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Religious Miscellany.

The Christian Household.

And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us.

Luke xvi. 22.

"O only have we man die aufgenommen."

O happy house! where Thou art loved the best!

Dear Friend and Saviour of our race,

Where never comes such welcomed, honored

Guest.

Where none can ever fill Thy place;

Where every heart goes forth to meet Thee,

Where every ear attends Thy word,

Where every lip with blessing greets Thee,

Where all are waiting on Thy Lord.

O happy house! where two are one in heart,

In faith and hope are one,

Whom death can only for a little part,

Not end the union here begun;

Who share together one salvation,

Who would be with Thee, Lord, always—

In gladness or in tribulation,

In happy or in evil days.

O happy house! whose little ones are given

Early to Thee, in faith and prayer—

To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of

heaven

Guards them with more than mother's care.

O happy house! where little voices

Their glad hosannas love to raise;

And childhood's lisping rejoices

To bring new songs of love and praise.

O happy house! and happy servants!

Where all alike one Master own;

Where daily duty, in Thy strength pursued,

Is never hard nor toilsome known;

Where each one serves Thee, meek and lowly,

Whate'er Thine appointment be,

Till common tasks seem great and holy,

When they are done as unto Thee.

O happy house! where Thou art not forgot

When joy is flowing full and free!

O happy house! where every word is brought—

Physician, Comforter—to Thee.

Until at last, earth's day is ended,

All meet Thee in that home above,

From whence Thou camest where Thou hast

ascended.

The heaven of glory and of love!

The Wonders of Grace.

The emotion of wonder is among the most

delightful that we experience; and to the cul-

tivated mind and heart, among the most elevating.

The pleasures of childhood and of the early period

of life, are mainly derived from the wonder with

which the new world of perceptions and experi-

ences into which we have just entered fills us;

and life loses its interest in proportion as we

cease to have anything to wonder at. The nature

and the works of God answer to this capacity of

wonder in the mind of Christ, and the harmonious working

together of great laws, no less than the vastness

and grandeur of the visible creation are

designed to awaken and gratify this sentiment.

While the process of cultivation and the expansion

of intellect deprive many objects of their

wonderful appearance, they open up through

science a view to far greater wonders, and furnish

language expressive of wonder only. "God so

loved the world that He gave His only begotten

Son," and centuries before, the prophetic

spirit exalted to catch a glimpse of this Divine

love, inspiration exclaimed, "God so loved the

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Yes. Soon on earth's wings we'd reach

Your earth, and make it our abode.

With pleasure time's privations bear,

Such glorious tidings to declare.

Oh, woe! in thought we visit earth,

And think of God in heaven's bliss.

And oft in person there we'd wish.

And hasten up, that all may share

The bliss enjoyed, when from his side,

A sinner turns to Christ our Prince.

New ripples o'er the sea of joy

Wave o'er our bosoms in that hour,

Our loftiest powers of praise employ,

And while we sing, our minds explore

The depth to find of saving grace,

Oh! highly favored human race!

Mount Sinai in a blaze we saw,

And trembling Moses there sustained,

We heard the words of holy law,

Nor were our minds with terror pained;

But Calvary's scenes o'erpowered us quite,

And heaven itself seemed all afire!

Though much employed for human kind,—

Nor do we feel the work a task;

Aid though to higher work inclin'd,

We faint would, but we cannot cease

Permission Gospel truths to tell,

That sinner may be saved from hell.

You are ambassadors of heaven,

Commission'd by our Prince to preach,

To man in this great honor given

Instead of Christ, man to beseech

To turn to God,—be reconciled;

Oh! wondrous grace, O, message mild!

Hast thou begun in youthful prime,

Obedient to the heavenly call,

To publish in earth's favored clime

The truth sublime—Christ died for all;

That truth proclaim with every breath,

Till from the work released in death.

Then with us range the immortal fields

Of glory—for we here unite,

To you our Prince his love reveals,

You ever are his chief delight;

But jealousy lives not above—

For all is heaven, and heaven is love.

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wordman can, it is said, cut a man in two at a single blow. Among the weapons here is a formidable double-edged sword, taken from one of the party of assassins who attacked the house of the English Embassy in Tokyo last year.

The coinage is shown in the collection. The silver coins are thin and square; those of gold are large, but thick, and have the corners rounded off. The largest coin of the latter kind is about 3in. long by 2in. broad, yet its value is only equal to 30s. of our currency. It is certainly this, but there must nevertheless be at least £2 worth of gold in it.

How long is the flaming torch to wave in the history of our world? Is the fair blooming age to which solidities thousands have looked for to the earth, to prove, after all, but Utopian vision? Are the arts, sciences, literature and philosophy, to elevate man in domestic, social and national being, and yet to change his fierce assents only by enabling him to command weapons more deadly, and conceive designs more murderous, until war shall give place to extermination?

The different specimens of printing are also shown. There is a Japanese Court Guide—Directory which gives the names, ranks, and abodes of all the nobilities of the empire; there is a set of Japanese play bills—for the theatre in every town in the place of resort in fabled time in London—a Japanese encyclopedia, and some children's story books which the comic genius of the people enables them to illustrate with the most racy humor.

At the Eastern end of the Court is a most valuable collection of Japanese drugs and surgical instruments. Of the value of this pharmacopoeia we can, of course, give no opinion, beyond saying that all their medicines seem derived from herbs. Their surgical instruments, however, are as numerous and formidable as if the Japanese were accustomed to have religious operations on a scale every day in the week.

Obituary Notices.

MRS. ANN BOWLEN, of TRURO, N. S. Died at Truro, on Wednesday, July 26th, after a painful and protracted illness, borne with Christian resignation, Mrs. Ann Bowlen, aged 51 years. Mrs. B. was a native of Ireland, and was led in early life to seek an interest in the world's Redeemer and to unite herself to His church. Her experience of saving grace was joyous, and the change wrought in her views and character was decided and permanent.

Her removal to this Province was led into circumstances which were calculated to put her religious principles to a severe test, but by the aid of divine grace, she was enabled to abide steadfast in her attachment to Christ and his cause. When the symptoms connected with her last illness became serious, and indicated that her dissolution was near, she at first felt some reluctance to die, arising from anxiety about her children, for whose welfare she was deeply concerned; but subsequently she was enabled to acquiesce in the divine will, and with confidence to commit to God's appointed means, she was enabled to abide steadfast in her attachment to Christ and his cause.

Dalhousie College.

We learn from the Monthly Record of the Church in Scotland in Nova Scotia and also from the Record of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, that in the Synods of these Churches, recently held, the question of the resuscitation of Dalhousie College was deliberated upon, submitted to the consideration of a Joint Committee of these bodies, and it would appear, as far as Synodical action is concerned, the plan arranged.

War.

Of all the methods pursued by an avenging Justice for the purposes of restraint and punishment, this must be admitted, ranks among the most terrible. It opens channels into the hearts of nations, by the very hands of the sometimes unwilling sufferers, through which to pour mingled sorrow and death. The guilty are seldom the afflicted one. History declares, that wretched partridge whose deceptions and dark designs assist in bringing oppression upon his land and distress upon his fellows, is quite capable of himself covering before the blast, and menacing plundering the brave who rush forth to counteract or stay its fury.

Tobacco in the House of God.

MR. EDITOR.—The second Sabbath I spent in my new Circuit, I preached at Avondale. There we have a very excellent Chapel and Vestry, free from debt, with fine steeple and bell; and it is certainly kept as neat and clean as any place of worship could possibly be. I was much delighted to see pasted up near the door—the following advertisement: "Please not to chew tobacco in the House of God." After the sermon I adverted to this, and said whoever put that notice there was a noble fellow—he had my warmest thanks, and was entitled to the thanks of every pious holder.

General Intelligence.

Domestic. On Monday last, while the steamer Miami was making a trip to Bedford, one of Mr. Cunard's watchmen, who was on board, fell overboard and was drowned. He was leaning against the side of the vessel, and the vessel was not being secured, it slipped and he lost his balance. A man immediately jumped overboard to save him, but he did not succeed, and narrowly escaped losing his life. It appears that the steamer was not provided with boats, which on occasions of excursions, certainly ought to be on board.

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