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# Dominion Presbyterian 

## Note and Comment.

There has been a steady and regrettable falling off in the attendance of children at church, for a considerable time, and this has caused not a littie comment and complaint. The Outlook comes very near the pith of the whole trouble when it says that "the prime cause of the childiess church is the prayerless home." We greatly need a genuine revival of old-fashioned home piety and prayertulness, says the Canadian Baptist.

A well-equipped eye dispensary will soon be travelling through the length and breadth of Egypt. Sir Ernest Cassel provided for this by a recent gift of about $\$ 100,000$, and the Sanitary Department of the Egyptian government adopted the suggestion as the best means of carrring out the wishes of the donor. The dispensary will be supplied with all the most modern and approved apparatus, and will be housed in a tent, which will be moved from place to place as found desirable.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Trinidad, has returned to Nova Scotia for a period to assist in removing the $\$ 14,000$ debt incurred by the Eastern section of the Foreign Mission Committee. Before leaving San Fernanda Dr. Grant was presented with a purse and an address. His labors in Trinidad for $\mathbf{3 2}$ years have been greatly blessed. He is pastor of a self-supporting church of converis. Sabbath Schools, day schools, the college, and other institutions testify of what he and his wife and other members of bis family have done for the mission. Dr. Grant is a native of Picton, N. S,

The citizens of Halifax did the right thing a few days ago in making the handsome present of a gold watch to Rev. Dr. Gordon, who is on the eve of removing his family from that city to Kingston. He carries with him to the Principalship of Queen's University the best wishes of the people irrespective of class, creed or politics. He was a good citizen in Halitax, and like his predecessor in Queen's he will be a good citizen in Kingston.

Mr. Kataoka Kenkichi, of Tokgo, Japan, has just been re-elected president of the low. er house of the Japanese Parliament, which corresponds to our House of Commons. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. During the canvass for election his friends urged him, as a matter of policy, to conceal the fact that he is a Christian and a Presby. terian, lest it restrain heathen men from voting for him. He refused to conceal it, and he was elected. Prior to the assembling of the Parliament, he continued his practice of assembling friends in his home to hear about Christianity. And he was elected to the presidency of the Chamber. Later he accepted the presidency of a Christian college and when criticised for so doing made this reply: "If I had not been a believer in, God it is probable that I should long ago have left the sphere of politics and become a recluse. I remain in the political world because I believe it is God's will 1 should. I am not a believer in men's hiding their beliefs or in their pretending to believe what at
heart they reject. Some say it is impossible to enter the poltical arena without becoming defiled. Sanctity that cannot survive contact with the world is not of much value. We cannot live to ourselves." It will be a good thing for Cavada when her public men can make so frank an avowal of their Christianity.
"All friends of Christianity in India must rejotce at the appointment of Sir Andrew Fraser as lieutenant governor of Bengal. Says the Christian Intelligencer: He has been known throughout his service as a consistent confessor of his religion, living his official life keenly, hard-working in all posts of the service in which he has been employed, and combining in an exemplary manner the characters of a hard-headed, practical administrator, and a humble-minded, outspoken Christian. The advancement of such an officer does credit to the impartiality of the viceroy."

The American Bible Society has now been in existence eighty-eight years, and during that time its total issues amounted to 72,670.783 copies of the Word of God. In an article on this society the Herald and Presbyter gives the following interesting paragraph: "Voltaire, who died in 1777 , prophesied that within a hundred years the Bible would be an unknown book. The Bible, which in Voltaire's day existed in only thirty-eight tongues, is now being read, in whole or in part, in over four hundred. One hundred and fifty of these languages were for the first time reduced to writing by Bible translators."
"I stick to the Bible and the people come," said Dr. Torrey in telling of his evangelistic trip around the world. He sums up his experience in preaching in these few lines: "I believe in three things, Prayer, the Atonement, Spiritual Regeneration. Prayer means power with God; the Atonement means power with sinful men and women, poor guilty souls ; and spiritual Regeneration means power over a corrupt nature ; it breaks the power of $\sin$." The gospel more than ever it has been is still the power of God and the wisdom of God to lost sinners of every race and clime,

Recently an attempt was made in the House of Lords to abolish the sovereign's declaration against the Roman Catholic religion. Archbishop Davidson and the Duke of Devonshire pointed out that the declaration must be definitely against Romanism to preserve the Protestantism of the throne, but need not be worded so as to give offence to Roman Catholics. The Government were prepared to modify the wording some time ago, but the Roman Catholic peers said that would not satisfy them, the Declaration must be altogether abolished, thus defeating the Government's intention. It is impossible to declare against Romanism without offending Romanists to some extent ; yet the Duke of Norfolk had the candour to admit that a Protestant nation is quite warranted in guarding the Protestantism of the Throne. The House of Lords decided by a large majority to retain the Royal Declaration.

Someone has said that ours is an age when everyone wishes to reform the world. but no one thinks of reforming himself. We must begin with ourselves.-James Stalker, D.D.

An advance is being made by the United Siates Government in the matter of temperance. At Bremerton, Wash., the location of the Puget Sound navy yard, a lot of low dives corrupted the satlors who went ashore. When the city council refused to abate the nuisance, the Sccretary of the Navy telegraphed to the commander of the Pacific squadron not to put in to Bremerton. The city council speedily abated the nuisance. At the Capitol in Washington the sale of liquor has been abolished.-At the New York Immigrant Station no sales of liquor are allow-ed.-In the Philippine Islands no sale of liquor is to be allowed within two miles of any military camp.-These things indicate progress.
"What results does Catholicism produce when she has everything ber own way?" asks Christian Life, and submits the answer based on the experience of Ecuador, the most Catholic portion of our glohe. "In no other part of the world have the Jesuits had so much influence. No Protestant can vote as a parliamentary elector. There are six Romanist churches or chapels for every thousand of the inhabitants ; one acre in every four is church property ; one person in every ten is a pries? or a monk or a nun; and two hundred and seventy two days in the three hundred and sixty-five are kept as ecclesiastical days of observance, cither as feasts or fasts. And what have been the social results? Less than eight per ce t. of the people can read; the national debt has paid no interest for thirty years past ; and the Minister of the Interior, in his cfficial report to Congress, says : "The historical trad tion of our constitutional politics is-incessant revolutions.' " The Jesuits appear to be the stormy petrels of Roman Catholicism in all Catholic countries.

Lord Roseberry who,during his chairmanship of the London County Council, rendered that body and the city over which it rules signal service, has again proven the deep interest he takes in its concerns. He has just laid before the Council a scheme for the establishment in London of an institution similar to the great College of Applied Science at Charlottenburg, Germany, and promised to act as chairman of a body of trustees appointed to carry out the proposal. His Lordship thinks it litle short of a scardal that able and ambitious young Englishmen, desirous of equipping themselves with the most perfect technical training. The Belfast Witness says: "Most people will agree with Lord Roseberry" and adds: "We are now begining to see and to feel the cost of our apathy in regard to the scientific training of the soung, and it is high time that we should. This scheme, which is already supported strongly by financiers, is likely to prove the beginning of a general movement throughout the United Kingdom for the overtaking of lost gisund.


## Ways of Working.

BY UNCLE WILL
The Summer School at Knox College is the beginning of a new era in Sabbath School work. The large attendance and enthusiasm of the student augers well for the future.

One wonders why those in authority have been so backward in taking this forward step. The teachers themselves have been crying out for just such helps, and while thus eager to avail themselves of such educational advantages, they have not stood still waiting for the leaders to make a move; and no doubt they have forced this step bv their taking advantage of all local movements for Biblical Study.
In the sphere of Primary work, no society has done better than the Toronto Primary Teachers Union, of which many of Toronto's kindergartners are active members. And so that the work may go forward with renewed interest, and the two weeks of training be put to its best work, let now the various Sabbath Schools organize for the winter's work by continuing the study thus happily begun. It would be well if possible that two or three Sabbath Schools unite to have union meetings for study of the lesson.
Such a union was carried on in Toronto some few years ago at St. Enoch's church, while Mr. Wm. Selby was Superintendeat there. The meetings were held weekly in the school room and during the two years in which they were held were well attended. The course while including the study of the Sabbath School lesson and the shorter catechism weekly, was diversified by lectures trom prominent educationists princıpally pedagogica!, of which some eight were given during each season.

I have before me "Handbook for 1902.3 of the Midland Association of Sunday School Unions. (England) of which W. J. Harris, 173 Holly Road, Handsworth, Staffs, England is Honorary Secretary." This association provides lecturers to any school making application, and to show the scope I cull a few of the subjects: "Evening Homes for Working Girls." "The Practical Side of the Sunday School Teacher's Work." "Visitation of Scholars." "What the Ritualists are doing with the children." "Notes from a Minister's diary in reference to Sunday Schools." "The Child in Modern Life." "How may we best improve the Singing in the Sunday School." "Some observations on Sunday School Teaching." "Evening Recreation Classes as a help to Sunday School Work." "Twenty years of Sunday "School Work and what they have taugit me." "The Ideal Teacher."

The lecturers number eighteen with some thirty lectures. Deputations are always ready to visit and address meetings upon general subjects in connection with Sunday School Work, and besides the above-Lectures to Children; Addresses to Young Men ; Lime Light and Lantern Views; all of which show that in order to keep abreast of the times we must be up and doing. We have with us "the dew of youth" in our vast heritage. When the Old Country is putting forth such energy and christian enterprise we should show ourselves worthy sons of such-sires and conquer Canada for Christ.

Our Manitoba Letter. by Junius m.
No prettier place for a town could be found in Maniteba than the situation of Baidur, at the summit of the Tiger hills, amidst the Pembina mountains. To the south of the village is a bigh knoll which commands the view of four pretty litte grass surrounded lakes, and also gives a good view of the bluffs across the prairie. It was here Rock Lake Presbytery held its latest meeting on Tuesday evening, July 7th. The Presbyterians here, although few in number, are a very resourcetul congregation. They are the happy possessors of a brick church valued at over $\$ 3,000$ and almost free or debt. The brick body of the church is set on a stone foundation and is a credit to the town. The pastor, Rev. Chas. McKay, lives at another ideal town a few miles further west. The town also boasts of an Anglican church and a Methodist, although at the present time the Methodists are engaged in building a new church and having converted their old building into a dwelling use the Presbyterian.
Twelve families constitute the congregation. The Sabbath Schoul is under the superintendency of Mr. D. J. Hartley, Principal of the Intermediate School there, who takes a deep interest in the moral as well as the educational. Last year this Sabbath School with an average of 30 scholars contributed $\$ 100$ to the Schemes of the Church and as this money did not go through any of the regular channels of the Church it is not reported in the blue book
To the north of the town, at the end of a long drive of 7 miles amid rolling prairie interspersed with woods and lakes and tiny streams, some of the Presbyters visited the Icelandic church and hall. The church is capable of seating three or four hundred and the lesson helps tor the Sabbath School are in English as well as the Library, which is a very good one for a country church in Manitoba. The hall is suitably draped with British emblems and flags and red, white and blue bunting and exhibits the loyalty of the Manitoba Icelanders.

But let us get back to the Baldur church at half past seven in the evening. The Rock Lake Presbytery is regularly constituted, the minutes are read; then comes the report of Mr. S. Polson, of Swan Lake, of our Indian work there, for in this Presbytery we have one foreign mission. Mr. Polson describes the school work as improving. The homes now being erected are of the third grade and are good, comfortable houses. The teacher we have engaged is an Anglican by profession but does good work for our Master among the Indians, whose language he speaks and to whom he is much devoted.

At 8 o'clock Mr. Thos. Beveridge, B.D., Manitou, opens the public meeting by discussing the Sabbath School work and how to bridge the chasm between the home and the school. He recommends the Home Class and also Teacher Training. The discussion is taken up by Presbytery and a number express their opinions. Mr. D. J. Hartley is invited by Presbytery to speak on the subject and presents his thoughts very much to the profit of ministers who are not teachers

After the public meeung is closed regular
routine business is again entered upon. The Augmentation and Home Mission reports presented by the father of the Presbytery, Mr. Jas. Farquharson, Pilot Mound. Mr. M. C. Rumball, Morden, reported re Standing Committees. Reports were then given by the Commissioners to the General Assembly and near midnight Presbytery adjourned to meet in September at Manitoba. Mr. Chas. McKay, Moderator for the current year, occupied the chair and Mr. Wm. Caven, Clerk, had business as usual in good order.
Winnipeg, July 21, 1903.

## Erie.Where There Is No Vision.

The ancient Romans observed the beautiful custom of holding the face of every newborn babe towards the sky in token that we are born to look above the world. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Let a man forget God and truth and the immortal life, and forthwith he begins to deteriorate. Emerson says that, living under the lofty domes of great cathedrals, the most menial attendant acquires a stately step, so under the influence of lofty visions there comes into the humblest life a strength and purity it could not otherwise have. As well might one expect to grow prize roses without the sun and the summer as to grow into beauty of character without high ideals.

We need a more constant vision of God. Underneath a pretty sketch in which the shrubbery and flowers and walks of a garden were plainly visibie on the surface was written "Here is the garden, but where is the gardener ?" After turning the picture into every conceivable position for some time in vain, at last the right angle was obtained, and suddenly the features of the gardener stood out so plainly, that where before one could see nothing but the garden now nothing could be seen but the gardener. Lite is full of God's presence for those who have eyes to see aright. Every holy thought and kindly deed is but the reflection of His face-all the glory of earth and sky and sea is but the hem of His garment. He who is influencing men to close their eyes to the Divine presence is preparing them to run down the steepest road to $\sin$ and rvin. On the other hand, those who in any measure are engaged in quickening the vision of God in the hearts of others, whether it be the mother with her child or the teacher with the class are doing the highest possible service for humanity. We need a truer vision of one another. Under the influence of competition and rivalry we lose sight of the sacredness of human life and in our cynicism we make it a cheap and nasty thing. We despise and - rample upon one another so that multitudes

Long to leave the vain low strife,
The tug for place and power,
rhe passions and the cares that wither life, Ind waste its little hour.
Oliver Wendell Holmes once said "If you look at a man you see just enough to make you suspicious of him. If you look into a man you see enough to fill your heart with compassion and to lead you to help him." That is how Christ looked at men. He saw more clearly into human hearts than any of us but he never despaired of human nature. There is a legend that while walking with His disciples they came upon a dead dog by the wayside. The discipies could not conceal the disgust they telt, but the Saviour said: "How white and beautiful his teeth are !" He always sees in the must degraded and sinful some touch of hallowing beauty through which His redeemung grace may come.

We need a clearer vision of heaven. The strongest and purest lives are those stimulated by "the power of an endless life." Travellers say that in Cyprus it is nearly always sunshine. There are occasional clouds, but even in the clouds there is no gloom-they are warm and soft like the wings of a dove, and when they pass away the air is filled with the fragrance which the flowers have yielded in the grateful shade. That is what the vision of heaven will do for this life. It will fill our days with sunshine, and when the clouds do come, as they will to all of us, there will be no gloom in them, but instead of hor ror and despair they will leave behind them the fragrance of the flowers of Paradise.

## A Lesson for the Methodists.

Rev. T. Fenwick, of Woodbridge, Ont., under date 17 th July, writes :

I see in a la e i sue of the "Witness" that, at the last meeting of the Quebec Presbytery, a letter was received from Rev. Mr. Sparling, of Quebec, r resenting the Methodist body, requesting ocr Church to take charge of the station at Riviére du Loup, Quebec.
The Methodists should do the very same with regard to Metis, Quebec. That station is quite small enough for one minister. Two are a farce. The nearest Protestant station is a hundred miles distant. The Presbyterians were established there many years before the Methodists set foot in it. They were the only Protestants. The Methodists wrought unblushingly to crush us down, and get the place to themselves. They got a church of their own, as they wished. It is really an Anti Fresbyterian church. I cannot, for lack of sufficien: space, go into particulars. 1 know perfectly, the history of the matter, and I defy anyone to disprove what I would tell of it, had I space to do so. The Methodists would do themselves an honor by following my advice already given. I shall not cloak myself under a false name.

## Literary Notes.

- Harper's Bazar for August contains two English articles, one by Rebecca A. Insley on "Street Arabs in London," and the other by Caroline Benedict Burrell describ ing a summer spent "On a Warwickshire Farm." In "A Dinner with King Alfonso" we have an interesting picture of the way the Spanish king entertains. "One Result of the Martinique Disaster" is a most amusing short story which shows London, England, deserted for the greater part of the year on account of the change in climate which made it too cold for habitation. In the various departments we find articles on "A Garden Party," "Summer Millinery," "Effective Summer Gowns," "Gowns for Street Wear," etc. Harper and Brothers, New York.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for July opens with more Personalia : Political, Social, and Various, by Sigma, lawyers being the special subject for this month. In a Self Sustaining Empire the free trade question is discussed ; but probably the most interesting part of the Magazine this month is contained in Musings Without Method where the Carlyle-Froude controversy is commented on at some len, th and the Servian tragedy more concisely. An article on The Persian Gulf is of special interest also, bringing to our mind the importance of the statement made by Lord Lansdowne last May, speaking as Foreign Secretary in the

House of Lords: "I say it without hesitation that we should regard the establishment of a naval base or a fortified port in the Persian Gulf as a very grave menace to British interests, and we should certainly resist it with all the means at our disposal." Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

Psychology of Childhood, by Frederick Tracy, B. A, Ph. D., Lecturer in Philosophy in the University of Toronto $5^{\text {th }}$ edition revised and enlarged. Cloth, goc. Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. One of the results of the Knox College Summer School has been an awakened interest in child study as an important factor in Sabbath School teaching. It will be of dvantage to teachers, parents and guardians of the young to be acquainted with a valuable Canadian manual on the subject which has already been accorded a foremost place by specialists and now appears in the $5^{\text {th }}$ edition with a new chapter, the Aesthetic, Moral and Religious Ideas in Psychic Development. It is at once a suitable introduction to and condensed review of the subject. The author shows full and minute acquaintance with the literature on all its phases. He has conducted patient and extensive observations of children and directed others in doing so and has fused the whole with his own original thought. The treatise is simple enough for a beginner in the study, its characteristics being clearness of expression and exactness of classification, yet its view is so wide and its generalisations are so carefnl that it is really an exhaustize treatise within small compass.
The British Reviews for July all contain more or less exhaustive articles on Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, the Tragedy in Servia, and the Carlyle Froude question. In the Contemporary Lord Welby discusses Chamberlain's position. He says: "To Mr. Chamberlain the welfare of the $42,000,000$ who dwell at home is but a local matter; and he would sacrifice their interests to a diream of Empire." In conclusion he quotes Burke's words : "Of all things an indirect tampering with the trade of provisions is the most danger ous My opinion is against the overdoing of any sort of administration, and more especially against that most momentous of all meddling on the part of authority, the meddling with the subsistence of the people." Sir James Crichton-Brown answers Mr. Ronald McNeill's article in the June number of the Contemporary and defends his introduction to the "New Letters and Memorials of Jane Welsh Carlyle." This article was in the Editor's hands before the publication of Froude's "My Relations with Carlyle," so that it is not an answer to this. The writer, however, promises a full answer at a later date. This number contains two articles on the Servian affair, one by Ivanovich, and one under Foreign Áffairs, both remarkably interesting. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

In the Fortnightly Review we find under the heading Preferential Tariffs and Mr. Chamberlain four articles giving the views of four men well qualified to write of this important subject. The sub-headings are Mr. Chamberlain's Programme in the Light of French Experience, Cobdenism and Capital, Setting Back the Clock of Empire, and Free Trade or Protection ? In these articles we are given the main
arguments on both sides of the question. Herbert Vivian's article on the "Glorious Revolution" in Servia is a strong indictment of the murderers and a protest against the indifference of the European Sovereigns. He concludes thus: "I am a mere mourner over the graves of a King whom I esteemed above all other reigning monarchs ; of a $Q$ ieen whose character I admired; of a Prime Minister for whom I had a deep regard; of a country which I loved next to my own. Requiescat in pace" Of a purely literary nature are the articles on M. Maeterlinck's "Joyzelle," "The Goncourt Academy" and "Some Letters from Arthur Hallam. W. H. Mallock writes in vindication of Froude in "The Secret of Carlyle's Life." Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.
Select Poems of Tennyson prescribedfor Junior Matriculation and Junior Leaving Examinations in 1904. Edited with Introduction and Notes by W. J. Alexander, Ph. D., Professor in English in University College, Toronto. Cloth, 50c. Paper, 3oc. Copp, Clark Company, Toronto. We have become accustomed to expect a good text book in English literature from this publishing house every year. This year's issue is excellent. The Introduction on the study of literature could be written only by a master of the art of teaching English literature. It is calculated to guide the student in the best way to the cultivation of taste and literary appreciation. The notes are prefaced by an article of thirty pages treating of the poet's life and general characteristics. The notes are explanatory and illustrative. The appendix contains eighteen poetical selections from different authors, giving sufficient variety for side reading.

Christ asks us to trust him ; but did you ever think how great was his trust in us? He will clothe the vilest beggar and trust him. He will pardon the worst sinner and adopt him. Poor blind Bartimaeus has a place is his heart. He makes the woman at the well his friend. The publican and the sinner are his fellows. He asks us to trust him in his unsullied beauty; but he trusts us with all our weaknesses and foibles.

##  The Quiet Hour. <br> 

David and Gollath.

S. S. Lesson. August 9, 1903.

Golden Text-If God be for uv, who can be fgainst us?-Rom. 8:31

LY RLV. PROF. JORDAN, D.D., KINGSTON, ONT,
Connecting Links-Ch. $16: 14 \cdot 23$ relates David's introduction to the court of Saul and his appointment as armor-beater. In ch. 17: 1.3 we have a new invasion of the Philistines, who encamped on the western slope of the valley of Elah, while the Israelitish army occupied the eastern slope. The daily defiance of Israel by Goliath is described in 17: 4-11. Ch. 17: $12 \mathbf{3 1}_{1}$ explains how David came to the camp. In the lesson passage we come to the famous meeting of David with the giant Goliath, verses $\mathbf{3} 2 \cdot \mathbf{3 7}$ giving the remarkable interview between David and King Saul.
I. David's Armor, 38-40.

V5. $3^{8,} 39$. Armed David with his armour ; Rev. Ver "clad David with his apparel." A peculiar kind of coat is meant, worn under the armor, to which the sword was tastened, v. 39. Coat of mail ; hiterally "coat of scales," that is, tiny metal plates interlinked and overlapping like the scales of a fish. It was made of brass (v. 5), iron (Rev. 9:9), and even gold, and covered the back, breast and shoulders. Had not proved it. Having never worn armor, be did not know what a hindrance it would be to one not accustomed to it. David put them off him ; wisely preferriag more fambliar weap.

God wanted David to go into the battie lightly armed, trusting to Him rather than to weapons or coats of mail.
Vi. $4^{\circ}$. Ilis staff ; "his club," a very effective weapon to this day. One of David's suldiers used it successfully against an Ezyptian champlon. (See 2 Sam. 23:21.) Five smooth stones., He showed his prudence in providing five in case one or two should fail. Snouth. Round, water-worn stones were seleceed because they would go straighter to the matk. They would be found in abundance in the brook ; that is, the dry stream bad in which the brook ran in rainy weather. In a shepherd's bag. ...even in a scrip; a bug for carrying provisions or ammunition. In modern Palestine the scrip is made out of a kid's skin stripped whole from the carcase, tat hed and slang from the shoulders by strap. Sling ; a well-known and dangerous weapon, and usually consisting of a piece of leather with short strings attached to its opposite sides and a stone inserted. In battle the siones were euther carried in a bag by the slinger, or pled at his feet. (For experi slingers, see Judg. $20: 16$.)

## II. David's Confidence. 42-47.

V. 41, 42. The Philistine ; Goliath, a giant of Gaih, nine feet eight inches high, couating a cubit at eighteen inches. He probably belonged to the anctent race of the Anadim, some of whom found refuge in Gaza, Gath and Ahdod, when they were drven by Josinua from the mountains of Judah, josih. $11: 21,22$. That bare the snield; his armor-bearer, who carned the great snield, gathered up the artows huiled iganst his chief, and slew those struck down by bim. Disdained him. See Prov. $16: 18$. But a youth ; looking younger than he really
was, on account of his fair complexion. Kuddy. Compare ch. 16 : 12.

Vs. 43, 44. Am I a dog? In the East dogs are greatly despised, being usuaily worthless and wihout owners. With staves ; weapons apparently so unfit for the occasion. His gods. These Goliath pitted against Jehovah. Give thy flesh. To have one's body dishonored after death and left a prey to the birds and beasts, was a fate much dreaded even by the bravest warriors.

Vs. $45 \cdot 47$. With a shield ; Rev. Ver. "a javelir," a kind of spear tor throwing. The Lord of hosts. In this title the whole universe, including the earth, suin, moon and stars, is represented as a vast army of which God is the leader. The God of the armies of Israel. The Almighty fights with His people. Will the Lord deliver thee? Goliath trusted in his hage spear, David in almighty God. That all the earth may know; including the heathen who worshipped false Gods. (Compare 1 Kings $18: 36 ; 2$ Kings 19: 19.) A God in Israel ; who can give the deliverance which false gods cannot give. Assembly; the two armies camped on the opposite heights. Not with sword and spear. (Compare ch. 2: 1-10; 14: 6; Ps. $33: \mathbf{1 6 - 2 0}$; 44:68; Hos. 1:7; Zech. 4:6;1 Cor. 1: 27,23 . The battle is the Lord's. Those for whom He fights are certain of victory,

## III. David's Victory, 48, 49.

Vs. 48, 49. Hasted and ran. He thus showed his courage, and besides gained force for his throw. Sank into his forehead. "Goliath's brazen helmet was either without covering for the forehead, or else this part was removed as he went forward to the conflict." Fell upon his tace. He was running, and was bending forward when the stone struck and stunned him.

Vs. 5054 relate the slaying of the Philis. tine with bis own sword, the panic of the Poilistine army, and their pursuit by the Israelites as f.r as Gath.

Bible Study, Two Verses this Time. No. 15.

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\text { Psalm } 103: 15,16 .
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"As for man, his days are as grass ; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ; and the place thereof shall know it no more."

David was probably an old man when he wrote this song of praise. As a flower-a beautiful flower-so he had flourished. But he knew that the wind would soon pass over it, and it would be gone, and the place that had known him so long would know him again no more.

But there is scarcely a minor note as he touches these undeniable facts. These two verses come in between the tender pity and considerateness of his Father, and the everlastingness of the mercy and righteousness of his God. They are placed rather as artistic shadows, throwing out into magnificent relief the realities of personal love before and of covenant faithfulness that follow.

This passage may be studied along with Psalm 102: 24.28. It also fits beautifully with Isa. 40:6.8, and I Peter 1: 23.25. But in order to get the Divine glory of these antitheses, we need to take time to sit at Christ's feet, and to receive His own teach ing of His word.

How to Conduct Fanily Worship.
by the rev. Charles brown
The statement of the problem assumes that the practice of family worship still exists. If rumor is to be trusted, however, there are very many homes, where the parents are professedly Christian, in which this most whole some and helpful custom has been abandoned.

Many reasons are urged in explanation or excuse; but when they are all siffed thoroughly, the result appears to be that it is extremely 'd.fficult to maintain the custom. Let us admit that at once, and then let us determine that the difficulty shall be overcome; that for the sake of our children, our servants, and ourselves there shall be the acknowledgement of God, the directing of the thou ht to him as the Giver of ail good, the comaital of the life to His gurdance and authority in family worship. A custom which is iuvaluable in its influence on our home life is worth some costly effurt to preserve, and must not be allowed to be Vanquisied by difficuity.

## Overcoming Difficulties.

There may be difficulty in getting all the members of the household together at the beginuing of the day. Then those who can should be gathered, and those who cannot should be lovingly remembered in prayer. It may be that the evening is a more favorable time for united family worship. If all can be there then, let that be the hour. Ther may be homes where it is literally impossible for all to meet daily. Then once or twice a week, on Saturday or Sunday, let the worship be heid• Mr. Spurgeon's custom for many years was to have family worship, at which ail members of the household and visitors were eathered, at six o'clock on Saturday evening. In this, as in most matters, the old adage holds : "Where there's a will, there's a way."

## Conducting the Home Service.

Realising the blessing of the houschold which may come through family worshi, we proceed to consider the problem stated at the head of this paper. The first necessity is a prepared sipit. All should have this, of course, but the person who conducts the worship must have it if the worship is to be profitable. Methods will differ with different people-they are not unimportant, but the spirit is the chicf thing. The priest of the houschold must have compassion, and he must have sympathetic consideration of every members of the home, down to the youngest child or servant. The passages of Scripture should be carefully chosen and as carefuliy read. They should not be too long. From ten to fifteen verses gencrally are sufficient. A word or two in explanation of a dificult sentence, or connecting the reading with that of the previous day, may often be given, or the chief lesson of the passage may be pointed out. It is not well to go straight through the Bible. Many parts of it are neither sutable nor interesting for reading to children, and the object of the readings should be to interest and to profit. Whetever possible, it is good to have a hymn in which all may join-a hymn of thanksgiving and praise.

## Beware of Insincerity.

But let there be reality in prayer. Let us mean what we say and say what we mean. Let us ask in "good faith, nothing wavering." lasmcerity in prayer is soon dotected by men, and is an abomination unto the Lord. It is sadly possibly for family prayer and grace before meat to degereratd into a
pure formality without meaning or life, and we must sedulously guard against that,
The true function of family worship is to habituate ourseves, and to train cur children, to seknowled ge God in al thinas and to order the hie in accordance wi:h H is will. It behoves us, tierefore, to be geaulice in our piayets, and then to do all in our power to live in the spirit of our prayers all the cas-to try at least to do those things which we have asked that we may have strength to do, that so our lives and our prayers may be " 2 ! of a piece," and not two separate and contraty things. It is easily possible to draw the ifference that prayer is useless where there is a great gult fixed between the mamer of the prayer and the manner of the life; ard what is needed is to give the impressin that religion and life are inseparaby bound up the one w th the other, that our ptayery heip our living, and our living is a part of our prizer. With this spirit cu'avated in the home, family worship will become not only profitable, but a real and greut deli h

## The Prayer.

The prayer is the rhicf difficully with many people. They are incopabie, they think, of offering ther own proyers in the presence of their families. At the same time they are averse to read prayers. I am a firm believer in "free" prayer, both in pub'ic and fam!ly worship, It is far preferable, in my judgment, to a liturgy ; but I would far rather see in use one of the many bo ks prepared for family worship than ste the cusiom drop into disuse. But more is possibie to us than we thit,k "The Spirit helperh our infirmusies," and a few words of our own mitght be more cffective In leadirg others to pray with us than a most claborate priated page of petitions. Wion the panger is read, and the head of the house hold feels hiniself incapable of spokeo prayer, would it not be well to write out a few lines of thanksgiving or netition for special mercies, and to insert them in the prayer for that particulat day? We are tot to scek to avoid trouble. In this, as in other things, we may truly say: "No pains, no gains." Prayer with and for othert, without any previous thought, can ravely be profitable. We have a right, and we have need, to consider weil the words we are going to stak to $\mathbf{G} \circ d$

One or tw, bobts may not be out of place. Let the prater be bous. Le: It be simple. Do not iray et any member of the bousebold. The family altar is mot the plare for dealing with the sieecific faulis of any member. That shouid be done in puivate. Lei the needs and metcie of al present and absent members of the family be lovingly remenbered. Let there be a thongat for the Church of Gid and for the poor and suffering. Let there be come variev in the prayer. It is a guod plan to pray againot we frab of terplaiso inday and another io-mortow, and so with the strengthening of the vatious virucs. Tlese should be low'y confession of $\sin$ in every prayer, and thanksgiving for daily merces. It might be well that another menber of the househ id hesides he father -he mother, hie sun or davaher-mhou'd occationaly read the passage or offer the prayer, and at the close all should join in liepretern piayer wach our Lord taught to I: dioce)es.

A man who lives ifht and is richt has w.e.e power in ins silence than another ias by hi wo ds. Character is like bells which bing cu: sucet rusic, and which wion touch d, eccidenaly even, reound with sweet music.-Phillips Brooks.


Surs. Aus. 9.-Lessons from Paul: How We Clay Get His Passion for Souls.

## Worth tae Wianins:

A good man, who had established a re formatory school for wayward boys, was showing a visitor over it, who asked him rather sneeringly how many lads he hoped to reform. "If I spend all my life here, and reform only one boy, I shall not feel that the time and effort are wasted," was the reply. "That is ridiculous," said the other, sharply. "All this for only one boy?" "But suppose it was your boy?" was the answer.

We must feel that each man is the brother for whon Christ died. The straightest patb to any soul is found by loving it. We caunot touch men, in any sense, until we come close to them individually, and count them worth the winning.

The moment we assume that we are better than others, that therr sins are too black for us to belp them, or that they are too de. graded to be helped at all, that moment we lose power for soul-winning, We must have
"The hate of hate, the scorn of scorn,
The love of love.
before we reach the craving souls that long for better things, even in their sins. Paul, like His Master, loved sinnurs, despised no lowest slave, bécame all things to all men, and won couniless souls to Christ.

## The Universal Message

The gosp "s for all men. Poter tried to keep it wit in Jewish limits, aud Pau, at first, sp, ke only in the synagogues ; but they soon lewned that the message they bore was not nartow, but universal. Whosocver will, may come, All nations, all agee, all conditions, are one in Christ, who died, not for a f.w, but for all.
This fact affecis our duty as Christians. We owe a de't to all around us, until the gospel is brought home to them, sofar as we can do it. P.ul telt this so strongly that not undil hot had done his umost for three ycars, exhorane nitht and day, did be call the people of E,he us to witness that he was "pare fom the bisud of al men." Wherever he went he witnessed for God. Even when chained between two soldiers at Kome, he pressed the govpel upon them.

## A Little Digger of Weeds.

"Nine'y-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven," counted Marian, with a long sigh. "Three more to make a handred!'

Little Maias in her gincham slip gown, armed wi h a strong kitchen knife, was digging out dafdelions for two cents a hundred. 1: was in the little areen niot between the walk and the curbing. She had it free from weeds now, and she was to dig nowhere else. She had dug out some with the knife, and some with ber sturdv fitte fingers, lying flat on the ground. The little strip had been kept so well mowed that the dandelions grew very low and chose in among the short prass and were noteasy ta take out. She would have liked to go wer: and dg in the school. yard acruss the way, for there the dandellons were bie and sirone, cach one crowned with fluffy blossonv ; bus the hat been told to do her digeng in chat somail greea plot, so there she stayed.
"Oh, ninety elzbh," cried Marian, spying out a stunted bit of a plant that fairly hugged
the ground. "But, dear me! I don't believe there's another one."
Still, after a long sarch, she did discover another tiny mite crowing alwost under the edge of the sidewa $k$.
"Ninety-nine! Nuw, if I cou'd et just one more!" sighed Mutian, cxamining the grass with an anxious eyc. "Who'd ever spose that dandelions $\mathbf{w}$ did go and sow just ninety-nme of themstive, and then stop short?"
"Hello!" sad J hany Etiges, stopning short at sight of the lit le fi wely.gg on the ground. Whal's the matier with you?"
Julinny Eriges nas .. now boy just noved into their block.
Marim told him. "Ard I don't s'pose I'll ever get that two cents," she sad, "though I lack only one ; but there isut a single one more!
"Does your mother always count things? asked Johnny.
"No," said the little girl. "Ste just asks bow tuany, and I tell her."
"Then it's easy enuegh," said Jolinny. "She'd be sure, just lowking at them, that there must be as many as a hundred:
"Johnny Briges
"Anyway," suggested J hnny, red spots coming into his chocks, "how do you know you didn't make a mis.ak: when you counted ?"
"I know I didn't," said Marian. "I counted 'em nine times.
"See bere, wait a minute!" said Johnny ; and away he darted across the street.
"There!" cried he, reurning wi.h a dandelion plant and tossing it int: Matin's basket. "Nuw you are all ti ht."
"No, I'm not," said Maran, shaking ber curly head. "Johnny Brigss, I thi k you're a kind boy; but I gues y whe not lonest! If you're going to live in our biuck, I h. pe you'll be honest. You see we're tryin is make our block the nicest b ock in this street. That's why m.mmanad I are digging cut our weeds.
"I'm pretty honest," said ! liny, who was also pretty red. "And say," he c..lla. t back at the gate, "I spose, mayo, every time I see a dandelion I'l think about keeping the block nice
When Marian carrid her pan of weeds to her mother, she said, "Jamma, there's only ninety-nine in this hundred; but there isn't one left to dig. Cou'dn't I dn something else to make up for that ciner dandelion ?"
"Yes," said her mothe, smiling, "You may run and wath my only latle gin's hands for me, and then briag me ay purse."Carroll Watson Rankin, in Litte Fuiks.

## Daily Readings.

Mon. Aug. 3-A great vivion.
Tues. " 4-A great callias. Acts 22: 6-1 .
Wed. " 5 -A great Saviour. Tit. 1: 1-4.
Thurs. " $6-\mathrm{A}$ stat revpoanit 11 . 7: 22:25.
Fri. ". 7-A great gospel. ${ }^{1}$ Cor. $9: 13-16$.
Sat. ". 8-A great taith. Gat. $1: 18-24$.
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As God glotifies Chisi in Heaven, so the Spirit glorifies Him on eath th the hearts of believers.

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## THE SUIIIER SCHOOL.

We are glad to note that the Summer School, held at Knox College, Toronto, is reported to have been very successful, as to the attendance, the interest of the students and the high quality of the address. es. We trust that the influence will not soon pass away ; but that in the light of the experience thus gained the promoters will be able to make effective arrangements for the carrying on of the work. In a city like Toronto it is easy to arrange for a number of interesting speakers to give an address on a variety of subjects; and this is particularly easy the first year of such a convention But the important thing is to arrange for consecutive work and systematic study on the part of those who are to be the scholars. This only can carry out the purpose of the school, and encourage the lecturers and give to it their valuable time and energy,

## THE POSITION OF QUEENS

The Assembly at its recent meeting ex pressed a desire to keep Queen's Univer sity in at least as close a relation to the church as it now is. The expression of opinion to this effect was almost unanimous; and it was certainly both strong and enthusiastic The representatives of Queen's did not ask for any such vote; they were seeking to carry out the programme marked out by the late Principal and in substance, approved by two or three successive assemblies. The last assembly takes a strong stand; but the question is are the members of the church prepared to support the action of the Su preme Court This means the raising of more money to he p Queen's to meet the larger demands of the present time. The amount required is not large considering the size and power of the church. But the situation must be faced at once and something definite decided. It would be well for some of our wealthy men to speak out now in an appropriate and heip. ful manner.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSALS.

The indefinite but startling proposals of the Colonial Secretary regarding trade within the Empire continue to receive at tention from various quarters. Canadian journals sympathize with Mr. Chamberlain ; but it is evident that they are not prepared to offer English manufacturers any further advantage ; the preference to be given to Canadian food stuffs is that which interests them.

Professor Cappon of Queen's who is an enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Chamberlain writes that :
"It is clear that a scientifically protective tariff for the Empire is to have at least fair hearing in Great Britain, and it is at least possible that the new policy may eventually find more favour with the country than the Liberal leaders allow themselves to think. They rely largely on the old cry that the poor man's bread must not be taxed. The comparatively low wages and the low standard of living of the British workman forty years ako rendered any propoval which would make the loaf a penny dearer impowsible then. It may be somewhat different now." (Queen's quarterly July 1903.)

He then goes on to show that the argu ments against a preferential Imperial tariff are not very strong. So tar as argu ments are concerned brilliant write's in favour of protection have not been lack ing any time during the last fifty years, Indeed writers of that school boldly declared that the measures that were taken to cheapen the poor man's loaf meant ruin to the country as a whole. Arguments are plentiful on all sides; but this is a com plex matter in which all the varied interests must be considered. In the Nineteenth Century for July the matter is dealt with from several points of view. Sir Wemyss Reid points out that Lord Roseberry has discussed the matter from a large imperial standpoint, and has come to the conclusion that Mr. Chamberlain's proposal are not likely to be beneficial either to England or the Colonies. Sir Robert Giffen, the well known economist, concludes that conomically considered the preferential tariff would not be for the benefit of the colonies ot the motherland; but that because of the political issues involved, the need of drawing together the different parts of the Empire, the question is worthy of consideration. Mr. Benjamin Kidd comes to a similar conclusion, in a somewhat different way. Edward Dicey, C B , contributes an article which is more of the nature of a cynical political speech than of a sober economical discussion. This gentleman writes with the air of a superior person. He evidently regrets that the working men have votes and that such an important subject should be submitted to their decision Perhaps he would like to have the settlement himself. He is afraid lest the cry against the dear loaf will influence them too much. But he hopes that as they were patriotic enough io shout for the war they will have the sense to make other sacrifices for the sake of the Empire. So the discussion proceeds. But one thing is evident that tremendous opposi tion to Mt. Chamberlain's proposal will come from within the unionist partv; from men who know as much about busi ness and are as loyal to the Empire as the Colonial Secretary,

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## AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

It has been said that the American people are always at a Convention, or coming from a Convention or preparing for a Convention. This on one side may be in danger of degenerating into mere fussiness, but on the other it may indicate intelligent enterprise, the desire to under stand the meaning of life on its many sides and to organize it to the highest advantage. We called attention sometime ago to one of the most important conventions of recent times held at Chicago in connection with The Religious Education Association. Now we have pleasure in calling attention to the reports of the discussions now published and forming a good sized volume of 415 pages. This important document may be procur ed from the executive office of the association, 153 La Salle St., Chicago, or through the booksellers. It ought to be in the hands of all those who are interested in the question of religious edacation. The subject is dealt with is this volume from the standpoint of psychology, criticism, history and practical Christian experience Those who contribute to the discussion are men of varied experience in their special lines of investigation and work. The book is, as we have said, an important document creditable to those who promoted the Convention, and valuable as showing the amount of intellectual energy devoted to this great book. Certainly one of the greatest questions with which Christian men can grapple is this : How can the inspiring power of the Scriptures be brought to bear most effectually on the life of the voung people in the United States and Canada? Those who are seeking to set this question in a new light do not wish to upset any old organization or to introduce any revolutionary method, but they desire that the results of the latest science should be brought to bear upon the most important task entrusted to the Church. The great commission, "Feed my Lambs," must be accepted loyally and interpreted gen erously. It must be taken to mean, give to the young people the highest instruc tion drawn from the past and the present, show them how God has been revealing Himself through all the ages ; and how all things that are true and noble belong to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and to His discipies. Heace we trust that this new movement will be wisely led, as it has been well begun, and that it will give to religious educators keener intellectual power and higher spiritual influence.
"The number of streets in the city and its outskirts is 8.o. There are about 50,000 residences in the city and about 9,000 stores and offices. Our returns give about 1,200 unoccupied stores houses and tenements, a large decrease on the number reported last year." These facts and figures concern Montreal, the greatest of Canadian cities, and are taken from Lovell's Directory of that city for 1903, just issued. The population is estimated at 287,000 ; including suburbs at 360,000 . Montreal is a city of Churches; and among them the Presbyterian occupies a foremost position in influence, if not in numbers. In spite of all its serious defects in municipal government we are proud of the commercial capital of Canada !

## THE IIISTORICAL STUDY OF THE BIBLE

At the recent Chicago Convention there were two able papers read on this subject; one of them by President Rush Rees, D.D L L D., dealt briefly with the question of historical criticism in its relation to inspiration The following words are very suggestive in the way that they bring out the affect of criticism in quickening one's sense of the reality of inspiration while throwing into the background dog matic theories on the subject.
"By the fact of inspiration I mean the recognition that in the Bible the human spirit finds stimulus and instruction for those deeper movements of the soul which we call religion. This stimulus and instruction the modern historical study of the Bible brings out in clear emphasis. The theories of inspiration are the various ways in which men have undertaken to express their notion of how an infinite God ought to have indicated his will and thought to men With these, modern historical study of the Bible has nothing whatever to do."
After pointing out the essential reverence of criticism which seeks boldly to find the true answer to every legitimate question concerning the origin and growth of different parts of the Bible the essayist describes pretty fully the influence of historical stuady in bringing to the front the rich life of the Bible which is independent of mere traditions and theories. The fol lowing statement is worthy of special mention.
"The Bible is offered by modern histori cal study as the standard for religious education, because it is the doorway that opens for the soul the way of escape from those crystallizations of religious thinking which are the cause of all formulated religion. It is most significant that when Martin Luther moved out for himself into the freedom of the Christian man, it was by following the guidance of a light that broke upon him from the words of the apostle Paul, 'The just shall live by fath." So the Bible from the beginning, in all ages, whether to Catholic or Protestant, through its ideals of religion, and its exhi bition of the soul's fellowship with the living God, has furnisned the way out of formatism and slain the human spirit how it may come again into the free sunshine of the life of God in the Soul."

The mid-summer issue of St Margarets' Chronicle is a "thing of beauty" from the charming bevy of gi:l editors on the first page to the last line of the magazine. The contents are quite equal to the letter press, and that is saying a good deal.

It has been pointed out that in the Canadian House of Commons and the Provincial Legislatures there are needed about 600 elected legislators, apart from the Senators, who are created by appointment. As there are usually two candidates, this would nean the need of something like 1200 men of light and leading as candidates for Canada's legislatures. Considering the number of statute makers required, the average of our parliamentarians be described as respectable. One would like, however, to see more outstanding young parliamentarians of promise.

## THE PASSING OF THE POPE.

"The Grand Old Man" of the Roman Church has passed away, he has finished his work and gone to his rest. The removal of Pope Leo at the age of 94 takes away one of the most interesting figures in public life. As Protestants we cannot recognize his claim to be exclusively the successor of St. Peter and the Vicar of Christ but we can pay a tribute to a man of wonderful energy, simplicity and piety. The question for the Cardinals is "who next ?" That is their business; we have no concern with the aspirations of candidates or the intrigues of parties. One point will be watched by outsiders with interest, namely, this : Will the new Pope give up the idea of temporal power, recognize facts and come to an understanding with the Italian government ? That will be a difficult thing for an Italian ; and the election of a non Italian Pppe, though prophesied by some, seems scarcely probable.

## THAT WHICH IS STATIONERY IS DEAD,

Summer Schools in connection with theological colleges are calculated to get the preacher, young or old, who frequents them. out of the rut. Did you ever notice how you always take one particular road or path ? It is the force of habit. Not less powerful is mental habit ; so that the preacher, untess constantly watching and working, will get into grooves of statement and expression. He may not know it, but his hearers know. The preacher's task, standing before the same people twise fifty times a year, is more difficult than even he is aware of. It is turning one's mind inside out for inspection. At the summer school one hears papers from experts full of valuable ideas; but unless there be also good stiff discussion, much is lacking; the discussion is the great thing We all are apt to get stationery in our ideas ; and according to Bishop Westcott, "that which is stationery is dead." It would wonderfully vitalize those of us who do not profess to be other than of the plain average, to bring ourselves in touch with whatever whetstones providentially lie within reach. Among these may be named the new book, the discussion club, and the summer school. The plan of nature seems to be that the mental machinery gives out less rapidly than the physical. It is needless tolly to let the mind become stationery-i, e , partially dead before its time.

## EDWARD VII, THE PEACE-MAKER.

It would be a happy thing if history is ab'e to confirm the title now occasionally given the present Sovereign of the British Empire, "Edward VII, the Peace-maker." The present King seemingly loses no opportunity of allaying international friction and promoting international good will. He placated Portugal. He succeeded at Rome in the difficult task of paying visits of courtesy to the Pope, and also to the King of Italy,without exciting the jealousy of either. His visit to France, followed
by the return visit to Eng! nd of the President of the French Republic,showed him equally a king whether as friendly visitor or as cordial host In his recent trip to Ireland, friendly wisdom and statesmianlike tact have been demonstrated to a remarkable degree. King Edward as a man of sagacity, will not often "put his foot in it." Possessor of many tities, he bids fair to make permanent the noblest title of them all-"Edward ViI, the Peace maker."
"THFORY" AND AI MINTS.
One some in . . ital" rn nonerat as a certain type of whed tarmer used to sneer at "book.larnin'" To dav, a new type of ahle and progressive young farmer is coming to the front, fresh from the Agricultural College, to show that good theory lead, to good practise. As one writer puts it. material results are but the tardy signs of invisible activities. The bullet has started long before the noise of the report reaches us. The decisive events of the world takes place in the intellect.
A remarkable summary of what may be done by intelligent study is pres nted by the report of the British Sanitar. Institute, of London, England, in sewon as we write. It is pointed out that since public health became a science at the beginning of the late Queen's reign the average life of a man has been increased by three yea's and that of a woman by five years.

To-day there are more than 600,000 persons living in Great Britain, who, had they been born before the science of public health was known, would have died betore they were a yerr old

Thirty years ago in Great Britain typhoid killed 374 people out of every million. To day, with an enormously increased population it kills a bare 100 per million. Typhus, which sixty years ago struck down another 300 per million, has been literally stamped out by sanitation. Statisticians compute that the London County Council has saved 20,000 lives, mostiy intants, since its creation.
In the days of "Good Queen Bess" the death rate in England was 8o per 1,000 per annum.
Where sixty years ago 100 persons died from small pox, but about five die now. Deaths from fever have fallen by 85 per cent. From 18615 scarlet fever killed 892 persons per million : it now barely accounts for 100 .
Consumption has now fallen within the purview of sanitary authorities. During 1861.5 death by consumption in Great Britain claimed 2,526 persons yearly out of every million. Tu-day a better acquaintance with the laws of health has cheated death of half the harvest of 186r-5 from this disease.

Love has no commandment ; she does all things of herself spontaneously-hastens and delays not. It is enough to ber that it is only shuw... its ; stie needs t.0 dr.ving,

The Romance of London.

ey doza m. Jones.

Not long ago, a young American was airing his views as to the inevitable decline in store for our country, and he pointed his remarks by a comparison between London and any go-abead American city. He was eloquent on the narrowness of the London streets, the impossibility of getting about rapidly and in comfort, the irregularity and meanness of the houses, and no less on the misplaced tenderness for old associations which could leave, for instance, such mediaeval eyesores as the old houses at Holborn Bars to disfigure a modern thoroughfare. He declared that if we benighted Londoners could only once behold one of the new cities of the West, neatly laid out in paralle!. ograms, with every block and every street consecutively numbered, and all the main thoroughfares served by the latest thing in electric cars, we should hide our diminished heads in shame and confusion.

There is much, no doubt, in the criticism of Young America that we might well lay to heart. And yet-and yet-"man does not live by bread alone," and our mother city is more to us than a place to run to and fro and make money in. What is it, atter all, that brings our trans Atlantic cousins over here every autumn by the thousand, to ride on our antiquated omnibuses, and to dwell in our ill-conirived houses-what but that breath of the past, that historic atmosphere, which bathes the dingy streets of London in
"Tbe light that never was on sea or land" ?
"London," said Sir Walter Besant, "has had an unbroken bistory of a thousand years and has never been sacked by an enemy." The Roman fort set on the bill between marsh and tiver-the little wooden town of the Saxon chiefs-the Plantagenet city with its walls and gates, its bells clanging incessantly from the steeples of a hundred and fifty churches, with the pleasant suburban gardens where now the omnibuses rattle up and down Holborn, and the Thames, alive with pleasure boats and barges, flowing clear and unpolluted past the grounds of the great monastery which is now the Inns of Courtall these images pass before us like pictures in a magic-lantern show as we think of the changing fortunes of the place. What pageants, what tragedies, what strange reverses of fortune these streets have seen !
"Love thou thy land with love far brought
From out the storied past."
And where does the past touch us more intimately than in London? Yet the London of to-day has its romance as well-the romance of vastness, of complexity, of infinite possibilities. We have heard all our lives that London is the greatest city in the world ; but have we ever thought what it means to belong to a town which holds within its borders between four and five million people, or nearly a million more than the whole population of the Australian Commonwealth ? We know that she is the wealthiest city in the world, but have we realized that a single street in London is worth as much as a whole provincial town; that the houses in Piccadilly for instance, are valued at an annual sum which amounts to nearly twice as much as the annual value of Winchester, and
that Regent Street is wortb in current coin of the realm $£ 20,000$ more than the whole of Ramsgate. Every twenty-four hours in London, three million people are making journeys by road and rail, and at any time of day a million people, more or less, are walking in the streets. It is no wonder that our street traffic is the nightmare and the despair of every progressive Londoner. The food bill of London fairly staggers the imagination and lays the whole world under contribution. To take one small item only, from 800 to 900 millions of oranges are consumed yearly in the area of the Metropolis.
The London of today is more than a city: it is a congeries of cities, a series of worlds within worlds. Its inhabitants are segregated into communities which have no more to do with each other than the Jews and Samaritans of the New Testament. The French colony in Leicester Square, and the Italian can settle down among his kind in Hatton Garden. There are the poor Jews of Petticoat Lane and the rich Jews of Hampstead; there are Greeks and Armenians, Turks and Hindus. In many districts of London you will hear more French or German spoken than English. In few Western cities could you see a Chinaman walking out of doors in his full national costume without exciting the slightest remark ; yet the sight is common enough in London. It is, as ancient Rome was, the meeting-place of all nations and civilizations

It might be thought that in so vast an 3 g . gregate of humanity the individual would wither, would become of no account. People talk of the drabness, the dull monotony of city life. Yet it is in London that the strangest things happen-stories as touching as romantic as anything in days of old. Is there anything in the annals of the saints more full of the heroism of Christian chivalry than the story of the Eton lad of our own day, who disguised himself as a shoeblack, and left the luxury of his home to roam the London streets at night and shelter with ragged lads under the arches of a railway bridge on the Embankment in the bitter winter weather, that he might get a chance to read them a few verses of his pocket Testament, and speak to them of the One Hope in the One Name? It is in such things as these, after all, in high renunciation and spiritual adventure, in the warfare of the district nurse with disease and of the mission worker with $\sin$, in the drama of the individual soul, in the poet's vision of beauty and the reformer's passion for justice, in the flowers of buman charity and compassion which bloom in the darkest and most squalid comer of our neglected streets, that we may fiad, if we will, the Romance of London.

## Poisoned Finger-Nalls.

The juice of the green and growing pineapple is accredited in Java, the Phtippines, and throughout the Far East generally with being a blood poison of a most deadly nature. It is said to be the substance with which the Malays poison their kreeses and daggers, and also the "finger-nail" poison formerly in use among aborginal Javenese women almost universally. These women cultivated a nail on each hand to a long sharp point, and the least scratch from one of these was certain death.
"Start Me."
"Start me "" cries little Alice from her perch in the swing. "I want to go high; start me ?"
"Somebody can't be starting you all the time." answers Tommy, half impatient of her denands upon him, half desirous of giving her a bit of instruction. "Put your toot to the ground and start yourself."

It is the same story, the same cry, the world over. People are longing to mcunt high along many lines, but for the most part they are sitting still and waiting for some body to start them. They want to reach success in literature, in business or professional life, but they want to swing high from the first-to be pushed by some one's money strength or name. Those who are really willing to begin with their feet on the ground and start themselves are comparatively few.
One who has been brought much in contact with young people, young women especially, and has been endeavoring to help them, recently said that her greatest discourapement lay in the fact that they all wanted to begin at the top. They wanted at once the reputation, the pay and the patronage, of those who had been long years in the work. They wanted to be pushed-a good, strong push, that would set them flying at once-instead of putting their own feet to the ground and slowly working up for themseives.-Selected.

## Washing in the Orient.

The J panese rip their garments apart for every washing, and they iron their clothes by spreading them on a flat board, and leaning this up against the house to dry. The sun takes the wrinkles out of the clothes, and some of them have quite a lus're. The Japanese woman does her washing out of doors. Her wash tub is not more than six inches high.
The bardest worked washerwoman in the world are the Coreans. They have to wash about a dozen dresses for their husbinds, and they have plenty to do. The washing is usually done in cold water and often in running streams. The clothes are pounced with paddles until they shite like a shirt front from a laundry.

## In the Days of Queen Bess

The setting out of the dinner of Queen Elizabeth was a ceremonious function. First came a gentieman with a rod, followed by a gentleman carrying a tablecloth, which, after they had knelt reverently three times, was spread upon the table. The gentlemen again knelt three times and retired. Then came two others, one with a rod, the other with a salt cellar, a plate and bread. They knelt three times, placed the things on the table, kneit again, and retired. Next came a lady-in-wailing, followed by a second; the first lady dressed in white, afer knee'ing three times, approached the table and solemnly rubbed the plates with the sal:. Then entered twenty-four yeomen of the suard, clad in scariet, and each carrying a dish of gold. These dishes were placed upon the table while the lady taster gave to each one of the guards a aste from the dish he had brought in, for fear of possible poison. These guards were selected from the tallest and stoutest men in all Ensland. At the close of the ceremonv a number of un narmed ladies appea ed with treat solemaiy lifed the various dishes and carried them to ine Queen in her pivaie aparments Tine Qucen dined and supped alone with few attendanss, and it was seldow that anyone was admitted at this time, and then ony at the intercession of someore in power.

## How Insects Hide.

How many have ever noticed the skilful way in which many insects disguise themselves when in danger from some large animal or bird? Probably you have all observed that the caterpillar "plays dead" when heis disturbed, and that many insects choose tor their homes some tree or shrub whose bark or foliage match thetaselves in colour. There is a certain variety of moth, quite common round elms, which fixes its wings. so that they closely resemble spots or linchens on the bark of the tree and can only be detected by a trained eye. Another moth whose principal colours are pink and yellow, arranges itself on the blossom of a primrose so as to wholly escape notice. In the East Indian istands there is a spider which reposes on the upper side of a large leaf in such a shape that it perfectly resembles decayed matter. A hunter in tropical regions tells of seeing a cricket pursued around the trunk of a tree by a lizard. Suddenly the insect settled itself in a small depression in the bark, spread out its wings slightiy and flat tened itself so that the lizard actually crawled over it and went away without ever knowing what had become of it.

## No Paraphrase for Him,

The pathetic filelity of the Highlander to the tenets and priaciples inculcated by the idolised "men" of the Nonth was strikingly exemplified the other Sunday in a secluded district in Argyllshire. A commercial traveller hailing from Glasgow, and who was born and nurtured on the breezy uplands of Sutherlandshire, was among the worshippers in the parish church. The precentor happened to be absent, and the "bagman" was asked to lead the service of praise. This he readily consented to do, many of his best customers belonging to the congregation, He was an excellent singer, and discharged his new duties in a creditable and skillful manner. Everything passed very pleasantly until a paraphrase was given out. His regard for his customers would not influence him to open his lips for the purpose of singing what was known to his kindred and people as a "profane buman hymn." No sooner did the minister read the first line of what was to be sung than the sturdy ultra Calvinist got up and declared in a clear, firm voice that he could not sing a paraphrase. The minister took in the situation in a moment, and with the utmost readiness responded-"Then we shall sing the first tour stanzas of the ro3d Psalm." This was done wih much heartiness, and the incident ended satisfactorily to all concerned, the scrupulous stranger retaining his conscience inviolated and undefiled.

## Many Appetizing Dishes.

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## The Trouble with the English Language.

In Harper's Magozine for August, Brander Matthews vices the need for the development of a purely $\mathrm{En}_{\mathrm{g}}$ lish language, and criticises some of the present characteristics of the language
"At the beginning of the nineteenth
century English was spoken as a native tongue by a few more than twenty millions of men and women; and at the end of the century it was spoken by very nearly a hundred and thirty millions. Protably the Eoglish speaking race cannot possible quintuple itself again or even quadruple itself in the twentieth century; but it will pretty certainly double and it may very likely treble itself within the next hundred years. Before the year 2000 the number of those who use English as their natural speech will be between two hundred and fifty millions and five hundred millions. Before the year 2000, English will have outstripped all its rivalsexcepting only the Russian, which represents another civilization in a more or less remote part of the globe. Before the year 2000 , English will have forced a recognition of its right to be considered a world-language.
"And in what condition is the language itself to undertake the vast work thus laid upon it ?-to serve as a medium of communication for so many hundreds of millions of men and women. Fortunately the condition of English is in the main not unsatisfactory. English has discarded most of the elaborate syntactical machinety which still cuabers inore primitive languazes like the Russian, its future rival, and the German, its chief Teutonic sister-tongue. It is therefore a very easy language to learn by word of mouth. Its most obvious defect is that its orthography is more barbarous and more unscientific than that of any other of the important languages. Almost every one of the leading scholars in linguistics is on record in denunciation of English orthography as it is to day."

## The Sleeping Song.

As soon as the fire burns red and low, And the house upstairs is still,
She sings me a queer little sleepy song, Of sheep that go over the hill.
The good little sheep run quick and soft, Their colors are grey and white :
They follow their leader nose to tail, For they must be home by night.

And one slips over and one comes next, And one runs after behind,
The grey one's nose at the white one's tail, The top of the hill they find.

And when they get to the top of the hill, They quietly slip away.
But one runs over and one comes nextTheir colors are white and grey.

And over they go, and over they go,
And over the top of the hill. And over the top of the hill.
The good little sheep run thick and fast, And the house upstairs is still.
And one slips over and one comes next, The good little, grey little sheep ! I watch how the fire burns red and low, And she says that I fall asleep.

## The Kawartha Lakes.

The region known as the "Kawartha Lakes" situated about 40 miles to the north of Lake Ontario combines the wildest primeval granite, mouutaia and forest scenery with lovely grassy, shrub and vine-clad shores. Throughout the chain the tourist and sportsman are at no point remote from busy town or village, with excellent transportation service, and yet in comparative seclusion. Canoe and carmping parties find here their beau ideal of summer outing. Handsomely illustrated descriptive matter sent free on application to
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Montreal.

## Cholera Infantum.

Cholera infantum is one of the most dread ed diseases of infancy. It is prevalent durIng the hest of summer in spite of all the care mothers may take to guard against it, and it sometimes progresses so quickly that death occurs in a few hours no matier what cate is given the child. The first thing to do is to stop feeding the child and give him plen'y of fresh air and pure water to drink. Give Baby's Own :Tablets to carry off the poi on in the system. Do not under any circumstance give a medicine to check the diardoea, except under the advice of a da ctor By using Baby's Own Tablets the cause of the diarthoea will be removed, and the disease will thus be checked in a notural manner. Proof that the Tablets cure this too often fatal trouble is given by Mrs. Herbert Burnham. Sumth's Falls, Ont, who says: "When my eldest child was six weeks old he had an atiack of cholera intantum and was at death's door. My doctor adivised me to try Baby's Own Tablets and in twenty-four hours baby was better ; the vomiting ond purging , ccased and he regained streng.h rapidly."
Keep the Tablets in the bouse-their prompt use may save your little one's life. Sold by medicine dealers or sent postpaid by 25 cents a bux by writing the Dr. Williams Aledicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Golden Rate In Many Lands
The true tule in business is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by the ir uwn.-Hindoo.

He sought for others the good he desired for himeelf. Let him pass on.-Egyptian. Do as you would be done by, -Perian.
One should sack for others the happiness one desires for one's sclf.--Duddhist.

What you would not wish done to yourself do not unto others.-Chinese.
Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.Mahometan.
Do not that to a neighbour which you would take ill from him.-Grecian.
The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as them-selves.-Roman.

Whatsoever you do not wish your neighbour to do to you do not unto him. This is the whole law ; the rest is a mere expasition of it -Jewish.
All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.Christian.

We sball never be the "iight of the warld" except on condition of being the "salt of the earth." You have to do the humble, inconspicuous, stlent work of checking corruption by a pure example before you can aspire to do the other work of raying out light into the darkness, and so drawing men to Christ Himself.-Alexander Maclaren.


# Ministers and Churches. 

Ottawa.
R.v. Dr. Moore and Mrs. Moore are back in B.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne was the preacher in St Andrear church lant Sunday. The pulpit of the Glebe chursh was occupied by Mr. AacB. cividon
Mr. II. Puddicombe, principat of the Canadian Conswratory of Music, has been appointed a musical examinations of the Toronto University.
In Erskine church, last Sunday, Rev. A. E. Sfitchell preached in the morning on "the Widow's Pot of Oil" and in the evening on "the Church in Thyatira. The church buiding and fex manse make a fine showing on the excellent site owned by this rapilly growing congreation
The Public School Board bas decided on free schoot books. Upon the recommendation of the Buffato system. The books, by this swatem, will be furnished to the different schools from time to time as required on requistion of the

In view of the recent decision of the Privy Council Mr. John Charlon, in an interview with a Citizon reporter, athocates goling slowly. He
said: "We must wait for the full text of the priny ouncil decision to make up our minds bow far that decicion goes. In the meantime I have advised Mr. J. M. McDomeil, K C., of King who have uritten to me, that there is no possibility of introftucing successful legivation at opertme mom -nt. I thluk they will do this.,
A moot enjovable garden party was held on Edinburgh. The affair was given under the oint anepices of the Ladien' Aid and the Young People's society, and the procceds were in aid of Church S hem-<. The grounds were prettily decorated with flags and strings of Chinese lanterns, and the tables were very attractive. The following ladies took charge of tables, viz., Mru. MeGinnis. Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Slimn, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Holt, Miss Douklas, Miss Slinn, Hiss Erskine, Miss Maggie Rankin, Miss Clements and Miss Elliott. Mr. Stitt, who with Mir. Rankin, had been responsible for the decorations, acted as doorkeeper. Rev. Mr. Macleod, pistor of the church, and Mrs. Ralph, president of the Ladies Ait society, acted as an prestent of the Lades And sociely, acted as an in the entertainment of thow present
The Free Prews of Saturday contained a short biooraphical sketch of Mr. E. B. Eddy, President of the Hull Paper Company, from which we make an extract or two: Mr. Eddy has been dentified for many years with the Protestant Genera! Hospital in the capacity of president of the Board and it is in great part dus to his actuvity that it enjoys its present prosperity. He took a great interest in the erection of the handsome new wing to the hospital. He made a personal canvass for the necessary funds and succeeded in obtaining a magnificent amount. The 22nd of August next Mr. Eddy will be seventy-six years of age, and yet he is as fresh. seventy.six years of age, and yet hee is asfresi-
looking and as active as many men twenty five years younger. Mr. Eddy is truly a wonderful man hoth phvsicallv amd ava man of industry, In religion he is a Presbyterian; and in politics Conservative.

## Toronto Notes.

Preaching in Bloor street church fiom the text lames 1: 4, "Let patience have her perfect work has ye may be perfect and entire wantin- nothing," Rev. Prof. Beattie, of Louisville, Ky., after characterizing the present age as restiess, intense, feverish, defined patience as not a passive virtue, not submission to the inevitable, but as active and positive, as believing and courageous endurance, as endurance lit with hope, courage regnant in repsse, tortitude fixed in fith Discusang its conditions, he observed that patience implies purpose in life.: a purpose ethically right, lofty, ideal; persistence and perseverance in following lite's purpoes; and religious, believing, Christian Fith in God's koodness, love and wisdom, a faith at once personal, vital and intelligent. The pledge of faith is that it makes life "perfect and entire.
wanting nothing," that is, fitted to its end and wanting nothing, Thise patience fulfills by making life strong and steadfiast ; gentle and kindly joyous and happy and full of hope. This virtue of patience, the preacher pointed out, is learned in the school of Christ. Dr. Beattie, whs is graduate of Toronto University and Knox College, did good service at the Summer School by his scholarly addresses.

## Montreal.

The late James Cooper, the well-known The late James cooper, the well-known University, and $\$ 25$,ooo for hospital work.
Mr. Charles Gordonsmith. of the editorial staff of the Montreal Witness, has been elected Provincial Grand Master of the M. N. Order of O.ddfeliows. The new y elected head of Odd fetlows of Quebec is a son of Rev. Mr. Gordonsmith, for a long time minister of St. Andrew church, Lancaster, and was recently president of the Press Association of Quebec.
The token as used in the Presbyterian Church to denote preparation for the communion has long been falling into disuse, and already collectors are on the lookout for quaint specimens One of the best collections in Canada is possessed by Mr. R. W. McLachlan, curator of the Chateau de Ramsay, in this city. It contains several that were used in the first Presbyterian churches built in this country, and some are quite distinct from the ordinary token, which has on one side the communion table, and on the other side the text, "This do in remembrance of Me."

A few weeks ago mention was made of the intention to tear down the walls of Oid St. Gatbricl church. This has now been accomplished, and nothing now remains of that historic structure but the records and memorials of it existence. It bas made way for an extension of the court house, and thus the first landmark of Prosbyterianism, and, indeed, of Protestantism in Montreal has been removed. It was built in 1792, and for more than a century some of the most solid citizens of this eastern metropolis worshipped within its walls. It was expected that many interesting reles would be found in the corner-stone, but so far nothing has been reveated but one of the old commumion tokens So much interest was attached to this piece of brass that the firder was able to sell it for $\$ 5$.

## Eastern Ontario.

Owing to Rev. Mr Cormack's absence, Rev. Mr. Potter, of Kingston, missionary among the sailors, conducted the service in the Maxville church Sunday morning.
Rev. Dr. McTavish, Deseronto, was reelected moderator of Kingston Presbytery for the ensuing year.

The pulpit of Emmanuel church, East Toronto, was supplied last Sunday by J. V. Johnson, was supplied last Sunday by P M. principal of Mary street Public school, the
M.A., M.A., principal of Mary street Public school, the
pastor. Rev. I. H. Rogers, B.A , being absen pastor. Rev. I.
on his holidays.
Rev. R. Laird has returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast, where he attended the meeting of the General Assembly.
The Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery met in Carleton Place on Tuenday of last week. The business was unimportant and only ten member were present.

The new elders elected by the Avonmore con gregation are Messrs. D. D. Mclatyre, Ira Shaver and Uriah Shat
Rev. K. Gollan, of Dunvegan, preached at Avonmore on Sunday evening in the absence of Rev.Mr. Weir, who officiated in Maxville.
Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Woodside, of Carleton Pla e, are away to Quehec on a month's boliday Re . Mr. Robinson is to take the most of the Sabbaths.
Rev. A. C. Bryan, of Westport, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Perth, in the absence of the pastor.
Rev. A. A. Scott and Mrs. Soott, Carleton Place, have returned from their holiday trip feeting and looking very well : and Mr. Scott hav resmmed his pastoral duties.
Rev. Mr. Wallace, Middleville, has gone to Buric, Ont., to bring his family to occupy the manse. Rev. Mr. Mcidalay, of Ottawa, conducted the church services on Sunday last

Rev. R. Youns, of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, left for hi bome in Trenton where he will spend a three weeks' holiday. Dir. Wm Moore, of Carleton Place, will officlate for him in his absence,

On Sunday evening the members of the local lodse of Oddfellows attended divine service in the Consregational church, Maxville, when Rev Mr. Weir of Avonmore, preached a sermon appropriate for the occasion.

A special service for chiddren was beld in Knox church. Lancaster, last Sabbath morning Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather goodly number were in attendance. Rev. A. Graham, using flowers as an illustration, spoke on "God's message through the Flowers

A very enjoyable lawn social was held by the Mission Band of Knox chur on Friday afternoon on the grounds of Inkerman Cottage, South Lancaster. A pleavant and profitable time was spent.

Mr. Albert Wilson, who is in charge of the Presbyterian church at Douglas during the absence of Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, conducted the services in Melville Presbyterian church, Eganville, last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Rattray preachod at Doughas and Scotch Bush.
Rev. Neil Leckie of the Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church, Picton, on Sunday morning and evening, and spent several days the guest of Rev, Mr. MacLaren.

The ladies of the Russell church have arranged an excursion and basket picnic to Rockliffe Park, Ottawa, for Friday, July 3tst. It is sure to be a pleasant outing, is the spot selected forms an ideal pienic ground.

Rev Robt. Harkness and family, of Cornwall, leave next week on a month's vacation, which will be pent at their old home in Harriston, Ont

The Port Hope Guide, referring to the young minister of the First church in that town, says:
"Rev. H. E. Abrahan occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. The sermons at both services wore bolpful and eloquent and were listened to by large and appreciative congregations.

## Western Ontario.

Streetsvilie has calle. d M. S F. Martin, graduate of Koox.

The Rev. R. Fowlie, Erin, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Watts, of Alton and North Corner.

Rev. Louis Perrin, of Georgetown and Limehouse has accepted the call to the Presbyterion church, Wroxeter.

Rev. Mr. Panton, M.A., has been elected Moderator ot Stratford Presbytery

It is announced that Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Tilbury, will preach his farewell sermon on 3 ist August.
Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Embro, is slowly improving, and his large congregation hope that be may soon be resiored to his usual heath and strengith.
Rev. W J. Jamieson has been elected Moderator of Sarnia Presbytery.
The Rev, A. A. Graham, B.D., of Petrolea, preached at Burns last Sunday in exchange with Mir. Currie

Rev. Dr. Wilkie, a returned missionary frem India, has been supplying the pulpit of St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, in the absence of Rev. E. IR Hutt
The new church at Newton was opened las Sabbath. Services were conducted by Rev. J. R. MicKay, of Inverness, Scotland.

Rev. Mr. MeNeil, of Bayfield, conducted services in St. Andrew's chureh, Kippen, last Sunday
Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Chesley, Ont., has been called to the pastorate of the Presbytertan churehat Regina, vacant by the appointment of Rev. Mr Carmichacl.

Next meeting of London Presbytery will be held at London, Sth Septeniber, at 10 zo a m.
Just before leaving on his vacation, Rev. W T. Allison, pastor of the Stayner church, wa presented with a purse of $\$ 30.00$
The Maple Valley Presbyterians have decided on the erection of a new church next spring on the site of the old one. The old one is too small and in other ways not in keeping with the deed and ability of the congregation. The pastor R.'. G. S. Scott, was much pleased with the harmony of the meeting and encouraged by the prospects. The severteenth annual picnic, recently held, was a great success in every way.

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

In Guelph Presbytery a committee, consisting of Mr. Horne, Convener, Mr. W. R. McIntosh
and Dr. Wallace, was appointed to arrange for and Dr. Wallace, was appointed to arrange for missionary meetings and sermons throughout the bounds.
Rev. D. W. Ballantyne, of Toronto, has acceptably filled the pulpit of St, Andrew's Mr. Panton has the lant two Sundays while Frank Ballantyne supplies next Sulidays. Rev. rank Ballantyne supplies next Sunday
The first sod of the excavation for the new $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 , 0 0 0}$ Y.M.C.A. building on the Grand Trumk property, corner of Downie and St. Patrick streets, Stratiord, was turned on Saturday afternoon under favorable auspices. Well dor Stratford !
The September Docket for London Presbytery contains the following items: 1. Elders' Commissions ; 2. Examination of Session Records; 3. Appointment of Standing Committees; 4 . Home Mission and Augmentation Reports; 5. Examination of Students: 6 Motion in $r$. number of stated meetings; 7. Report of Committee on the Devotional Element in Presbytery meetings.
Guelph Presbytery appointed Standing Committees for the year, of which the tollowing are Conveners: Christian Life and Work-Rev. H. R. Horne; Sabbath Schools-Rev. Wm. Robertson; Finance--Dr. Tor rance; Evangelical Rervices-Rev. W. A. Bradley; Y.P. SocietiesRev. J. R. Johuston: Home Missions-Rev. J.
R. Gilchrist; Augmentation-Rev. R. E. R. Gilchrist; Augmentation-Rev. R. E.
Knowles; Systematic BeneficenceKnowles; Systematic Bencficence- Or. Wallace;
Cooferences-Rev. R. J. M. Glassford ; Foreign Conferences-Rev. R. J. M. Gla
Missions-Rev. J. H. McVicar.
The committee appointed by Guelph Presbytery to reconmend a suitable person for the chair of Old Testament Languageand Literature in Manitoba College, reported that they had sent $\mathrm{up}_{\mathrm{p}}$ the name of Mr. McMillan, of Princeton. of the Presbyterian College of Halifax, the of the Presbyterian College of Halifax, the
Presbytery agreed to nominat Presbytery agreed to nominate Alfred Gandier, M.A., D.D., of St. James Square church, Toronto, to fill the chair left vacant by the death of Mr. Croskery, who had recently been chosen, but died before assuming his daties.
A few evenings ago a number of the workers of the Knox church mission in St. Patrick's Ward, Guelph, called upon Mr. Thos. Rodger, at his boarding house, and quietly handed him a gentleman's beautiful dressmg case, on behalf of the members of the mission in which Mr. Rodger had taken a deep interest. Mr. Rodger suitably replied to the kind address that accompanicd the gift and wished the mission continued success.
A pleasant surprise awaited the return from their wedding tour of the Rev. H. G. Crozier and wife on Wednesday evening, 2ist inst, when the congregation of Melville church, West Hill, turned out en masse to welcome them home. Mr. James Scott, a member of the congregation, and one of Varsity's successful students, in the name of and for the congregation, read an address of welcome and presented mr, and mrs. Crozier with a beautifal dinner set of Doulton china. Mr. Crozier replied for himself and wife, his remarks being heartily applauded. The tables groaned under the good things provided most enjoyable of the congregation. Altogether a It says much for the popularity of m was spent. It says much for the popularity of Mr. Crozier, that such a larse and enthusiastic gathering could be convened at this, the busiest season of
the year. he year.
The following are the standing Committees For Sarnia Presbytery for the ensuing year : Smart (elder): Br. J. C. Mckee and W. J. Dr. J. C. McKee, Rev. A Carlyle, with their elders; Home Mission-Rev. A. Graham, W. D. Bell, J. McKinnon and the clerk with their elders; Foreign Missions-Revs. with Ayward, J. R. Hall and W. D. Richardoon, with their elders; Young People's : Wotieselders; Colleges-Revs. T. A. Bell, John Bailey, ohn Eadie, with their elders; Sunday SchoolsRevs. W J. Jamieson, J. M. Wallace, D. Johnston, with their elders; Church Life and
Work-Revs. E. C. Currie, A. E. Hannahson, Work-Revs. E. C. Currie, A. E. Hannahson,
E. B. Horne, with their elders; StatisticyRevs. Hall, W. D. Bell, with their elders.
The semi-jubilee of Rev. Dr. J. L. Murray, pastor of Knox church, Kincardine, and formerly Rev. Dr. Johnstonated a week ago last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Johnston, of London, preaching at was held at which congratulatery eving a meeting Was held at which congratulatory addresses were
delivered and Dr. and Mrs. Murray presented
with a cabinet of silverware valued at $\$ 525$. The address was read by A. Malcom, ex.M.P.P., and the presentation made by Mrs Dr. McCrimmon Dr. Murray is the third pa stor of the church and assumed charge on the it1t of July, 1878. Th years that have passed since then have winnessed continued growth in the congregation. The Kincardine Reporter in its account of the semijubilee says: "After the presentation of the silverware in the beautiful cabinet and the reading of the elaborate address the Rev. Dr. Murray replied. The whole affair was a complete success, he not having bad even a hint of the presentation. His teclings of gratitude for the kindness of the people were deep. He for the did not deserve all the kindness be received lie paid a very high tribute to his noble wite who never looked younger nor more beautiful than on this occasion. The Doctor reterred very kindly o the presentation made not long since by his elders. He declo red that during all these years there had been no friction, difficulties or troubles botween pastor and people and that was because they agreed among themselves. Just think of no jarring for twenty-five years among nearly four hundred families!

## Northern Ontario

Stayner manse has been sold. A more suit able one will be bought or built.
Rev. R. J. Sturgeon, of Burk's Falls, has been elected Moderator of North Bay Presby. tery.
Arrangements have been made for the early Rev. E. Pitts Rev. J. Evans, at Mattawa, and of Rev. E. Pitts at New Liskeard, Temiscamingue. Miss Christine C., daughter of Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A, has been appointed teacher in the Orillia Collegiate Institute at a salary of \$7oo.
Next meeting of North Bay Pre bytery at Powassan on zoth September. A convention of Young People's Societies will be held at the same time, for which an excellent programme is in course of preparation.
Sabbath, the 12th inst., was Communion day in Chalmer's church, Flesherton, and Eusenia, and large congregations greeted the esteemed pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom, who with Mrs. Thom had returned from the Assembly and five weeks holidays in the West.
At last meeting of North Bay Presbytery a plan was devised for the systematic vinhtito.. of every Sabbath School in the Presbytury iv as competent a person as poovibie to read a Procs byterial address and confer with the teachers and officers of the School, and to offer suggestions as deemed advisable

At Victoria Harbour Mr. Crowe conducted Presbyterian service on Sunday morneng. His discourse, from the words "Where art thou?" was much enjoyed. The Methodist service in the evening was well attended. The Rev. George Waugh faithfully warned his hearers not to neglect their spiritual interests.
A very successtul church entertainment was recently held at Priceville at which Mr. D. McDonald, Commissioner to the General Assembly, presented and gave some interesting incidents on his :rip to the Coast. Rev, Mr. Watson, who is supplying for Rev. Mr. Matheson on his holidays, gave an excelleat address on "Strength and Beauty. Speecher were also given by Mr Riley of Priceville, and Editor Ramaze of Durham. The musical programme was full and rich. Pleasing solos were rendered by Misses James and Mclean as were aiso quartettes by misses Renwick and Isaac and Messrs. Ramage and Iszac. The Dromow choir also rendered some fine selections.

On Sabbath last a violent thunderstorm passed over Flesherton during the hour of service in Chalmer's church. Suddenly the congregation became panic stricken by a bolt of lightning which appeared to have strack the building though it was discovered afterwards that no damage had been done. The crash of thunder was deafening and caused the congregatio almost instantly to spring to their feet. Many rushed to the doors, children cried aloud with fright, a couple of ladies nearly fainted and others were considerably shocked. Owing to the nervous condition of the congregation and who wase from the contmued storm, the pastor, who was in the midst of his sermon, instantly announced "What a Friend we have in Jesus which was sung with manifest teelings of emotion throughout the congregation and the service closed with gratitude from many hearts tor God's preserving care. Some of the horses in the
church sheds broke loose in their fright but were caught betore any damage was done.
Orangeville Presbyt.ry met at Orangeville on the 14 th inst, when Rev. R. Fowlie, of Erin, was elected Moderator, a position he has not graced for 19 years, though during that time a taithful and vilued member of the Court. Corbetton und Kivervicw congregations, Coilege graduate this year, which way accepted by him and arrangemeats were made for his ordination and ing comems were made for his $27^{\text {th }}$ inst., Rev. J, Buchanan to preside, ime Hamiton to preach, L . W . Thom to address the people and Sreach, L. Scott. The minister. Claude people and S. G. Scott the minister. Claude and May field also presented a call to a Knox Mr. J. G. Cheyne, who also at the person of Mr. J. G. Cheyne, who also accepted. The ordination and induction takes place at Claude on the $28 i h$ inst., Revs. R, Fowlie to preside,
Mr. Russel to preach, Mr. Mr. Russel to preach, Mr. J. Buchaman to ad-
dres heop dress the peopic and Mr. J. R. Rell the minister. Rev. Jas. Buchanan gave an interesting and stirring address on the Finances of the Presbytery. The givings to the schemes of the Church were dealt with on an elaborate schedule and comparisons were made with other Preshyteries which showed that the amount raied by Orangeville was not creditable to the congregations withu its bounds. Great imtereat was taken in the report and it was agreed that 2,000 copies be primed for distribution, trom which it is expected good results will be obtained.

## Naritime Provinces.

Rev. Mr. Roddick, of Brandon, Man., is wisiting friends in Piciou, N.S.

The Preabytery of Halifax on the 1th inst. again nominated Rev. A. Gandier, of Toronto to the protessorate in Halidax Presbyterian College.
Alter a weary illness Rev. Daniel McGregor for twenty years the beloved pastor of St. Stephen's i'resbyterian church, died at his home in Amherst at 8.30 Sunday evening, in the $55{ }^{\text {th }}$ year of his age. He was a graduate of Hatilax In $18 \times 7$ the was ordamed, his first pastorate being Lunenburg, N.S.
Rev. Alexander Rows, who has been the Pre-bytorian minister at Whycocmagh for several years ast, has resigned. A unamimous call is
being extended to Rev. A. K. MacLemnan, pastor of the first United Presbyterian church, boston. .ar. Koss was for several years minister at Woodville, Ont.
The New Glasgow Chronicle says: The Mioderator and Clerk of the Bri'ish Columbia Synod are both Maritime Province men. Rev, J. M. Mc Leod, tormerly of Charlottetown, P.E. l., is Moderator; Rev. J. A. Logan, former
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## Cireat Thoughts.

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I feel He laid the fetter, let it lie !
-Robert Browning.
There is no anodyne for heart-sorrow like ministry to others. If your life is woven with the dark shades of sorrow, do not sit down to deplore in solitude your hapless lot, but arise to seek out those who are more miserable than you are, bearing them balm for their wounds and love for their heartbreaks.-Rev. F, B. Meyer,

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## World of Missions.

Under French rule and influence the progress of missions in Madagascar is not so gress of inssions as under the native rule.
encouraging Tempiations are greater than formerly; whole tribes are still ignorant of the go pel.
Hinduism is believed to be rapidly losing its hold on the educated people of India. Its want of moral power for regenerating the land is as evident as its conflict with all scientific truth. Hundreds of Hindus are said to be secret disciples of Christ, but are kept back from open confession by the cruel tyranny of caste and the social organization in which they have been born.

Presbyterianism has done a great work in the Livingston mission in Africa. Founded in 1875 , its first convert was bapized in 1881. "Now the mission occupies sis chief centers, has a staff of $4^{2}$ European missionaries, 100 out-stations, 3,000 communicants, 130 schools, with 300,000 scholars, the whole knit together in a Presbytery of Nyasaland." The work here is of the most encouraging character.

More than 500 girls and young women attend Kobe College f(r Women in Japan. "Had the non believer in missions seen what was possible in Kobe College alone for these young women to obtain, musically, intellectually, morally and spiritually, he could hardly have remained longer in doubt as to the wisdom of the lives and money expended in this great cause."

A missionary in India had been earnestly preaching in the bazaar or market-place of the town where he laboured, and was going out of the city when a heathen asked him in mockery :-"How many Christians have you made to day ?" The missionary pointed to a field and said:- "What would happen tomorrow if we were to sow corn there to-day ?" The answer was :-" Nothing." "What would happen the day after ?" "Nothing," was again the reply. "What would in a few days after that ?" "Little blades would sprout up." "Well," said the missionary, "I bave sown the good seed to-day, and this, too, will come up after some time."


## Health and Home Hints

Always use a double boiler when cooking custards or cereals, both of which burn easily.

If the eyes seem tired and swollen, try bathing them in tepid water to which has been added a little boracic acid.

Cover the Cook Books with thin white oilcloth, stitched smoothly in place. This will prevent their becoming soiled and greasy.

Toast can be made over a gas stove without scorching and blackening by putting over the gas burner a thin piece of sheet iron or tin. This will be hot in a tew moments, and the bread should be held over it in an iron toaster.

Fried Chicken and Homing.-Fry the chicken, remove from pan, and in the same fat fry little squares of cold boiled hominy. Into the small amount of fat remaining, stir i tablespoon flour wet with cold water, i cup milk or cream and the beaten yolk of an egg. Pour over the chicken and hominy.

Becfsteak Rolls.-Cut tender steak in nice sized preces for serving, season, and spread each piece rather thickly with onions which have been sliced thin and fried for 10 minutes in plenty of butter. Roll up tightly, tie with a string, put in a baking pan with a littie good stock or gravy, and bake untul done. Five minutes before taking them from the even spread soft butter over each.
Apple Dumplings.-Pare, quarter and core best cooking apples. Make a crust as for baking powder biscuit, roll thin, cut a round piece and place four apple quarters in the center, holding them in place. Put a small piece of butter, 1 tablespoon sugar and a little ground cinnamon in the center, then press the dough up around the sides and over the top. Bake in a shallow pan with a little water 30 minutes. Serve with cream, sugar and a little grated nutmeg, or with hard sauce.

Queen of Bread Puddings.--Soak $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lb}$. currants in cold water and cut 202 candied citron in thin slices. Line a buttered pudding dish with slices of buttered bread (either brown or white), strew over it some of the currants, citron, a little allspice, and sugar to taste. Cover with another layer of the buttered bread, more currants, citron, allspice and sugar. Continue thus until the dish is full, having the bread and butter on top. Then pour over all a pint of custard, and bake in a quick oven tor half an hour. Serve hot. Good with or without cream and sugar.

## Reaching Heaven Alone,

None of the saints and heroes of the faith has ever reached heaven alone. Even Stephen; whose work was so soon cut short by martyrdom, did great things, first, and in his death impressed the power of the gospel upon the mind of his bitter opponent, Saul. Andrew brought his brother to Christ on the first day of his discipleship. Philip led Nathanael to the Saviour as early. These men were not content to be saved alone; they brought others to salvation eageriy and at once.
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## Resignation of Mr. Hudson Taylor.

At the last annual meeting of the China Inland Mission in London, Mr. J. Hudson Taylor closed a half century of missionary service. A letter was read from Mr. Taylor asking to be relieved of the work of general director, on account of his health. In closing bis communication he said :
"I feel very thankfui to God that, when I am no longer able to bear the responsibility, He has given great unanimity of feeling, and experienced help for the future carrying on of the work. I have every reason to believe that all the various departments will be carried on prayerfully and wisely. If spared to see the autumn of the present year, I shall look back on fifiy years since I sailed from Liverpool to China, with grateful acknowledgment for all the way God has led me and for His sustaining and providing bounty, and be able to testify that in no good thing that He has ever led me from His Word to expect has He failed me."

What is the crowning fact of friendship ? Is it not the possibility of silence? How delightful to travel with your friend and feel no need to keep up the conversation ! ( $O$ that God would deliver us from these kept up conversations !) Savonarola says that the highest act of prayer is silence, when the spirit can no longer express adoration or breathe out petitions, but lies silent in the presence of the Father-British Weekly.


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