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DEATHS.

On the 22nd Nov. 1901, at Toronto, Horatio W. Nelson, merchant.

On the 6th inst., Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Blair.

On Friday, Dec. 6, 1901, by drowning, Henry Albert Harper, aged 28 years, third son of the late Henry Harper, of Barrie, Ont.

At London Junction, on Dec. 7, 1901, Jessie Gunn, wife of the late Hugh Gunn, in her 73rd year.

MARRIAGES.

At the Manse, by the Rev. W. S. MacTavish, B. D., Ph. D., on Nov. 20, 1901, John Alexander Holmes to Miss Annie Choat Brisbin, all of Deseronto.

On Nov. 23, 1901, at 156 Rose avenue, Toronto, by the Rev. Dr. Milligan, Helen M., eldest daughter of the late Alex. J. Johnston, to George J. Reith, of Owen Sound, Ont.

At Central church manse, on Tuesday, Dec. 3, by the Rev. Dr. Dickson, Edmund Albrecht, to Eva Koehler, both of Wellesley.

At the manse in Maple Creek, on Oct. 17, 1901, by the Rev. Mr. Grant, Robert Dalgleish (formerly of Portneuf, Que.) to Mary Elizabeth Kearney, of Almonte.

On Nov. 19, 1901, at the residence of the bride's father, 123 Cambridge street, Ottawa, by the Rev. D. M. Ramsay, Miss Jean, only daughter of Mr. Archibald Andrew, to Mr. John Angus Mackenzie, both of Ottawa.

At Edmonton, Alta., on Nov. 26, 1901, by the Rev. D. G. McQueen, Thos. W. Lines, manager, Braekman-Ker Milling Co., to Kathleen, youngest daughter of P. M. Barker, barrister, Edmonton.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Seymour West, on Dec. 5, 1901, by the Rev. A. C. Reeves, B.A., John Beattie, to Maggie, eldest daughter of John McKelvie, both of Seymour, Ont.

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Note and Comment.

Judge McTavish of Ottawa has decided that the order of the License Board requiring clear windows in bars at all hours is legal.

Dr. John Watson, (Ian MacLaren,) will proceed to Egypt in the first week in December for rest and change. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Watson.

The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has resolved, though not unanimously, to support the Durban Chamber in opposing the compound system for natives on the Rand.

"A strong and representative defence committee," "The Rock" announces, is to be formed in Britain to meet the danger to Protestantism and liberty from the influx of French Jesuits and Assumptionists.

The King has, says the "Westminster Gazette," approved the design of M. Fuchs, the distinguished Austrian sculptor, for the Coronation medal. It will be struck in three series—gold, silver, and copper.

In comparing the statistics of English and Scotch Universities in a given year, it was found that Scotland, with a population of 3,725,000, had 6,500 university students, while England had only 6,000 students out of a population about six times as great.

Those who are familiar with the memoir, by the late Dr James Brown, of Thomas Davidson, the "Scottish Probationer," will be interested to learn that a mural tablet to his memory has been placed in the church of Jedburgh with which he was connected.

Lady Minto is sending out an appeal for assistance for the Aberdeen association, which was formed some years ago by Lady Aberdeen for the purpose of disseminating useful information such as books, magazines, etc., among settlers in the Northwest and British Columbia.

It is alleged that Mark Twain's recent criticisms of the Christian Foreign Missions' Society of the United States has cost that body \$100,000 in subscriptions. If the society is so open to criticism by Mark Twain or anyone else, it would seem to be high time it was criticised.

A correspondent writes to the London "Daily News" to tell "How to grasp the Drink Bill." There are in the Bible, he says, 3,566,480 letters. Our national drink bill last year amounted to £163,891,718. This would allow us to place on each letter in the Bible £45 2s. 2½d. and leave over £2,000 to spare.

The Rev. J. Munro Gibson, D. D., who has been elected president of the Metropolitan Federation of Evangelical Free Churches for 1902-3, has already been president of the National Free Church Council, and is now its honorary secretary. Few have rendered greater service to the Free Church Eederation Movement than Dr. Gibson.

The Bible used at Queen Victoria's coronation was sold by auction recently for 40 guineas.

The Editor's Easy Chair in Harper's Monthly says: "The free libraries tempt us to read too much, and oblige us to read too hastily, and herein the harm lies. We are in danger through them of spoiling our literary digestion, and of becoming a nation of mental dyspeptics. Our excessive reading may be a vice or a mania. It is certainly a disease."

At the recent meeting of the Anglican Synod of New York it was proposed that this clause should be added to the Apostles' Creed—"I believe in systematic, worshipful, and proportionate beneficence." Dr. Yeisley, in moving this, said that without such a clause there could be no holy Catholic Church. The Synod, however, took no action in the matter.

We are glad, says the Presbyterian Witness, to see the Dominion Presbyterian (Ottawa) putting in a good word for the Deaconess. It is time our church should seriously take up the matter. Practically we have the Deaconess quietly doing her blessed work in many congregations. But it would be useful to give her due recognition, and recommend her to all parts of our church: for her work is needed always and everywhere.

There are ominous forebodings as to a severe winter. A message from Copenhagen says that Northern meteorologists boldly predict it, and though our own Meteorological Office is not able to go so far as this, and is usually averse to pessimism, it admits that the probabilities are all for severity. We have not yet heard from the weather wise as to the character of this winter in Canada.

The Moderator of the next General Assembly is the Rev. James Cardie Russell, D. D., senior minister of the first charge at Campbelltown. Dr. Russell's claims on the recognition of the Church are well known. He has had large experience of ecclesiastical administration and is connected with a ministerial race; and it is interesting to note that this uncle, who was an eminent scholar, had at one time Benjamin Disraeli as a pupil in a school at Backheath, London.

Reports are again in circulation as to fresh attempts on the part of Boer emissaries to induce President Roosevelt to intervene in the South African war. It is said he has been assured that it would be a proper thing for a great Republic to take action in defence of a pair of homeless little sisters, and that if he were prepared to do so the sympathy of the entire Continent of Europe would go out to him. President Roosevelt, however, is not a fool, and he is intent upon following the policy of his predecessor. He sees no reason why he should interfere in a matter with which he has no concern, the more so as such interference would lead to complications of which no man could tell the end. And what is more satisfactory the President's refusal to be made the tool

of British rivals has convinced the latter that at least America approves the action of England, and would be found a rather awkward customer to deal with should any effort at intervention be put forward from another quarter.

Rev. Dr. Watt, of Dundee, has been asked by Canon Holder to substantiate charges against the Roman Catholic Church made by him at the last meeting of the Presbytery, when the Barnhill case was discussed, and Dr. Watt said a number of Sacerdotalists in their midst were under the conscious influence of Papist agents. In reply Dr. Watt said his suspicions were warranted by the fact that only Roman Catholics were appointed on the Bute and Lovat estates, and that a number of prominent Roman Catholics were members of the Ecclesiological Society.

Attention is being called to an experiment which is being tried in California. A law was enacted, forbidding the requirement of any home study by the children of the state. Sufficient time has passed to form some opinion as to its benefits. The almost universal testimony of teachers is that the abolition of home study has been marked by no deterioration, while the gains in health and brightness among the pupils have been easily noticeable. The success of this experiment, for it seems to be an entire success, may bring a check to a thing that has been carried to excess among our people.

Lord Curzon has developed rapidly, says a London writer, to the astonishment of those people who regarded him as merely a clever young man with an inordinate amount of self confidence. In the two-and-a-half years since he arrived in India, the Balliol scholar has not only justified Lord Salisbury's choice by the usual figure head qualities which we have come to expect in the Indian Viceroy. Lord Curzon was never likely to be mediocre, but even his admirers were scarcely prepared for the indomitable courage, reinforced by a persistent high pressure driving power, which he has developed during his Viceroyalty. It is as yet too soon to estimate his place in the viceregal dynasty, but there are those who will have it that he ranks with the greatest, such as Lord Lawrence and Lord Mayo.

It has been declared that Li Hung Chang was the wealthiest man in the world. So rich was he that it has been said "the Rothschilds would die of envy if they knew how great is the wealth of Li Hung Chang." It is well known that he maintained an army of 40,000 men in the province of Pe-chili. In addition, he is credited with raising an army in another province of 200,000 men, while he supported hordes of poor relations. Li Hung Chang lived very carefully. He was a great advocate of abstemiousness, and has summed up his view of life in the phrase, "Flowery paths are not long." In pursuance of this idea, he lived when in Canton in a little house situated in a by no means fashionable quarter of the town. He was an early riser, and his breakfast, at seven o'clock, consisted of birds'-nest soup, rice congee, or boiled rice, and coffee taken with milk or sugar. It was followed by a small dose of quinine, after which he returned to his work.

The Quiet Hour.

The Passage of the Red Sea.

S. S. Lesson, Dec. 22. Exodus 14: 13-27.

Golden Text—Exod. 15: 1. I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.

BY REV. J. MCD. DUNCAN, B.D.

And Moses said unto . . . who were mourning against him . . . the people, fear ye not, v. 13. Hear from Moses how to meet the thanklessness of those whom we try to serve. Imitate his refusal to defend himself, his unwearied love to his assailants, and his unchanging faith in God. Prove yourself, like him, a true child of your Father in heaven by being "kind unto the unthankful and to the evil." (Luke 6: 35)

The Egyptians . . . ye shall see them again no more forever, v. 13. Duke George of Saxony was one of Luther's bitterest enemies. Leipzig lay in the Dominions of this prince. "Dare not go to Leipzig?" said the reformer, once. "If I had business there, I would go, though it rained Duke Georges nine days running!" If we are in the path of God's choosing, all obstacles to our progress will disappear, as the Egyptian army vanished in the depths of the sea.

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward, v. 14. Paul and Barnabas went forward from Antioch to conquer Europe in the face of a heathenism firmly rooted in the life of the nations and protected by the might of Rome. Luther went forward though all the resources of the imperial and papal power were against him. Morrison, the pioneer of Chinese missions, went forward to meet difficulties insuperable to the eye of sense. When one tauntingly asked him: "Do you really think that you will make any impression on the idolatry of this great empire?" he replied: "No, but I expect that God will." These servants of God went forward, and the way opened up before them. There is no power which is able to resist the progress of those who are thoroughly consecrated to God.

And the angel of God . . . removed and went behind them, and the pillar . . . stood behind them, v. 19. It is told of Peden, one of the Scottish Covenanters, that more than once on the moors of Scotland he was saved from the pursuing dragons by being enveloped in a mist. The secular historians relate that Emperor and Pope were once and again prevented, by causes independent of the Reformation, from using armed force against it, until the movement had become so powerful that it could not be arrested. Biography and history witness to the reality of that divine protection of which the psalmist sang: "O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle." (Psalm 140: 7.)

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground. . . . And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them, vs. 22, 23. Israel found in the sea a path to freedom, the Egyptians, a grave. God makes a distinction between the righteous and the wicked. Soon he will make between these two classes an eternal separation. Death is not for all a gate opening into heaven. Heaven is a place for those who are fit for heaven. And death of itself will not make us fit for heaven. It is those only who have been cleansed by the blood of

Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, who go to heaven.

And the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea, v. 27. The day of reckoning for tyranny and oppression came at last. But God had seen every act of oppression, and at the appointed time interposed to punish the oppressors. So their European masters oppressed the natives of India, and brought upon themselves the horrors of the India mutiny. So, too, the Jews rejected their Messiah, and brought about destruction of their nation. No violence or wrong escapes the eye of the Almighty.

The Nativity.

BY GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

City of the Sainted dead,
Bethlehem! as prophets said;
(David's City, royal line.)
Should be born the Christ divine,
And the Son of God sublime,
Came in God's appointed time.
Though He fills all time and space,
Men could find for Him no place
But the stables of an inn,
With its stall, and hay and bin;
And His bed of straw was made—
In a manger He was laid.

Shepherds in the fields that night,
Saw a most resplendent sight;
And they heard an Angel's word,
Saw the glory of the Lord:
For it round about them shone,
Dazzling as the noon-day sun;
And they heard his message grand,—
Tidings unto every land;
Tidings unto people all,
On this great terrestrial ball,
"Unto you is born this day
One who shall cleanse sin away;
King Anointed, living Word,
Jesus, Saviour, Christ the Lord."

Suddenly an angel band,
From the glorious Beulah Land,
Clothed in garments pure and bright,
Spotless as a ray of light;
And a heaven-made song they sing
To the Lord the heavenly King,
And to Him their voices raise,—
Songs of triumph, songs of praise,
Glory to the Lord most high,
Ruler of the world and sky;
And on earth there shall be peace,
And good-will shall never cease;
Mountains, valleys, hills and plains,
Echo with the glorious strains;
Greatest song e'er sung on earth,
'Twas the song of Jesus' birth.
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In moments of little faith, says Woman's Work for Woman, the Christian heart always wavers before the apparently impregnable fortress of Islam. Unspeakably cruel, deceitful, treacherous, and implacable, with an arrogance and a vitality which are unsurpassed, the false religion of Mohammed is dominant over a great tract of the world. A brutal savagery, allied to a shameful sensuality, characterizes the Moslem's creed, and his prayers, though often repeated, do not rise above mere formalism. Yet, the agencies of the Christian missionary advance are battering down the ancient superstitions. The printing press, the school, the preaching of the word, and more than all, the potential influence of the Holy Spirit in individual hearts, are forwarding the aggressive campaign for Christ in Syria, Persia, Arabia, Egypt, where ver Satan's seats, and Islam's perfidious mosques, and the hypocrite's veil. Some of us may live long enough to see the downfall of Islam.

"The Land is Mine." *

BY ARMSTRONG BLACK, D. D.

On this day of general thanksgiving, we shall take one short pointed sentence out of the Old Testament, which we should like to fasten as a nail in a sure place in memory. That sentence is found in Leviticus 25: 23 and contains this sharp claim on the part of God. "The land is Mine." The words are abrupt and emphatic, and their demand sheer and decisive. They leave no room for parley or for question of any kind. There may be subsequent arrangements about tenure and life-rights, and about the letting of it out generally; but this fact is primary and essential and the basis of all conditions. *The land is Mine.*

The bystander is said to see most of the game; the man who is not in it, most of the battle. With something of the open-eyed interest and surprise of an outsider, I have been while in Canada and amongst her people; I have crossed the land from sea to sea and have intently watched the nation and its ways. And I am clear to confess my strong conviction that since Time began a greater trust was never committed to a capable people, than that in the hands of Canadians to-day. The trust is vast and the times are ripe. At the beginning of a century throbbing with a life of splendid purpose and enterprise, this vast Dominion is put-for possession first and for shaping and making afterwards—into the power of a handful of people. For Canada will not be populated until her inhabitants are increased sevenfold or tenfold, and even at that she would not be populous. The last great open area of the wide world—rich in all that human life demands for sustenance and comfort—is thus in your hands to-day. No enemy is there to displace, no deep-rooted prejudices to be overcome; no the frontiers are kept and all the international burden borne by another Power; the climatic conditions are not invincible nor at any point much more than stimulating, and everything is there which even a crowded Europe might need, and God's word so free and unfettered was never spoken to any people. Behold the land and possess it in the length of it and in the breadth of it!

They who are expert in reading history and its signs say that Canada's tide is now at the flood—that her present opportunity is unique. Twenty-five years ago it was not so; twenty-five years hence, things will not be as now; and just at this juncture everything depends upon the faithfulness of the average man in this large room in the house of human life. Every citizen has a stake and can make his own contribution to his nation's future and through that to the world's. Not one good reason can be adduced why Canada should not be the most sane and just and most nobly free nation the world has ever seen. The arena is wide open, and the conditions lie ready-made to her hand, and thus far everything is entirely within righteous control. A hundred warning examples of what neglected duty in citizenship leads to, lie behind us; a thousand high incentives to faithfulness lie before us. Recent experiments across the line and remote experiments in universal history are available to show us how best to use this illimitable heritage; and a more serious issue was never set before any people as to whether they will falsify or fulfil the principles of Christ's kingdom on earth. In this connection, and under this headline of a text of scripture, let me say once more, as I cannot say once too often, that the gift of Canaan to Israel of old, judged by every just

standard ranks as a small thing in history compared with this gift of Canada to us; and I would therefore charge with highest responsibility every man who calls this land his home and shares its privileges, whether it be the land of his birth or his adoption. Every year God is proving us as He proved Israel, whether we will obey and serve or not. Thus far He has been proving us only by His mercy, not by His judgments.

How conspicuous has been His goodness! how unmeasured His gifts! During the last summer and autumn, I saw the western wheatfields ripening. I saw them gathering their golden harvest—the bushel to the acre, surprising the oldest husbandman, and the endless acreage making the whole world wonder! one hour of untimely frost only needed to come in the night and all might have been otherwise; but God was mindful of us, and now not only are our own barns full against the winter, but the life of other lands is secured against the months of death because Canada is their granary. Surely we are but feebly acknowledging so great mercy and favour when we laud and magnify the Lord of the harvest in His own house to day! Surely we shall remember, and live worthy of our high and distinctive calling as a nation, and not let our land drift with its chance currents but guide and impel it to its glorious destiny! Surely, receiving on such easy terms so proud a heritage, we shall try and fulfil the conditions of worthy tenure—the old conditions of Israel's tenancy of Canaan, not abrogated but written out and sealed even under the gospel of Jesus Christ; and surely also, we who have the higher privileges of this goodly land shall try to aid, by our faith and prayer and the supply of that which is spiritually lacking, the pioneer men who have still the limitless reaches of prairie and mountain and wood to dress and subdue, and not let the land which is God's slip into other hands—the hands of the lawless and loveless whom God hath not chosen! All these things which are God's, are ours and our children's; for if we are true to Him and His righteousness, we shall dwell in the land for ever.

*Notes of an address by the Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Thanksgiving Day, 1901.

Among the treasures that Queen Victoria kept in her palace were the presents made her at the time of her jubilee. Many of them were rare and precious. But not a few were of slight money value; they added almost nothing to the riches of a very wealthy woman. But she did not scorn them; the poorer they were, the more they told of the love of humble persons, and the more Victoria liked them. She was glad to make a catalogue of them all, the poor as well as the costly. So our king finds pleasure in every gift that is a proof of love, and He records in His books even the cup of cold water given in His name.

In a beautiful little poem that sweet religious singer, Christina G. Rossetti, has packed away very much of the lesson of Christmas. She wrote:—

"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, all divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign.
Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men,
Love the universal sign."

Our Young People

OUR LEADER SPEAKS.

Topic for Dec. 22; Matt. 2: 1-12.

"Our Gifts to Our King."

It has been a new thought to me that Christ actually wants a present from me. It would seem as if He already had all He could wish, since He is the owner of the wealth of the world, and He can make any beautiful thing with a thought.

Yet, after all, there is one beautiful thing that He cannot make. For Christ is like a millionaire with a little child, a son or daughter. The millionaire can buy for himself the finest Christmas gifts, but he cannot buy his child's love. If he is the right kind of millionaire, he would rather have a tiny pen-wiper, put together with straggling stitches into which his child had sewed its love for him, than a rope of rubies as long as his arm. The millionaire cannot order his child to make the pen-wiper; that would take all the value out of the gift. Neither can Christ compel us to give Him the Christmas gift He longs for. It must come spontaneously from our loving hearts. As Lowell once sang,—

"He gives nothing but worthless gold
Who gives from a sense of duty."

I remember reading about that remarkable scene at the German court a few months ago, when the Emperor of China sent his special ambassador humbly to beg forgiveness for the murder of the German minister to China during the Boxer massacres. Emperor William received the Chinese messenger with severity, and the submission of the Chinaman, though profound enough outwardly, must have been given with the greatest inward reluctance.

That is not the kind of submission desired at the court of our King. Christ wants our hearts, not our hands or our feet. He knows that He will have our hands and feet and tongues and purse, if He has our hearts. Whatever Christmas presents we may give or receive, we know that this will be a blessed Christmas for us if we give Christ our loving obedience, and receive His loving approval.

Among all the Christmas trees that will be heavy this year with the fruits of God's goodness to us, let us imagine a great invisible Christmas tree, springing from Bethlehem, extending its arms over the earth, and reaching up to heaven. On that tree is a candle for each of God's children, candles that can only be lighted by our love for God. O that the candles may all shine brightly on God's Christmas tree!—C. E. World.

Daily Readings.

Mon., Dec. 16.—Notable presents.
1 Kings 9: 10-16; 2 Kings 8: 9; Dan. 5: 29
Tues., Dec. 17.—God's gift in Christ.
Rom. 5: 12-21
Wed., Dec. 18.—Offering life to Jesus.
Acts 20: 17-25
Thurs., Dec. 19.—Bring Christ your best.
John 12: 1-8
Fri., Dec. 20.—Giving for a blessing.
Mal. 3: 8-12
Sat., Dec. 21.—Jesus worthy of all.
Rev. 4: 11; 5: 9-14
Sun., Dec. 22.—TOPIC. Our gifts to our King.
Matt. 2: 1-12

God is giving all the time, and He alone can teach us how to give. And God is all the time receiving, and receiving more and more as the world comes to love Him more truly. He alone can teach us how to receive.

Knowing Ourselves.

BY REV. JOSEPH HAMILTON.

To know ourselves aright we must see ourselves as in the light of God's countenance. It is the force of that contrast by which our own true character is revealed. It is the sight of God's infinite purity that puts all our supposed goodness to shame. You notice that these gas jets burn with a beautiful, brilliant flame. How pure and white they are, compared with the smoky tallow candles of the past. Yes, but if you would suspend one electric light from this roof, a wonderful change would seem to pass over these gas lights. They would turn at once into yellow, sickly, dingy jets of flame. Whence the change? There is really no change at all. Not! but the electric light has revealed these dull lights in their true character. It is the contrast of the pure white light that makes them appear so poor and dim. And so it is with us when we draw near to God. While we merely compare ourselves with others we may seem very respectable; but in the white light of God's purity our utter defilement is revealed. We read of Job that for upright character there was not the like of him on the earth; yet when Job saw God, he was humbled to the dust. "I have heard of thee," he said, "by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee; wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."

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Change of Emphasis in Missions.

A striking indication of the marvelous progress of Christian missions is seen in the transfer of emphasis from the early years of this century. The annual report of the Church Missionary Society called attention to the fact that an early report congratulated the society on the fact that the work abroad was growing so much that the committee had been able to spend the entire income of the society!—a thing which had been impossible before. The same interesting situation occurs in the early history of the American Baptist Missionary Union. In 1833 the income was so largely in excess of the opportunities for use on the fields then occupied that the annual meeting in Richmond the Board was instructed "to establish new missions in every occupied place where there may be a reasonable prospect of success, and to employ in some part of the great field every properly qualified missionary whose services the Board may be able to obtain." In those days the prayer of God's people was for the opening of new and wider fields for missionary effort. God answered. Then the prayer was for laborers to go forth into the open fields. God has answered in the thrilling uprising of the Christian youth of the world in the student's volunteer movement. The emphasis now rests upon the churches of Christian lands to make their offerings for world-wide missions adequate to the answers God has given to their prayers.—Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Preserve your conscience always soft and sensitive. If one sin force itself into that tender part of the soul and dwell there, the road is paved for a thousand iniquities.

Some of This Season's Books

FROM LEADING PUBLISHERS.

The Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

THE GIST OF THE LESSON A Concise Exposition of the International Sunday-school Lessons for the year 1902. By H. A. Torrey. Twenty five cents. This exceedingly useful little volume is especially adapted for teachers who are too busy to spend much time in looking up commentaries on the Sunday-school lesson. The full text of each lesson is given and a large amount of information is packed into the smallest space imaginable, each lesson occupying only three pages of the leather-covered book which just fits into the vest pocket.

THE STORY OF JOSEPH, by J. R. Miller, D. D. 35 cents. In his preface Dr. Miller says: "There have been many lives of Joseph written. Some of these are very valuable because of the knowledge of ancient Egypt and the Egyptians which they impart in the telling of the story. Nothing of this is attempted in the present chapters, the author's desire being only to find and interpret some of the lessons in life which the narrative has for its earnest readers." The seven chapters composing this book are very simply written, telling the story with which we are all familiar and yet drawing fresh new lessons from it.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF CHRISTIANITY, by Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D. Sixty cents. This little volume on the text, "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three but the greatest of these is love," is written very simply but with earnestness that makes it very attractive. Dr. Parkhurst begins by claiming that "Christianity aims to make human hearts as much like God's heart as possible," and then treats of Love under the headings: "Love in the Heart vs. Phosphorus in the Brain"; "Love as a Theory and an Experience"; "Love as a Lubricant"; "Love as a Means of Knowing." The writer shows the result to be "a mind unworried and a heart comforted."

MISSIONARY READINGS FOR MISSIONARY PROGRAMS, compiled and arranged by Belle M. Brain. 60 cents. This neat little volume will be found very useful to those who wish to get up missionary programs and find it difficult to obtain the right kind of articles for reading. Miss Brain says in the Foreword: "The stories of missionary experience are, as a rule, too long for practical use; hence the present volume in which the selections have been condensed sufficiently to bring them within the time limit necessary for the ordinary missionary gathering." Twenty five readings are given, covering a wide range of topics. These are taken from different books, such as "John G. Paton, Missionary to the New Hebrides"; "From Far Formosa"; and "Korean Sketches." We can heartily commend this book to all officers of Missionary Societies.

DAVID. THE POET AND KING. By Newell Dwight Hillis. Seventy-five cents. In his brilliant style Dr. Hillis here presents what is really a study of the life of David with its romance and tragedy, his fall and the glory of his recovery. The writer considers his subject as a human being and so brings him before us in all the grandeur that was his even when he sinned most deeply. "His life was full of contrasts, honours, misfortunes, sufferings and victory. He was a

poet, and, like Robert Burns, the Hebrew minstrel was as sensitive as an Aeolian harp, now thrilling with the keenest delights and now throbbing with the sharpest agonies; like Burns, too David was slain at last by the stormy splendours of his youthful passions. He was a soldier, and, like Napoleon, he moved among his fellows clothed with that irresistible fascination that only the greatest leaders have possessed. He was a king, and, like England's Alfred, he found his people a group of rude outlaws and unorganized tribes; yet by sheer force of leadership he transformed the mob into an army, organized customs into laws, developed a commerce for his people, and made a place for himself among those whom Lord Bacon called "the architects of states." The edition is an exquisite one and will make an admirable gift book, not a little of the charm being in the series of decorations by Louis Read.

THE LAST WORDS OF DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN. Collected from Various Sources by Frederic Rowland Martin. \$1 50. As Shakespeare has said through the mouth of John of Gaunt,

"The Tongues of dying men
Enforce attention like deep harmony;
Where words are scarce they're seldom spent
in vain,
For they breathe truth that breathe their words
in pain."

The title of this work explains what its nature is and we can add but little. The writer quotes a saying of Montaigne's as an explanation of why he has chosen to collect the sayings of men on their death beds. "If I were a writer of books, I should compile a register, with a comment, of the various deaths of men: he who should teach men to die would at the same time teach them to live."

CHERRY, THE CUMBERER THAT BORE FRUIT, by Amy Le Feuvre, \$1.00. The author of "Probable Sons" needs no introduction as a writer of charming stories for children. Her stories are always interesting and—an important point—the moral is not too prominent. This little story tells of the efforts of a small girl called Cherry to look after her brothers and sister and the invalid father home from India. Cherry has been shown by the old gardener a cherry tree planted by her mother just before her death, which had born no fruit, and it is the child's constant dread that she too may be a "cumberer". The story ends happily, the cherry tree at last bearing fruit.

THE CHEER BOOK, by Amos R. Wells. \$1.00. In the preface the author says: "Because worry is the ally of every other sin, because it leads directly to many of them and adds fuel to them all I am in the habit of considering the commandment, 'Let not your hearts be troubled', as binding as any in the Decalogue. For all who worry (and most of us come within this category) I present here a word of cheer for every day of the shining year." This little volume, daintily bound and well printed, is one of the best year books ever published, and cannot fail to be of great value to any who may be so fortunate as to possess it. A quotation, either in prose or in verse, from different authors, is given for each day of the year.

WAITING ON GOD. BY REV ANDREW MURRAY. Fifty cents. In this little book Dr. Murray gives daily messages for a month on the subject. "Waiting for God". Each of these messages are short but gives food for thought throughout the day. The first chapter is suggested by the verse, "My soul waiteth only upon God; from Him cometh my salvation.", and for each of the thirty one days Dr. Murray finds a text containing that word, "wait", so full of meaning always and yet so much more suggestive when we read Dr. Murray's brief chapters.

MUSICAL MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH: Studies in the History, Theory and Administration of Sacred Music, by Waldo Selden Pratt, Mus. D. Professor of Music and Hymnology in Hartford Theological Seminary. \$1 00. In the introduction we are told that "The matter in the following pages was originally brought together as a short series of lectures before the faculty and students of McCormick (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary in Chicago in the spring of 1900 Under the headings, "Religion and the Art of Music", "Hymns and Hymn-Singing", "The Choir", "The Organ and the Organist", and "The Minister's Responsibility". We are given much valuable information which will prove suggestive to Ministers and others connected with the music of the Church

THE OLD GOSPEL FOR THE NEW AGE, by Professor H. C. G. Moule, D. D. \$1.00. In the preface Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll says: "Dr. Moule is the most influential member of the Evangelical party in the Church of England, but he is besides a teacher of all the churches. It is as a devout and learned theologian that he is generally known. He has been, and continues to be, a leader of what is known as the Keswick School. But Dr. Moule is a many-sided man, with wide interests in literature and life. While tenacious of everything that is vital in the old Evangelical theology, he has a breadth of culture and sympathy which outsiders scarcely understand." The book is a collection of sermons preached at different times by Dr. Moule, the book taking its title from the subject of the first sermon. Dr. Moule's style is simple and beautiful.

DEBORAH, A Tale of the Times of Judas Maccabaeus By James M. Ludlow, author of the Captain of the Janizaries, \$1 50. Oscar S. Straus, American minister to Turkey, calls this "the most interesting and instructive historical novel I have ever read." It gives a clear picture of the exclusiveness of the Jew, and the terrible odds under which Judaism struggled against Syrian and Arab to maintain its separateness and regain an ascendancy in the Holy City. The period is one of the most interesting in history—that forming the link between the Old and the New Testament. Judas is the hero of several battles, and around this historical matter the author has woven the romance of Deborah, a noble and beautiful Jewess, whose feats of heroism are no less great than Judas. The book is one of great interest, the patriotic rather than the religious side being uppermost.

God needs us when we are vigorous in body and active in mind.

LYRICS OF LOVE, OF HEART AND HOME AND FIELD AND GARDEN, by Margaret E. Sangster. Boxed \$1.25. Mrs Sangster is well known and equally well beloved throughout America. Her verses are not pieces of fine writing, but appeal to the heart of the reader. As the author says in the Foreword, "The Gentle Reader is not supposed to be a rigid critic, nor to ask a symphony when one plays only a slender pipe. If these lyrics shall add a thread of melody to the toiling, dusty, monotonous way which, after all, is the way that leads us home, the author will be content." And this delicately bound little book will do much more than Mrs Sangster so modestly wishes. The following lines are entitled "A Day's Wage".

"Love wore a suit of hoden gray,
And toiled within the fields all day.
Love wielded pick and carried pack
And bent to heavy loads the back.
Though meagre fed and sorely lashed,
The only wage Love ever asked,
A child's wan face to kiss at night,
A woman's smile by candlelight.

CONSTANTINOPLE AND ITS PROBLEMS—Its People, Customs, Religions and Progress. By Henry Otis Dwight, LL.D. Illustrated. \$1.25. Dr. Dwight has lived at Constantinople as a missionary for more than thirty years, most of that time being engaged in literary work in the Turkish language. He is therefore able to speak with authority on his subject and to give us much useful information which is perfectly reliable. In his Introduction Dr Dwight says: "Travellers who visit Constantinople see it as a historical relic or an archaeological centre, or as a place for observing the dress and behaviour of various races, or merely as a place for tasting some flavour of the Orient during a brief vacation. But they seldom consider the relation of that magnificent site to the life of the people to whom it is an inheritance, and still less do they question what influence the city has upon the surrounding regions, and the development of their populations." Further on he says: "The incidents are merely illustrations of some of the problems of life in the city, chosen as typical out of a mass of notes, by one who desires to be just to the good qualities of a people whom he loves even while criticising less pleasing characteristics." The book opens with a discussion of Constantinople as "the centre of the world" and goes on to speak of "The Mohammedan Question," "The Woman Question," etc.

The Copp, Clarke Company, Toronto.

THE BENEFACTRESS, by the author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden." It will hardly do to assert that this book cannot possibly have been written by the author of that most charming book of nature-love; and yet outside of the German setting the two have nothing in common. "The Benefactress" is a long, rather ordinary story, with a little plot and a great deal of detail. It tells of a young girl who has all her life been dependent on a sister-in-law and who, when her uncle leaves her an estate in Germany decides to spend the rest of her days in making happy women who are in the same position as she was—well-born but dependent. Her idea is to seek out twelve of these unhappy souls and take them to live with her and be happy. How she fails in her laudable ambition, and so marries her next-door neighbor, is told in a simple and fairly interesting fashion. The book is prettily bound in green and yellow.

PARTRIDGE'S PICTORIAL ANNUAL, being the British Workman for the year 1901. Fifty cents. This book contains a large amount of miscellaneous reading matter, including short stories, poems, articles on different questions of the day, and several serial stories, one being written by Amelia Barr. The illustrations are good and quite numerous.

THE COTTAGER AND ARTISAN. The People's Own Paper. Fifty cents. This volume contains reading matter for the whole family, from the grown up members to the little children for whom there are special supplements printed in large type. Here Bible stories are told in simple language that will appeal to the youngest child. In addition to a large number of stories there are paragraphs in regard to house-keeping as well as instructive articles on matters of interest to all. The many illustrations help to make a very bright volume.

NEW CANTERBURY TALES, by Maurice Hewlett. Five of the six tales included in this volume have been already published in different magazines and are here collected and a Prologue added which describes the different speakers and explains why they have undertaken this pilgrimage to Canterbury. While the literary style of the book is charming there is too apt to creep in that sensual touch that marred "Richard Yea and Nae." This tone of sensuality is of course present in the first "Canterbury Tales", there we can make allowances on account of the time at which Chaucer wrote.

YOUNG BARBARIANS, by Ian MacLaren. This book is intended for boys, but I am quite sure that the grown-ups will get far more enjoyment out of it than will their sons. There is no plot and very little excitement. Rather it is a series of sketches of various episodes which happened to the scholars and teachers of Muirtown Seminary; but such delightful sketches and such delightful schoolboys one does not often meet with. Speug, and Nestie, and Dunc Robertson are all ideal in their way; while "Bulldog," the feared but adored mathematical master, is quite worthy of a place beside Domsie. Nothing could be finer than the last chapter in which is described the presentation that is made by the scholars to their master, who has insisted on resigning on account of old age. The book is well illustrated and bound in red linen.

THE RIGHT WAY, by Gilbert Parker. Sixteen illustrations. Lovers of literature followed the course of this story as it was published in *Hornet's Magazine*, and some have pronounced it Parker's best work. Whether it is really superior to "The Seats of the Mighty" and others of his best known works, is a question; but there is no doubt that it contains some very strong writing. From the beginning it holds the attention. It is the story of a spiritual struggle. The hero, a young lawyer, is called "Beauty" Steele, on account of his girlish complexion and general foppishness; but beneath this shell is a brilliant mind which is at its best when Charlie Steele is under the influence of liquor. The story really opens after Charlie Steele is left for dead as the result of a drunken brawl. For several months his memory forsakes him, and when it returns he learns that his wife, who had never really loved him, had married again. The man chivalrously decides that he must remain as dead for the sake of his wife's happiness. The strongest part of the book comes now—his life as a tailor in a small French village, his love for Rosalie, and the struggle that

goes on in his mind. Which woman has the right of way? It is a remarkable book and deserves careful reading.

The Upper Canada Tract Society.

MARKED TESTAMENT. A Pocket Edition of the Authorized Version of the New Testament, with two hundred verses underlined in black ink and with marginal marks in red ink. These call attention to verses which specially "help to make plain God's way of Salvation through Christ." This little Testament will be found exceedingly useful in mission work.

THE CHILD'S COMPANION. Fifty cents. This volume, with its bright colored cover and its many illustrations, will delight all little children; and the reading matter is not behind the pictures in interest, for there are stories of all kinds, and verses, and puzzles, in addition to many articles that will prove instructive as well as interesting to our little ones. Two articles of special interest are on Queen Wilhelmina and on our own good late Queen Victoria.

THE LITTLE BIBLE. Being the story of God's chosen people before the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ upon earth. Written anew for children. By J. W. Mackail, Sometime Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. This book, in a series of two hundred short chapters, gives the history of God's chosen people from the formation of the world to the coming of Christ, in simple language easily understood by little children. The book will be helpful to parents and will give the children a better idea of the Old Testament as a whole than they could get from reading it straight through.

CHURCH FOLKS. Being Practical Studies in Congregational Life. By "Ian MacLaren." This volume is a collection of eleven of Dr. Watson's papers written for different periodicals, and includes "How to Make the Most of a Sermon"; "The Candy-Pull System in the Church"; "The Mutineer in the Church"; "Should the Old Clergyman be Shot?"; and "The Revival of a Minister." This last article is an exceptionally good one written somewhat in the style of the Bonnie Briar Bush stories. The edition is a handsome one, well printed, with dainty gray cover.

SELECT NOTES. A Commentary on the International Lessons for 1902. By Rev. F. N. Peloubet, D. D. \$1.25. Dr. Peloubet's book on the Sunday-School lessons has for so long been the standard work for all teachers that it requires no words of commendation. No teacher should be without the help of this most valuable work. The maps and many illustrations will be of great service in making vivid the lessons, and the book is for the teachers of all grades in the Sunday School, and it is intended to "furnish the knowledge and the practical applications which must underlie all good teaching, even of the youngest classes. It is the basis of correct interpretation, of knowledge of the facts, of statement of principles, of legitimate inferences, on which the teacher may securely stand and adapt his instruction to the particular grade he is teaching."

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The message told by Dr Robertson and those who went with him is startling enough. The people who are pouring into the Northwest are a strange mixture of national and radical elements. Some of them will not coalesce, many of them will not combine. The first generation will remain as distinct as hydrogen and oxygen when these are poured into the same vessel. Pass an electric spark through this mixture, and it becomes a compound, one of the most useful on earth. These peoples will not combine till the current is turned on. What shall furnish it? We may do so, after a time, when these people have made themselves homes which they care to defend. But the Gospel will also fuse them into one, if we give it to them. What it means to do this has been the message that many of our people have heard during these weeks. Will they heed it?

Why should it be necessary to send special men round to tell the people what is being done in our Western Mission fields? Are the facts not available to the average minister, or are we developing specialists in this department of the Church's work. In medicine we are familiar with the specialist; and some of us would rather trust our lives, when these are in jeopardy, to the ordinary practitioner. The men who have put their services at the disposal of the Church for the past two or three weeks, in order that the people may be made acquainted with the facts concerning Home Missions and Augmentation, have done fine work. None could do it better. But why should we need to lay this burden upon men already fully occupied? Does the minister not tell the congregation of these things, or will the average congregation not accept such statements at the lips of the regular minister? If not, we think there may be danger that his greater message goes unheeded.

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THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE WORKER.

The cultivation of one element of the Life will make a man one-sided. Some men cultivate the physical chiefly, and they become beautiful animals. Some give attention to pleasure, and develop the sensual life, till the animal is transparently concealed. Others again train the intellect to analyze and classify all things about them that are accessible to the senses, but the soul is cramped. Still others think so much of the other world that they have no message for this one.

There is a happy medium where few move; for most of us follow our bent, and do not stay to discover whether it is leading us in the most fruitful paths. As a rule the natural bent is not a safe guide. It follows the path of least resistance, or the path where we have most strength to push obstacles aside. We must listen to its voice, but it is not always wise to accept its deliverances without careful consideration, and some attention to the general direction they would have us take.

One would imagine that the student of religious themes would be in no danger of lowering the tone of his spiritual life. So common is this belief that we were rather startled to hear a studious minister remark that his chief danger was a tendency to neglect the spiritual culture of his own life. The thing seemed at first preposterous; but more careful thought led us to the conviction that he uttered a great truth.

Of course we are not speaking of purely scientific study, such as is much of the critical research of the present day. We have in mind rather that kind of study in which the active worker is engaged, who is constantly engaged in seeking out truth, not for its own sake, nor for his own sake, but that it may be made helpful to others. That takes in the father and mother in the home, the teacher in the Sabbath School, the minister in his study, the student at College, the active Christian worker everywhere. These seem at times as if they thought of every other soul but their own.

The man who spends his time helping his neighbors will reap no crop of his own; and his business is to secure a crop. It is quite as bad to neglect his own farm that he may help a needy neighbor, as it is to give so much attention to his own that his neighbor may be on the verge of starvation and he not know it. To love his neighbor as himself is about as high as most men can get, and sometimes the best help we can give another is the stimulus of an active life.

There is a restless eagerness to be doing something in this age of reckoning up results. There is no time to let go, and consider what all this work is going to bring in as a reward. We have committed ourselves and must keep faith with those to whom we have pledged our word. But, like the disciples on one occasion, we have no leisure, no not so much as to eat. When that point was reached Jesus took his disciples apart into the desert to rest awhile. He often

calls us to come apart with Him still, but there are not many who heed Him. Most of us remain with the people and allow Christ to go apart alone.

That is why we cannot stand any severe spiritual strain. We have no stamina, for we have taken no food. The spiritual pulse beat is weak and irregular, the temperature is high and feverish, for we have been so anxious to feed others that we have neglected to take food for ourselves. And yet there is great work to do, great work at home, greater work just beyond our home, and greatest of all in the winning of those that are without. We shall be fit to enter upon this work when we take care of our own spiritual life, and not before. We have been calling: Work, Work, Work! To many of us the Master is calling: Come apart and rest. You are not fit to work! And the Master knows best.

Our Sabbath School Publications.

The growth of the Sabbath School publications of our Church has been steady. Under their originator, Dr. Fotheringham, they passed through the earlier, and more difficult stages. When the Church took hold of them in earnest, and appointed the Rev. R. D. Fraser to edit and manage them, the wisdom of the step was soon evident. The first year shewed a substantial advance. The growth has now reached such proportions that an additional editor is needed, and the choice of the committee has fallen upon the Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.D., of Woodville. We understand that Mr. Duncan has signified his willingness to accept the position, and will at once enter upon his duties.

The choice is an excellent one, Mr. Duncan is one of the most scholarly of the young men of the Church. He took a distinguished stand in his University course, and was selected to carry on the work in the department of Philosophy, after the lamented death of Professor Young. His course in theology was such as to place him in the van of his classmates. He has ever since been a student, and many would have chosen him for the position of Professor in one or other of our Colleges.

In the work he is undertaking there will be abundant room for his fine culture, and ready pen. The Committee is to be congratulated upon its choice. They have selected after having proven their man, for Mr. Duncan has long been a contributor to the pages of the various Publications sent out to our Church. This will give these periodicals a still higher place in the estimation of our people, and should lead to their wider adoption in the Sabbath Schools of our Church.

The Moderator's Pastoral letter has just been issued, calling upon the Church to observe the first Sabbath of the New Year as a day of thanksgiving in connection with the Century Fund movement. This is in accordance with the instructions of the Assembly, which recommended that the first Sabbath of the New Year should be set apart for this purpose, and that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper be administered on that day wherever found to be practicable.

THE KING VERSUS "THE UPPER TEN."

The following paragraphs from an excellent article in "Acadian Recorder" of Halifax, N. S., discussing the growing practice of holding suppers and other social functions on Sunday, will be read with interest:

"This is indulged in by those even who profess to be good church-goers, who frequent our places of worship with becoming regularity. We are sorry, for instance, that on a recent royal occasion it seemed wise to some to have a dinner party on Sunday evening to the Duke of York. We are sure the visitors would not have been offended had this public violation of the Christian Sunday not been proposed. In fact it is by no means a function of royalty to violate the one Day of Rest that all should enjoy, for an English paper remarks "that King Edward has stunned society by placing the ban on Sunday entertainments of every sort. The news came out as a result of his declining to leave Scotland for London on Sunday. It is said he will not encourage Sunday dinner parties at restaurants or other diversions."

We all know what a potent influence for good Her Majesty, the late Queen, had on Society, and we are glad to see Her Royal Son following in the same path, and even branching out for himself as well. We would advise those folks in Halifax who of late have been starting "the fashion" by giving Sunday evening suppers that they "follow the King." What is the use of Board of Trade or other organizations trying to make arrangements so that the mail steamers will not leave Halifax on Sunday, if devotees to fashion break the laws that the community is endeavoring to keep sacred? This law, written or unwritten, it matters not, is that all employes shall have one day of rest from toil. We try to give it to our laborers, which is recognized as right, and we learn with great satisfaction that the Allan steamers are to sail from Halifax on Mondays during the coming winter, instead of on Sundays as at first proposed.

But while the male workers are to get their rest, the maids at work in the kitchen must be kept busy all day preparing for Sunday evening suppers, that are not, we much fear, permeated with the spirit of the Sabbath Day. Horace Greely said once that "The liberty of rest for each demands the law of rest for all." But the liberty of rest for each cannot be secured when in increasing proportions our Sunday evenings are being used as we have stated. We hope the practice to which we have called attention will not grow. We trust it will abate, but it will only cease when the Christian conscience, which is strong enough to dominate all avenues of society in this city, discourtenances such practices as are growing too rapidly to be looked on as a matter of course. It is a practice that our ministers can well afford to denounce in earnest and strong tones without fear or favor. Indeed we have been surprised that the pulpit has not spoken out on this matter with greater fearlessness than it has in the past. Meantime, we would tender to one and all the advice to "Follow the King" in this respect as they do in others, and they cannot be far wrong."

STATE OF THE FUNDS.

The Rev. Dr. Warden has furnished us with the following comparative statements of the receipts for the schemes of the church, from the beginning of the ecclesiastical year to the 30th November 1900 and 1901.

	1900	1901
Home Mission	\$19,756.17	\$19,497.66
Augmentation	2,481.24	2,228.59
Foreign Mission	26,759.33	31,363.64
French Evangelization	5,411.75	5,001.73
Pointe-Aux-Trembles	1,199.72	1,074.31
Widows & Orphans'	2,834.82	1,261.39
Aged & Infirm Ministers'	1,484.28	745.12
Assembly	2,686.71	2,015.43
Knox College	1,693.55	793.71
Queen's College	198.08	266.07
Pres. College, Montreal	166.46	255.48
Manitoba College	510.27	259.59

The Church year ends on February 28th. All contributions should be forwarded so as to reach Dr. Warden's office before six o'clock on the evening of Friday, February 26th.

Of the making of books there is no end, but many of those that are now issuing from the press will not come under the wise man's designation. They are not wearisome in that they require study, for nine-tenths of them may be devoured at a single sitting. The novel, in its varied phases of religious, historical, character-sketch, political, frothy, nasty, baleful, and all the rest, is usually in very rarefied form. The skillful reader is able to compress the substance of ten of them into one night's sitting. One does not need to say that such reading is not calculated to stimulate thought, or develop intellectual strength.

Dr. Campbell, the Agent of the Century Fund, has been in the Northwest for the last three months. We understand that the amount subscribed is now within a few thousand dollars of the \$600,000 aimed at for the Common Fund. In order to meet the expenses of the work, as well as to allow for shrinkage in the promised subscriptions, on account of death and other causes, it is estimated that about \$40,000 additional will require to be got. Already a few of our wealthier people have promised to increase their contributions, provided the full amount is raised. Many others will desire to unite in such an effort. It is hoped that the subscriptions promised will be collected in every congregation, and the amount forwarded prior to the close of the year, so that the Committee may know precisely how matters stand when they meet in the last week of December.

No better New Year's gift for an absent son or daughter than a year's subscription to THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN. Outside of Ottawa City postal delivery ONE DOLLAR will carry the paper marked until 1st Jan. 1903.

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The Ledger Monthly Christmas number is a handsome issue of this popular magazine. The illustrations are numerous and well executed and the articles and stories are suitable to the season. One dollar per year.

Literary Notes.

The December number of Table Talk appears to have made itself especially helpful to its readers during the Christmas time, by its menus suggestions and illustrations. It is a valuable assistant to the housekeeper because it is practical and reliable and is the acknowledged authority in its field of endeavor. Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia

The Ladies Magazine for December is the Christmas number of this favorite Canadian periodical. It is gratifying to notice the improvements made from month to month. And now it is safe to say the fair women of Canada need no longer go abroad for this kind of literature. The present number is full of seasonable articles and illustrations. One dollar a year.

The Biblot for December is entitled "In Praise of Thackeray," and consists of a poem by Thomas Williams Parsons, the In Memoriam article of Charles Dickens and an article on "Thackeray's death," by Dr. J. Brown. These are fine specimens of the noble tributes paid to a great man by those who knew and loved him. We can recommend our readers to send at once 50 cents to Mr. Misher, Portland, Me., so as to secure the Biblot for the year 1902.

"THE CROWN OF THORNS," by Dr. Paul Carus, is a story of the time of Christ. It is fiction of the character of legend, utilizing materials preserved in the Scriptures and traditions. The story is strictly historical and is designed to show the way in which Christianity developed from Judaism through the Messianic hopes of the Nazarenes as interpreted by the Apostle Paul. Price 75 cents. The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago.

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND, By Lewis Carroll, (Harper and Brothers, N. Y. \$3.00 net.) "This, the publishers truthfully tell us, is designed to be the best edition of this classic book. The original and apt humour of Mr. Newell's pictures, the immortal charm of the story, and the exquisite form in which the volume is now presented combine to make it a gift book of the highest value." There are forty full page illustrations in tint from drawings by Peter Newell. The publishers are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts to produce the most attractive edition of this book ever published.

QUEEN VICTORIA HER LIFE AND EMPIRE By the Marquis of Lorne (Now his Grace the Duke of Argyll) Harper and Brothers, N.Y. \$2.50 net. This life of the good Queen is sure to have numerous readers in Canada, not only on account of the deep interest taken in the subject by all loyal citizens, but also because the noble author, (who for a term of years was the Governor General) is so well known in Canada. Commencing with the early days of Victoria in successive chapters the reader is invited to look upon her as a Queen girl ascending the throne, as the young wife and happy mother; as the constant friend of her people; as the wise constitutional ruler; as occupying so much of the world's eye during the jubilee celebrations; then in the closing pages the passing of the Queen is told in touchingly simple language, and then we see her laid beside the remains of the husband she loved so well. The book is deeply interesting, and the author has made good use of the material placed at his disposal.

The Inglenook.

Roxany: A Christmas Story.

BY JENNIE M. BINGHAM.

It was such a scene and such a group as any country schoolhouse might furnish at noon time. Furthermore, it was just a week before Christmas. A short, plump, happy-faced girl was dressing a doll for a younger sister, a tall girl with a red collar and a big magenta bow on her hair, was embroidering gorgeous roses in shades of yellow and blue; a third and a fourth girl looked on in a most interested way, and some younger ones hovered near. The tall girl spoke to the fourth:

"What you makin' for Christmas? You don't never seem to have nothin'."

"I ain't a makin' anything yet," answered the fourth girl, coloring. She had a long pinched face, and her hair was combed severely back and braided tightly, as if to emphasize the contour. She was very neatly dressed, but was entirely destitute of decoration, her gingham apron having bands at the neck and sleeves instead of ruffles, and her hair being tied with a shoestring instead of ribbon.

"I heard that your aunt didn't believe in Christmas," continued the tall girl, poking the third girl's foot under the bench.

"O, Roxany," interrupted the plump girl quickly, turning to the thin-faced girl, "shall I make a Mother Hubbard dress?"

Roxany faced her with a relieved, grateful look. "Yes, a Mother Hubbard's nice for a doll," she said. And then she looked over toward the big boy of the school, Sam Barter, who at his desk studying, and hoped he didn't hear what the tall girl said. She moved over toward the plump girl and sat down beside her. She saw the tall girl wink significantly to her neighbor.

"Anyway," the tall girl was saying. "I should think you would let us know what you'll get. It'll give us ideas you know."

Roxany was a new arrival in these parts. She had come to live with her aunt and uncle, sterling New England people, who had never been used to children and whose sympathies were narrow and undeveloped. It was true that Aunt Ann had never in her life observed Christmas, and the only time Roxany had mentioned it, Aunt Ann had said:

"There's nough money wasted in this yere town with Christmas trees and nonsense to pay the town tax and the minister besides. I have no patience with it. And girls that gets their board and clothin' and schoolin' give to 'em enough to be satisfied if anybody on earth is."

This was a rather discouraging outlook for Roxany, and her only answer was to hang her head disconsolately. The very afternoon of the schoolhouse scene Sam Barter gave Roxany a handful of spruce gum, and told her the answers to six arithmetic examples, and so her heart was comforted. And the tall girl, Harriet Lee, who before Roxany's coming had been the recipient of all the spruce gum and answers to examples, quite naturally looked sour and took less pleasure than usual in her variegated roses.

The next morning she overtook Sam schoolward bound. "Hello, Sam Barter, you needn't feel so stuck up."

"I haint stuck up," answered Sam slowly. He was a big, honest, lumbering fellow, to whom ideas did not come quickly.

"You needn't think I care because you go with Roxany Hudley. She's nothin' but town's poor, anyway, and her uncle took her in, and they're too poor and pinchin' to have a single thing for Christmas. Last year they had pork and beans for dinner on Christmas day jest the same ss any day, and her Aunt Ann says she doesn't want to hear nothin' about Santa Claus—he was jest a heathen anyhow."

Sam was clumping along the road in his heavy boots and now he spoke, "She's good in spellin'."

"Yes, and that's nothin'," snapped Harriet, "you help her in 'rithmetic all the time and she gets praised for it."

Sam did not answer, but he evidently felt that something ought to be done, for he thrust his hand into his pocket and brought forth some little nuggets of spruce gum which he held out, and which Harriet accepted quickly and with evident delight. She could show them to Roxany and let her know at least that she had a dangerous rival.

The day before Christmas had come, and that noon time was a lively season. They had trimmed the schoolhouse with greens, and various forms of needle work were more in evidence than books and studying. Roxany alone had nothing of a holiday nature on hand. She felt as if Paradise had shut its door, and all other folks except herself were inside. Even Sam Barter had been enlisted to hold the zephyr for Harriet's winding on his big awkward hands, and to all appearances he enjoyed it. The plump, happy-faced girl was so busy making cornucopias that she forgot Roxany entirely. Roxany sat a little apart, smoothing her smooth hair, in an embarrassed way, and wishing with a dull ache in her heart that she had just a little, little share in all the gladness. All at once her eye brightened, and her quivering irresolute lips were set firm. The girls were telling in a most animated way what they wanted and had asked for and expected to find in their stockings, or on breakfast tables, or trees, lapping their stories on to each other hurriedly.

Just then Harriet looked up from her winding to say in a sly voice, "Roxany, what you goin' to get for Christmas?"

Poor little dejected Roxany straightened up and a bright spot burned on each cheek. She said: "My presents came this mornin' in a box in the mail wagon."

Every face turned toward her and a dozen voices asked, "What'd you get?"

"Lots o' things," answered Roxany proudly.

"But tell us," demanded Harriet tapping her foot imperiously.

"I got a work-basket with pink ribbons and some bright yellow vases so high"—a chorus of "ohs!"—"and a photograph album for the parlor table, and lots of ribbons, all colors, and some lovely candy in a box!"

"I should think you might have brought 'em to show to us and given us some of the candy," said Harriet, too amazed to say any more.

The others stood looking with wide open

eyes. Aunt Ann was no favorite with the children, and her views on Christmas were universally known. Roxany was notoriously truthful, and at once the more generous-hearted of the scholars thoroughly rejoiced in her good fortune. The plump girl said heartily: "That's awful nice, Roxany. May I see 'em sometimes?"

Harriet frowned and scolded Sam for turning his eyes away from the yarn—it had got tangled. But at once Roxany felt that she was taken into that little company. To receive a Christmas box in the mail wagon was a distinction beyond the proudest of them. Roxany's opinion was at once sought on several important subjects, and some for her questions were asked about the exact size of the vases and the color of the album.

Ah! how delicious to Roxany's neglected heart to feel herself the center of an admiring, interested group. Roxany answered their inquiries with a promptness unusual to her, and Harriet grew so cross with blundering Sam that he escaped when the yarn was wound, and went back to his desk.

Poor Roxany enjoyed her brief triumph very thoroughly, but when she had gotten home that night and done the mending, and had set the table and washed the dishes, she went up to her own bare little room and wept as she had not since her mother died. That little New England girl, brought up under the shadow of Mount Sinai, felt conscience smitten beyond all redemption. It was growing late and it was Christmas eve, and there was only wretchedness and despair for Roxany instead of Christmas joy and peace. She lay in the shadowy room without a light, her face buried in her hands, too exhausted with her misery and crying to remember that it was very late, and she was still undressed. Young though she was, she had felt in a dim way how small was her share of the life that now is, and now she had lost her share of the life that is to come.

She did not know that the cries of her heart had been prayers beating against a heart of infinite love. Just here a single brilliant star shot its beam into Roxany's window and she turned her face towards its shining. How could she help thinking of that first Christmas star that brought blessing and guidance so many years before. At any rate she slept and was comforted.

Christmas morning came and there was only the humdrum life waiting here. Only the humdrum life—until, it you will believe it, the mail wagon actually stopped at the door, and the driver called out with a "Hallo!" like a war-whoop, and Uncle Eben trotted forth from the barn to see what was wanted.

There was a little package for Roxany directed in a rude, constrained hand which Uncle Eben examined carefully as he came up the path.

"S'methin' fer Roxany," he called.

Roxany's heart gave a wild leap which caused her to drop the dishtowel and overturn a chair in her haste, and seize her package with trembling hands of expectation. She tore it open hastily and brought to view a lace collarette of rather coarse design, with points ending in lace roses and ribbon bows. Roxany was sure she had never in her life seen anything so beautiful, and even Aunt Ann turned it admiringly in her rough hardened hands. Rude and tawdry though it was, it had undoubtedly been one of the holiday attractions of the little country store and it brought the spirit of Christmas into that bare little home. That forenoon there were "doings" at school and Roxany spoke "The Star of Bethlehem." She wore her new collarette and the little decoration was

very becoming and festive.

She sought an opportunity when at the close the same little group were together as on the day before Christmas. She stepped into the center and with shining eyes and burning cheeks said, "Everybody please hold still a minute. This collar that come this mornin' is the only Christmas present I ever had. I never had no Christmas box come in the mail wagon," and then she ran out of the schoolhouse as fast as she could go, but not so fast that Sam Barter and the plump happy faced girl did not catch up with her. She held out to Roxany a cornucopia of candy, "Here, take this, Roxany, for you, and don't mind."

Roxany had her shawl to her face and was crying bitterly. "No, don't, don't," she sobbed, "I'm so wicked."

"You ain't wicked, either," declared Sam stubbornly.

"Harriet aggravated you to it," said the happy-faced girl in an indignant tone, "and we won't think of it any more. I'll go home with you and ask your aunt if you can't come with me to dinner and play games with us children this afternoon. We're going to have the big parlor all to ourselves."

Roxany stopped crying and took the cornucopia. After all, she wasn't counted out of Christmas. Sam grinned and said, "My, won't that be awful nice?"

And Aunt Ann consented. Perhaps the swollen face was eloquent. Uncle Eben was just saying to Aunt Ann as Roxany went out:

"I never did see such extravagant folks as the Barter's air. Sam was in the store yesterday a buyin' lace stuff for his wimmin folks and he said he wanted the best dudd in the hull store. If they don't go to the poor-house I'll—," and then the door shut on Uncle Eben's speech, and Roxany passed out with the plump girl bound for a Christmas parlor and a happy afternoon.

Roxany noticed that Sam was lumbering up the street and he was whistling, "There's a good time coming."

Roxany wore her beautiful collar, "the best in the hull store," and she didn't tell a soul her secret.

A Table in Scarlet and Green.

A green and scarlet combination is an ideal one for a Christmas table, and one which can be successfully carried out with no assistance from caterer or other professional.

An exquisite centerpiece for a table built upon this plan is a large basket formed from a strip of silvery birch-bark. The shape of the basket will depend upon the individual fancy of the hostess. It may be square or oblong, shallow or deep, handleless or handled. In any case, it should be deep enough to receive and conceal a shallow dish filled with water. This basket is filled profusely with scarlet carnations or roses with plenty of foliage, and occupies the centre of the board.

The candle shades for the scarlet table could be readily adapted from the charming affairs shown by a fashionable New York shop, for which, by the way, a stiff price is asked. They are of heavy white cardboard, cut in the shape called "empire." The upper and lower edge of the shade is bordered with a quarter inch ribbon in red, which is pasted smoothly and securely with library paste. Between the two bands of ribbon runs a design of holly with its fresh scarlet berries and deep green leaves. The effect is delightful, and the little article so easy to accomplish that it is quite within the

reach of the woman who has but slight knowledge of similar fancy work.

A spray of holly tied with green ribbons makes an entirely novel boutonniere to lay at each cover. The side dishes should contain red candies, olives, celery and radishes, thus carrying out the color note.

If possible, secure white china with a narrow border of red or green; but, failing this, use an all white set rather than introduce colors foreign to the scheme.

Penny toys make amusing favors for grown-up dinner guests, and each cover might show a jumping ack, or a humming top, a tin horn, a go cart, or a rag doll.

Etiquette of Gift-Giving

There is an etiquette governing the giving and receiving of presents, as there is about most things, because there is always a best way to do everything. If we penetrate below the surface of the little courteous conventions we shall find that consideration for the feelings of others underlies it. Do not try to make your gift look as though it cost more than you paid for it. Aside from the paltry spirit of such giving it is a delusion and a snare for next year your offering must seem to be as fine as the one of this season, or you may appear to have been less anxious to please your friend. The best gifts are those which put no tax upon material resources, but trifles of which the recipients may make frequent use, and so keep the giver in mind. Take the time to write a few words of loving or cordial greeting on the cards that accompany your gifts. Without that evidence of individual, personal thought the offering of even the finest present appears somewhat graceless and perfunctory.

A message on a card is better than a note, because more informal, and one should not seem to make much of a gift. Having your presents daintily wrapped is not less a matter of courtesy. Let their outward appearance commend them. Leave them or send them to their destination the day before Christmas—unless you can insure their reception early in the day. A tardy gift appears like an afterthought.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Adding to Your Income.

Girls, big and little, are quite as busy and interested in Christmas giving and Christmas gifts as are the elders of the family and the youngsters, the actual children. At the women's colleges more than one young undergraduate is materially adding to her income by the making at odd hours of little Christmas gifts which girls with better filled purses buy to distribute among their friends. A study of a college bulletin board about now would reveal many such enterprises. Doll-dressing, too, for Christmas fairs and sales is a way in which some of the college girls add to their income. If these busy students can thus find time to produce so many articles between the conning of lessons and attendance upon numerous other duties, the home girl should certainly be able to do likewise. It will take a strict economy of time, for the principle that the busiest people seem to have the most time is particularly well illustrated at the holiday season. The incentive of the time limit, however, keeps idle fingers going, and, as everybody knows, persistent work tells. A word of caution to the amateur worker is added. Don't attempt a piece of needle-work or other fancy work to which you are not equal. A mother will prize the crude attempts of her daughter's loving fingers, but she is perhaps the only one who will in these days, when exquisite skill and nicety have set a standard by which all work is measured. This does not mean that your own handiwork is shut out; rather that you should undertake only that sort of work in which you excel.—Harper's Bazar.

At the Customs House sale of unclaimed articles last week a man paid \$1.35 for what proved to be a fungus. It wasn't worth two cents to the man, but he sent it to the geological museum, where it is highly prized. Prof. Macoun, Dominion naturalist, says it is the largest fungus he ever saw, and he has 80 different species in the museum. The specimen is fully 12 inches across the base and is 15 inches high. It is these fungi which causes dry rot in the trees.

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Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

Interest has centred in the Alumni Conference in Knox College this week. That it has been the best Conference of all yet held is the unanimous verdict of those who have taken part in it, or attended it. There has been more present at the seditants; there has been greater interest in the programme; there has been a distinct growth of genuine college spirit; and there has been an interest in the affairs of the College that promises well for the future.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni, on Tuesday evening, there were about eighty members present, and the discussion was spirited throughout. During the meeting there was mention made of a proposed new Library, and the Association endorsed the scheme with the utmost enthusiasm. When it was proposed to call the new building "The William Caven Library" there was a spontaneous cheer from all parts of the room. Some of the members of the Board have been active in this matter, and plans were submitted that, if followed, will give us one of the most commodious and serviceable buildings in the City.

The cost will be in the neighborhood of Twenty Thousand Dollars, and Toronto should contribute the greater part of this amount. Toronto has not awakened to her opportunity in this matter as yet. Her sons who have gained their wealth here, some of them rising from obscurity, till to-day they rank among her merchant princes, have not got beyond the stage of looking upon her institutions as they look upon her poor. It is an unpleasant duty to have to give to the poor, and a still more unpleasant one to have to give to her Colleges and other institutions of learning. One wonders at this unintelligent view of this matter, but when any one tries to secure money for purposes of education, he finds how rooted it still is. One of our wealthiest men was recently asked to contribute to some work the students were doing in the interests of the College that they were attending. He curtly refused. The students met a better response elsewhere, and invited the man of wealth to come and see what had been done with the money entrusted to them. The wealthy man accepted the invitation, and shared the enjoyment of the occasion. That could not happen in any other city.

There are in Toronto many men who are warmly interested in her educational institutions, and are coming to their support bravely; but many others have not yet awakened to what may be done to make this one of the great centres of learning on this Continent. The second generation will have a more open eye to these things, and we look forward hopefully to a day, not far distant, when the Colleges that have been doing such splendid work, when one considers their meagre equipment, shall be placed upon a financial footing worthy of the outlook and opportunity.

At the Conference there were some outstanding features that are worth noting. The double thread running through the subjects discussed gave interest. Some were present who had given study to the New Testament; and these found the papers upon our Lord's Teaching of greatest interest. There were others, who while they have not entered the wide and ever widening field of Old Testament study, have yet gone far enough to make them most interested listeners, and intelligent questioners, when Old Testament Prophecy is the subject considered.

Perhaps the interest culminated on the Thursday morning, when Prof. McComb of Queen's University, read a paper upon Dr. Harnack's teaching, as set forth in his new book, "What is Christianity." Dr. Harnack is a disciple of Ritschl, and an ardent exponent of the views that constitute that phase of German religious thought. Prof. McComb indicated the strength of the water, as a man, as a scholar, as a spiritual teacher, as a man of surpassing intellectual power. But at the beginning of Dr. Harnack's work he fetters himself by declaring that he cannot admit the miraculous, and that all the so-called nature miracles must be ruled out. The fourth Gospel is also set aside, being, it is contended, not by John the Apostle, but by John the Elder. Thus while the book is stimulating and even helpful, it deadens rather than vitalizes faith.

One is tempted to dwell upon the fine address of the two young graduates who followed, and who were disposed to be more lenient with Dr. Harnack than the Pro-

fessor had been. Prof. Douglas also took part in the discussion, and showed himself master of this phase of German thought, and fearless in stating the conclusions at which he had arrived concerning the new position. Both he and Professor McComb expressed the earnest hope that ere long there should be a re-construction of the theology of our time, that should be Christocentric in its character, in which some of the old dogma, where this has been proven unworkable, may have to go, but from which there should arise new thought in which Christ and His Person should fill the mental vision, and men should, by the study of this truth, be brought into more vital relation with Him.

The Conference was most happily closed with the At Home of the students. It was an excellent idea to bring this on at this time. The decision was reached somewhat late, and the limited time at their disposal hurried those in charge of the function; but there was no evidence of hurry in the excellent arrangements of the evening. The need for a larger Convocation Hall is evident at every gathering, and on Friday evening not more than one half of the guests had the opportunity to hear the programme. We hope the one who so happily suggested the proposed Library scheme, may also be able to suggest some means whereby the need for an adequate Hall may be supplied. By the way that person is not on the Board. Would it not be well to give him a place there at the first opportunity?

Eastern Ontario.

The ladies of Knox church, Merrickville, have been holding a bazaar in the town hall.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, has been lecturing to a delighted Picton audience on Scotland.

The congregation of Alice announce a soiree for the Friday evening before Christmas. A good programme will be provided.

The ladies of the Gravel Hill church celebrated Thanksgiving Day by putting a fine new carpet on the floor and steps of the pulpit.

Mr. Harry Hamilton, son of Rev. Joseph Hamilton, has been appointed to the position of organist and musical conductor in St. Andrew's church, Lindsay. This is a good appointment.

Rev. Dr. Benson, D. D., of Arnprior, and Rev. James Rattray, B. A., pastor of Melville church, will deliver the sermons at the Methodist anniversary services in Eganville on next Sabbath, 15th.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the Northwest, asked the congregation of Knox church, Perth, for \$250 for the support of a missionary. The next Sunday \$251 was subscribed.

Rev. Mr. Woodside, of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, occupied the pulpit of Zion church on Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Scott, who was called away to the funeral of his father.

Our friends at Avonmore propose giving a Christmas tree and entertainment in Beaver Hall on the evening of Dec. 25. A first-class programme will be rendered, consisting of dialogues, choruses, solos, recitations, tableaux, etc.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McCallum, of East Hawkesbury, have been presented with an affectionately worded address and a valuable bedroom suite, couch and sewing table, on the fifth anniversary of their wedding. The address was read by Mr. J. A. McRae.

The entertainment and racial under the auspices of the Aid Society of Knox Church, Beaverton, was very successful, upwards of \$70 being realized. Gamebridge choir under the able leadership of Mr. W. R. McPhee assisted the choir of the church in the evening programme.

At the recent missionary concert in the Clayton church, Rev. J. R. Conn occupied the chair. A short and interesting programme of musical selections, readings, recitations, etc., also an address from Miss Alice Belton, late of Japan, made a very enjoyable evening. There was a good attendance and a liberal collection.

The Rev. G. C. MacLean, the recently inducted pastor of St. John's church, Almonte, has been presented with a kindly worded address, accompanied with a fine fur overcoat and cap. The address was signed by John McFarlane, P. J. Young and Adam Scott in behalf of the congregation.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Alex. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of Wardsville and Newbury.

Rev. W. G. Doherty, of Thorndale, has been preaching in St. Paul's church, Hensall.

Rev. Jas. Barber, M. A., of Forest, has been elected Moderator of Sarnia Presbytery.

Rev. J. W. Rae, West Toronto Junction, has declined the call from Aylmer and Springfield.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, minister of St. Andrew's, London, is moderator of London Presbytery.

The Guelph Presbytery is announced to meet at Preston on Tuesday, 21st Jan., at 10.30 a. m.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit of the First church, London, last Sunday.

The Rev. G. W. Wallace, B. D., of Toronto, preached in the Central church, Hamilton, last Sunday.

The next meeting of London Presbytery will be held at Dutton on the second Monday of January, at 4 p. m.

Rev. A. A. Laing, B. A., son of Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, has been called to Marthaville and St. John's.

Rev. Mr. Neilly, of Orangeville, has accepted the call from Dover and his induction will take place early in January.

Rev. T. Eakin, of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, is preaching a series of discourses on the Ten Commandments.

The communion was observed in Chalmers church, Guelph, last Sunday. Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large attendance.

At last meeting of London Presbytery Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Fingal, tendered his resignation after an honorable pastorate of 35 years. He desires to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, of London, is announced to preach in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, on Friday night, and to conduct the communion services there on the Sunday following.

At Wentworth Presbyterian church Mr. N. C. Boggs and Mr. S. S. Clandish were ordained to the Eldership by the Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, and they received the right hand of fellowship from the other members of the Session.

Sarnia Presbytery has again nominated Rev. John Thompson, D. D., for Moderator of the General Assembly; and he and his congregation congratulated on the beautiful appearance of the church since the extensive repairs.

The Brucefield anniversary services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Clinton; and on Monday evening Rev. Robert Johnston, D. D., of London, gave his excellent lecture, Scottish Heroes of Church and State, to a large audience.

In the First church, Vancouver, the following have been elected Elders: Messrs. R. D. Patterson, William Kirkland, David McNair and Robert McNair. The growth of the church has rendered this addition advisable. The four gentlemen are men of fine character and experience and will be a valuable acquisition to the session.

At St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, the pastor, Rev. Jos. Hogg, referred to the decision of the Privy Council in England in sustaining the Manitoba prohibition act, and said: "I am very glad to see that the Privy Council have seen fit to sustain the prohibition act, and sincerely hope that by May 21, 1902, it will be strictly enforced."

St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, which has been redecorated, was opened on 1st inst, and sermons were preached by Prof. Jordan, of Queen's University. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity at both services. Many friends were delighted to again have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Jordan, who was a great favourite when a member of Sarnia Presbytery. His Professorial duties have in no way impaired his powers as a preacher.

Rev. M. C. McLennan has been inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's and Hills Green congregations. The proceedings of the induction were opened by the moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Hamilton, when the several addresses were given by Rev. Mr. McNeil, Rev. Mr. Musgrave and Rev. E. H. Sowers; and after the usual questions had been properly answered Mr. McLennan was given the right hand of fellowship and received as a member of Huron Presbytery.

The Appleton St. Andrew's church missionary society held a very successful entertainment. The programme consisted of recitations by Miss Peever, Miss L. Wilson, Miss G. Wilson; readings by Mrs. T. Cavers and Miss Pye; solos by Miss Hanna, Miss Spiers and Mr. Davidson; duet by Hazel and Helene Allen, and selections by the choir. Rev. G. T. Bayne occupied the chair.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of Rev. A. McLean's pastorate in Blyth was heartily celebrated by a Thanksgiving tea, prepared by the ladies in honor of the occasion. On this interesting occasion the congregation was very fully represented. The principal feature of the evening's programme, was the reading of an address to Mr. McLean, accompanied with the presentation of a very handsome fur-lined overcoat, followed by another address to Mrs. McLean, with the presentation of a purse of money. Mr. McLean, who was much affected, expressed heartfelt thanks on Mrs. McLean's behalf and his own, for the very great kindness of the congregation, assuring them of the great love in his heart for his first and only people.

Ottawa.

Next Sunday morning the ordination of the newly elected elders of St. Paul's church will be held.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe and Rev. Mr. Pretty, of Vernon, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

In the absence of the pastor, Mr. J. T. Pattison, Elder, took the services at Stittsville and Skead's Mills last Sunday.

The Stewart congregation held an "Irish evening" social last week which was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Rev. R. Herbison occupied the chair. Nearly all the selections were Irish songs, recitations or airs.

We again remind our readers of the opening services at the new Erskine church, next Sunday, when the preacher morning and evening will be the Rev. Prof. Ross, D. D., of Montreal. On Monday evening the annual social will be held, when a good programme will be presented.

The members of the Ladies' Aid of Erskine church have arranged for the social to be held on the evening of Tuesday, December 17, in connection with the opening of the new church. Tea will be served by the ladies early in the evening and an entertainment will be given afterwards. Mrs. Whitten, the president, was in the chair.

At the concluding meeting of Knox college Alumni Association a fine portrait of Rev. Wm. McLaren, D. D., professor of systematic theology since 1873 was presented to the college. The presentation was made by Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, and was accepted by Rev. Principal Caven, Prof. McLaren acknowledging the compliment in a short address.

The Sunday school anniversary was observed last Sunday in Bank street church, Rev. J. W. McMillan, of Lindsay, occupying the pulpit and delivering two able addresses, specially for the young people. In the morning the Sunday school turned out in a body, and filled the rear centre seats. Both services were largely attended. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Moore, conducted the services in Mr. McMillan's church, Lindsay.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association on Monday Rev. A. E. Mitchell read a paper on "Christianity of Christ and of the present time." The paper was an able and interesting one. It pointed out in what respect the religion of the present differed from that of Christ. Rev. D. M. Ramsay presided and those present were Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Rev. Robt. Herbison, Rev. Mr. Scott, Hull; Rev. D. N. McLeod, of Billings' Bridge; Rev. T. Fraser and Rev. Mr. White.

The anniversary services in St. Paul's church, to mark the twelfth year of the opening of the present church, were conducted by the Rev. Prof. Jordan, D. D., of Queen's College, Kingston. He preached two excellent sermons to large congregations. A special collection was taken in aid of the church fund. During the service reference was made to the late Mrs. Shoobred and to the sad drowning of Miss Blair and Mr. Harper. On Monday evening the annual social was held in the lecture room which was well filled. Rev. Dr. Armstrong made a genial chairman; and Rev. A. E. Mitchell gave an address full of good points. Altogether it was a very happy gathering of members and friends of St. Paul's.

At the annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of Stewart church the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ardley; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Parker and Miss Carruthers; Secretary, Miss Mina Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. John Graham; Tidings superintendent, Miss Turnbull. There had been additions to the membership, and during the year the sum of \$112.98 had been collected. Rev. R. Herbison and the retiring president, Miss McLean, made short addresses; and there was a good attendance.

The surprises of life was the theme of Dr. Herridge's morning discourse, last Sunday, based on Jeremiah 4, 20 and 30. The truth of the statement that life is uncertain was pressed home a week ago, said the reverend doctor, when the whole city was shocked by the sudden and tragic death of one of her best known and best loved citizens. Those who knew him best will not soon forget his unflagging energy, his buoyant spirits, his prompt and unostentatious kindness. He will be greatly missed in the church, in the city and more especially in the sacred circle of the home. Another shock has come in the extinction of two of the brightest and most promising young lives among us. "Both of them were great personal friends of mine," he said. "Honest, faithful, true as steel, and the grief in my own heart helps me to understand what must be the grief of the stricken families. But I am sure that through the gateway of the dark waters they have entered into realms of joy unspeakable and peace that passeth all understanding. At the evening service Dr. Herridge again made reference to the sad deaths. Speaking of the two young people he said "We need not fear for the future of Canada; we need not fear for the future of our creed so long as we have other hearts as true as these."

Northern Ontario.

Revs. P. W. Anderson, of Shelburne, and L. McLean, of Duntroon, exchanged pulpits the 24th ult.

The Mission Band of Knox Church, Shelburne, gave a pleasing entertainment on the evening of the 25th ult. and realized \$12.

Rev. S. Acheson, of Watton, has begun a series of special evangelistic sermons throughout the Sabbath evenings of this month.

The Christian Endeavor Society at Grand Valley have presented the congregation with a new bell for the church which is said to have cost over \$200.

Revs. J. R. Bell, of Laurel, and J. Little, of Chatsworth, who nine years ago were college companions, had for the first time a pleasant exchange of pulpits on Sabbath last.

The thanksgiving services on Thanksgiving Day in Erskine church, Dundalk, and at Ventry, were conducted by Rev. J. McP. Scott, of Toronto. The collections were in behalf of the W. F. M. S.

The W. F. M. S. of Knox church, Charleston, held their annual thankoffering service on Sabbath evening the 24th ult. The service was conducted by Rev. H. Matheson, of Caledon East, and the offering amounted to \$21.00.

Rev. J. A. Matheson, B.D., of Priceville, exchanged pulpits with L. W. Thom, at Flesherton, on Sabbath afternoon, the 24th ult., and at the close of an edifying sermon laid the schemes of the church before the congregation.

Rosemont congregation lost their church by fire on the 16th ult. When discovered the fire had made considerable headway, and only the organ and some of the seats could be saved. \$500 is said to be the insurance carried.

Sabbath last was communion day with the Flesherton, Eugenia and Proton congregations. Rev. John Little, of Chatsworth, assisted the pastor at the preparatory services on Friday, and preached highly appreciated sermons in all three places.

"Of the many entertainments and suppers carried out by the congregation of Knox Church, Cobden, none," says the Dufferin Advertiser, "was ever so successful as that held on the evening of the 25th ult." Mr. R. C. McKeown, barrister, Orangeville, occupied the chair.

The congregations of Flesherton held a union service on Thanksgiving Day, when Rev. L. W. Thom, of Chalmers' church, preached an appropriate sermon. The thankoffering was in behalf of the Flesherton Branch of the U. C. Bible Society, which is being successfully managed this year.

The Alton congregation held a most enjoyable and successful entertainment on Thanksgiving evening. In addition to a rich musical programme the audience enjoyed a treat in the splendid lecture given by Mr. A. Pattullo, M.P.P., on "Causes for Thanksgiving and the National Outlook." Mr. John Smith, M.P.P., occupied the chair. Rev. W. Frizell, Ph. B., of Toronto, preached eloquent anniversary sermons on the Sabbath following.

On Sabbath the 24th ult., Rev. J. A. Cranston, of Collingwood, is reported to have preached a "powerful sermon on temperance" which from the complaint of the public press was evidently needed in the town for, says the Enterprise, "The number of intoxicated men to be seen on the leading streets Saturday nights and all day Sabbath is becoming a public scandal." It is to be hoped that the ministers and temperance people of Collingwood will rise in their strength and be a unit in grappling with this monster evil in their midst.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, esteemed members of Latona congregation, Dornoch, who have gone to reside near "Intham, were on the evening of the 24th ult., waited upon at their home by upwards of one hundred of their friends in the congregation, and after the reason for their informal visit had been explained by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Graham, Mr. Smith was presented with a well filled purse from the congregation, and Mrs. Smith a beautiful chair and centre table from the W. F. M. S. Very appropriate addresses accompanied the presentation and were fittingly replied to by Mr. Smith.

By the removal to Camilla from Mono Centre of Mr. M. H. Denton and family, Burns church has lost very highly esteemed members who rendered valuable assistance financially, musically, and on the work by the Managing Board. On the evening of the 29th ult. upwards of five hundred people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denton and presented them with a valuable marble clock and silver tea service as a token of esteem from the congregation of Burns church and many beyond her pale. The presentation was accompanied by an appropriate address read by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Ross, and was feelingly replied to by Mr. Denton.

Mr. John Smith, who two years ago moved from Chatsworth to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Kingsbury, at Little Current, passed peacefully away in his 73rd year, on the 29th ult., and his remains were brought back to his old home for interment. Referring to the deceased the Banner says: "For the past fourteen years he has been well and favourably known in this locality, as a man of integrity, industry and sobriety. He was a life long member of the Presbyterian church and was elder in Durham and Burns' church (Rocky Saugeen) congregations respectively." Rev. J. E. Smith of Burns church, Cookstown, is a son of the deceased and attended the obsequies.

The Rev. J. A. Cranston, B. A., recently inducted at Collingwood, is getting his work well in hand and that there is pleasing activity in the congregation, is evident from an item in the Enterprise of the 28th ult., which says "This will be a busy week with our Presbyterian friends. Thanksgiving services will be held to-day at 11 a. m. the collections to be in aid of the poor of the congregation. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sabbath morning. A preparatory class will be held on Friday evening to receive those wishing to join by profession of faith or by card. Dr. McFaul, Mr. A. McTaggart, Dr. Climes and Mr. W. A. Evans have been elected to the eldership, and they will be ordained on Sabbath morning. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, Barrie, will officiate at both services."

Quebec.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Ottawa, who is interim moderator of the session at Aylmer, held a meeting in the church last week to arrange for Sunday supply. Morning and evening service will be continued for the remaining Sundays in this month. For the months of January, February and March the service will be held in the afternoon by a minister from Ottawa. For the following six months a student of two years' standing in theology will be sent into the field, during which time morning and evening service will be resumed.

Rev. J. D. Byrnes, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Poltimore, has been presented by the people of his appreciative congregation with a purse containing money enough to buy himself a handsome fur coat, and his Glen Almond congregation presented him with a new cutter.

Sparks From Other Anvils.

Texas Pres Record : Many women are of the opinion that however other women have failed, she is able to reform the man she loves.

Michigan Presbyterian : We would be ashamed to have anyone find stolen property in our possession. How should we feel, if conscious that we have kept to ourselves what was entrusted to us for the benefit of mankind?

Presbyterian Witness : It is a Divine rule announced by the Lord Jesus that much shall be required of those to whom much is given. If we are highly favoured let our gratitude seek adequate forms in which there shall be devout and becoming expression.

United Presbyterian : Riches gathered without God's blessing have well been compared to the over quantity of manna which some of the Israelites gathered when it was first given. Such riches quickly breed the worms of discontent, and an insatiable craving for more.

Christian Guardian : We would strongly favor a somewhat extended period of preparation within which the strong campaign of moral suasion and education ever conducted in Ontario should be undertaken by the Provincial Alliance and all its allied organizations.

N. Y. Christian Intelligencer : There must be no lessening either in the pulpit or in the pew of the absolute importance of the great doctrine of the Atonement and its related truths if we would have our preaching and teaching prove to be the power of God unto salvation, and His kingdom gloriously extended.

Herald and Presbyter : Every Presbyterian family should take a Presbyterian paper. It needs it as an antidote for infidelity and irreverence, which the children begin to breathe in as soon as they mix with the world. It needs it to displace and prevent the trashy and often immoral literature which forces itself upon the children as soon as they are able to read. It needs it in order to keep in touch with the work of the Church, both at home and abroad, and with the purpose of the Church to win the world to Christ.

Canadian Baptist : When a man's environment is thoroughly comfortable and easy, there is nothing to impel him to leave his own fireside corner, or to greatly reward him if he should. And in such comfortable and money-making times a man tends to become listless, incapable, stupid, his outlook narrow, and the currents of his soul stagnate. He is much more fortunate who lives in stirring and stormy times, whose conditions are stern enough to evoke all the good that is in him, when they arouse his will, kindle his enthusiasm, provoke his determination and sting him into purposeful activity.

Sunday School Times : All of us have griefs that we ought to recognize as griefs. We are not to attempt to console ourselves with the idea that they are not griefs, to be treated as such. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus when the sisters, Mary and Martha were sorrowing. Yet Jesus was to open that grave, and to dry the eyes of those weeping sisters. May not we, then, weep over graves that we cannot open, or over sorrows that we are called to endure? In many an instance we can only say, for the present, "Truly, this is my grief, and I must bear it." Unless we have and recognize our griefs and sorrows, we cannot know what it is to be comforted.

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

Health and Home Hints.

Death in Dish-Towels.—Dish-towels are an important item in most families. One may have cheap and woolly hand-towels, very ordinary sheets and pillow cases, and many other things of inferior quality, but the good housekeeper knows, to her sorrow, what cheap dish towels mean. Their use entails almost double the labor required if one has those of poor quality. The lint and dust from cheap goods cover the china and glass, and lodge in every nook and corner of her belongings. Round-thread Russia crash is far and away the best dish-toweling that one can use. It absorbs water almost instantly, and can be used a long time before becoming unavailable because too wet. Who has not worried with the ordinary checked glass toweling in common use, rubbing and twisting and patting, trying to make it absorb the water from the dishes, while it is yet new? This sort of goods acquires value when it begins to grow old. Russia crash is in perfect condition after the second or third time of using. Dish-towels should be thoroughly boiled whenever they are washed. Mere scalding does not answer the purpose. The intense heat of boiling is absolutely necessary if one would have health and cleanliness in the kitchen. A merely scalded dish towel is unfit for the use of any woman. It takes more than just hot water to remove the disease germs and impurities that may lodge in these domestic necessities. Because a dish cloth looks clean it does not in any sense follow that it is clean. Many a family has had its number reduced by death because of the persistent refusal of the maids to boil the dish-towels as they should be done and remove the incipient causes of disease.

Creamed Walnuts.—Take one cupful of walnut kernels; be sure there is not a particle of shell among them. Put on the fire one scant cupful of sugar and one-third of a cupful of water. When it has been boiling for a minute drop a little in water; if it stays in a lump and does not spread out, it is done; if not, boil a little longer. When done, take from the fire and let it stand until a "skin" forms over the top, then commence beating with a spoon; when it commences to look milky, add the nuts and stir quickly until each kernel is coated with the creamy sugar. If the nuts stick together, pull them apart; but they will not do this if the sugar is cooked right.

To be perfect, oysters should be freshly opened, and it is important to rid them of those tooth-endangering bits of shell that sometimes cling so persistently. Dainty little oyster crackers, shaped like a miniature vienna loaf, may be found at the grocers, and either these or the thinnest of brown-bread sandwiches should be passed with them. If milk crackers are used, split and butter them, and brown in the oven. Avoid the "cracker dust" sold in packages; it almost invariably has a stale flavor.

Panned Oysters.—Put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a pan and let cook until brown. Then add twenty oysters, well drained and wiped. Fry these to a delicate brown, turning as necessary, then pour over them the oyster liquor, heated and seasoned. Serve in a deep dish, on strips of buttered toast.

Small Cakes for Christmas. Such small cakes as snaps and sand tarts are used for Christmas. They may be made two or three weeks in advance, and if kept in a closed tin box will be improved by the keeping.

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Presbytery Meetings.

BYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Calgary.
Edmonton, Red Deer, 3 Sept., 3 p.m.
Saanichton, Enderby, 4th Sept., 10 a.m.
Kootenay, Cranbrook, B.C., 27 Aug.
Westminster Mount Pleasant, 2 Dec. 3 p.m.
Victoria, Nanaimo, 25 Feb. 10 a.m.

BYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST

Brandon, Brandon, 5th March.
Superior, Kewatin, 10 Sept., 10 a.m.
March, 1901.
Winnipeg, Man. Coll., 16-18 March.
Rock Lake, Manitou, 5th March.
Glenboro, Glenboro.
Portage, Portage la P., 4th March, 8 p.m.
Minnesota, Shoal Lake, March 5, 1901.
Melita, Carnduff, 12 March.
Regina, Regina, 3rd Sept.

BYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

Hamilton, Knox, 7th January.
Paris, Woodstock, 12th March.
London, 1st Tuesday, April, 1 p.m. to finish business, First Ch.
Chatham, Ridgeway, 10th Sept. 10 a.m.
Stratford, Motherwell, Sept. 3 1901.
Huron, Blyth, 21 January.
Sarnia, Sarnia, 3 Dec. 11 a.m.
Maitland, Wingham, 19th November.
Bruce, Paisley, 10th Dec. 10 30 a.m.

BYNOD OF TORONTO AND KING TON.

Kingston, Belleville, 10th December.
Peterboro, Port Hope, 10 Dec. 2 p.m.
Whitby, Whitby, 16th April.
Toronto, Toronto, Knox, 1st Tues. ev. mo.
Lindsay, Lindsay, 17th Dec. 11 a.m.
Orangeville, Orangeville, 12 Nov. 11 a.m.
Barrie, Almadale, 10 Dec. 10 a.m.
Owen Sound, Owen Sound, 3 Dec. 10 am 9th, 10 am.
Algoma, Little Current, 2 Oct.
North Bay, Huntsville, March 12.
Saugeen, Palmerston, 19 Dec.
Guelph, Guelph, 19th, Nov.

BYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

Quebec, Sherbrooke, 10, Dec.
Montreal, Montreal, Knox, 10 Dec.
Glenagarry, Maxville, 17 Dec. 10 a.m.
Lanark, Renfrew & Carleton Place, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.
Ottawa, Ottawa, Bank St., 5th Feb., 10 am.
Brockville, Morrisburg, 10 Dec. 2 p.m.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Sydney, St. A. March 26th, 10 a.m.
Inverness, Whycomagh, Mar. 19 1901 11 a.m.
P. E. I., Charlottown, 5th Feb. Pictou.
Wallace, Oxford, 6th May, 7 30 p.m.
Truro, Truro, 18th Nov. 10 30 a.m.
Halifax, Chalmers Hall, Halifax, 26th Feb., 10 a.m.
Lunenburg, Rose Bay.
St. John, St. John, St. A.
Miramichi, Chatham, 17 Dec. 10 a.m.

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