{\prime}$ clock, a.m. In the absence of the President of the General Conference, occasioncd by his duties as Delegate to
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