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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Let us see to it that the salt of our nominal Christianity at the very fountain-heads of our educational training and learning does not become utterly bleached and savorless.—*Watch Tower.*

The man who does the plowing does not pay much attention to the fellow who sits on the fence and criticizes the least crookedness in a furrow. If you are doing your work faithfully, don't mind the critics.—*Nash. Adv.*

Of the late Sir William Siemens the *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "It is strange that a street stumbler should cut short the vital energies of one who wielded Joyce's thunderbolts and added a fresh glow to the fires of Vulcan."

The alumni of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy have condemned "the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in drug stores as a growing evil, tending to degrade the profession of pharmacy, and damaging the morals of the community."

What testimony to be paid to a politician! Dr. Buckley, speaking of the death of the late Senator Theodore Randolph, of New Jersey, says an opponent once uttered this sentence in denouncing the opposite party: "Every man needs watching—except Theodore Randolph."—*Zion's Herald.*

One of the pleasant features of our revival reports is the frequency with which mention is made of the valuable service rendered by the local preachers. They are an arm of power in the Church. The pastor often leans upon them for help, and finds among them men of God.—*Texas Advocate.*

A member of the Church who uses his position or popularity to weaken the influence of his pastor, even without positive persecution, takes upon himself a most serious responsibility in the evil results that will certainly follow, especially among the younger portion of the congregation.—*Western Advt.*

Do not suppose that the Christians whose symmetry and strength of character you so much admire have no "fights without and fears within." They have reached the high plane upon which they stand only after severe conflict, ending, it may be, not always in victory.—*Western Advocate.*

Monsignor Capel is lecturing in this city on "Home Life," "the Family," "Marriage," and "the Education of Children." The announcement of these topics reminds us of the old saying, that "bachelors' wives and old maids' children are always perfect." This venerable celibate probably knows all about home life and care of babies.—*Ec.*

An old preacher once remarked that he had thought of having the Quarterly Conference complimentary resolutions that had been passed in his favor fried up, and his Board of stewards invited to breakfast on them. Don't pay off your pastor this year in complimentary resolutions; let it be the clean hard cash in full.—*Southern Advt.*

Dr. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, is a most successful pastor, and he gives pastors good advice when he says, "One day in the week your people come to you; the other six days, go you to them. Never lose sight of them. If they move I follow them up. It seems to me I have for twenty-five years been pastor of a flock of pigeons, but I have kept my eye on them."

Here is an item for parents: At the General Conference of Seventh-day Baptists, in the discussion of Sabbath-school work, it was stated as a matter of observation that "those boys who were compelled to go to church and to sit with their parents, when small children, whether they liked it or not, are to be found in Church and Sabbath-school work; while those who went or not, as they felt like it, are to-day nowhere."

The *St. Louis Republican*, complaining of the introduction of ornamental and useless branches in the public schools, says: "There are now, happily, apparent signs of a reaction on this vital question. There is reason to hope that education at the public expense will at no distant day be limited to intelligent citizenship and which may be mastered by every boy and girl who may enter the schools."

A London clergyman who does not believe in offering to a bride the "alternative of slavery or perjury," and who always omits that "wicked expression" "obey" from the marriage service, writes to the *Pall Mall Gazette* about a wedding in a neighboring

church which was attended by an ominous incident. The bride being dumb when she should have uttered the dreadful word, the bridegroom bade the clergyman continue: "For," said he, shaking his fist, "we'll settle that 'ere among ourselves afterwards."

Possibly no one attempted more earnestly to comprehend Dr. Graves than did a Negro man who had heard him on Saturday night. The Negro gave the most perfect attention for about two-thirds of the sermon, when he suddenly seemed to think of himself, rose up, scratched his head and remarked "Taint no use for dis child to try to follow dat man, cause he scatters too much." Dr. Graves enjoyed the joke as much as any one.—*Southern Paper.*

The colored people recently held a large mass meeting in Missouri to consider the Civil rights decisions of the Supreme Court. One of their speakers said that, if they would acquire property and educate themselves, "they would obtain the respect of the whites and grow up to civil rights without the help of legislation." There is great force in the suggestion. There is a most important sense in which the colored people must themselves make their own future.—*Independent.*

The Paris correspondent of *The Record* gives some very interesting and gratifying facts indicating a growth of Sabbath observance in that city. He says that wholesale business is altogether stopped, while retail trade is greatly lessening. In most localities only one distribution of letters takes place, and most public offices are closed. The new rules for military exercises leave the soldiers free to take part or not on Sundays, as conscience dictates. The subject is being brought to the front by various means, and that with most promising results.

In a sermon on the feeding of the five thousand by our Lord, a minister lately spoke of the lad who brought the barley loaves and the woman who made them. Little did she think as she pounded the grain, and mixed the dough, and tempered the heat of the oven, that her loaves were to feed the gathered companies, who sat down in orderly ranks on the green grass, and were refreshed by a meal presided over by Christ. As little do we know whereunto one small act of ours may grow. The obscure agents in this world are often stronger than those who are seen.—*Intelligencer.*

Of all the natural forces in the world a mother's love is perhaps the strongest; hence the vast extent of a mother's influence. The Church of Christ owes to the strength of sanctified maternal affection most of its noblest workers. The French Emperor, when asked what was the greatest need of France, replied "Mothers." So to-day let the mothers of this country be truly and heartily on the Lord's side, and their loving example, influence, and prayers, will do more to bring the rising generation to Christ than all beside.—*The Christian.*

If there is anywhere a people in whose heart the instinct of freedom is wanting, who prefer slavery, who are content to think and speak and act in fetters, such a people cannot be Protestant, nor can they be Christians. While Christianity may submit to, it can never reconcile itself with despotism. While it submits, it is working day and night for the overthrow of the despot. The fortunes of Protestantism are bound up with those of freedom, and if the future belongs to freedom it belongs to Protestantism. A free Bible and free faith make a free nation.—*London Watchman.*

It is too late for Monsignor Capel, or any other advocate of medieval ecclesiasticism, to denounce what is undoubtedly the very corner-stone of modern civilization. The right of private judgment made men; the right to possess individuality; the right to educate the intellect; the right to learn directly from the facts and phenomena of the universe; the right to grow, to expand, to ascend in the scale of being. And, after all, what Monsignor Capel and his school argue for is neither more nor less than the subjection of the private judgment of the masses of men to the private judgment of a little coterie which arrogates to itself imaginary authority and power.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Christ is the key to the history of the world. Not only does all harmonize with the mission of Christ: all is subordinated to it. When I saw this it was to me as wonderful and surprising as the light which Paul saw on his way to Damascus.—*Von Muller.*

WEIGHTY WORDS.

A contemporary gives an outline of the speech of Dean Baldwin, at the gathering of the faculty, students and friends of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal:—

Dean Baldwin, whose entrance during the last speech had been greeted by loud cheers, then spoke. He said that it was not in a spirit of reciprocity but with the whole heart that he was there to say that the living vitality of Methodism, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, had been a deep and lasting blessing to the historic Church of England. It aroused from amidst her apathy and neglect spirits that had gone forth to do in a new way, and with greater efficiency, the great work of the world. Methodism was born of mighty earnestness, and earnestness was its life: it was most like Christ and like itself when burning with progressive activity. Like the firefly, it shines when on the wing, and when it rests it dies. He was thankful for every institution seeking to build up young men in the truth as it was in Jesus. Their times were characterized by a peculiar earnestness. When books did not exist, a little knowledge caused a man to be thought learned; but to-day the press was teeming with a mighty life, sending out multitudes of new thoughts daily. A flood of literature was sweeping about them, and he was dull who did not see the tremendous necessity of mighty vital action being taken by the church of Christ. Some would tell young men to look about them and choose for themselves, unassisted, and in many cases they would be wrecked. Rather should a vital, practical Christianity be brought before them, and a personal loving Saviour. People asked for proofs of their religion: the most powerful proof of a supernatural revelation was a supernatural life. Let them not rest on learning and on the power to wrestle with adversaries of the faith. Just as they could uplift the living Christ before men, by so much would they succeed in the ministry. He was far from throwing a shadow on any effort to meet the difficulties of the day; but he would ask the men who had put their shoulder to the wheel and grown old in the work, whether their moral victories had not been won by hiding themselves behind the blessed Saviour and advancing Him as the Way, the Truth, the Life. No infidelity could ignore the mysterious person of Jesus Christ. If a man was so blind as not to see the sun shining at noonday, could they expect him to see the lesser stars? If they could not convince a man by bringing him to a personal Redeemer, their minor efforts would be more important than rhetoric could express. Men had tried to explain away the Christ, but there He stood, not a sphinx in the shifting sands of the desert, but a living Christ. In conclusion, he deplored the neglect with which all Christians regarded the Holy Ghost. The defect, of course, was the failure to place the operation of the Holy Ghost in its proper blessed light. A young man might be flattered by everyone for his learning and his natural gifts, and hands might be laid upon him in ordination. A year rolled by, and the ghastly fact appeared that not one soul had been won for Christ. Let their genius be as great as it might, let them draw multitudes to hear; but the gift of the ministry lay not there, but in the possession of the Holy Spirit.

The speaker concluded by saying: I rejoice in the well-being of Methodism. I am no enemy of any Church: we have one Shepherd, one King, one Father. I trust that my heart beats in unison with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ. This I place as the first article of my creed, that just where Christ is exalted there I must be to sympathize and strengthen, and to say Amen to all the holy spirits who are fighting for a noble cause and do it in humble reliance on the Father's blessing.

PERE HYACINTH.

The presence in this country of Rev. M. Luyson, better known as "Pere Hyacinth," at this time when the name of Luther is being honored by Protestantism, leads one to consider the striking differences which distinguished the great German leader, whose faith and courage gave birth to the Reformation, from the eloquent Frenchman who a few years ago many persons were hoping would prove a true reformer. For it hardly seemed probable that a priest who had the courage to repudiate the authority of the Head of the Church of Rome would stop short of a great spiritual awakening. But we have all been disappointed. We say, all; for scarcely another instance can be named where one so bold and so eloquent has accomplished so little, and of whom so little is to be hoped. The Gallican Church which he has organized has no elements of growth; it lacks even the common enthusiasm of a new movement. His own personal enterprise as a pastor in Paris has failed to make any impression, and he is now in this country seeking means to inaugurate a city mission movement that it is hoped may get hold of the common people. The ex-monk has not even made the first step toward what we mean by Protestantism. He goes no further than to repudiate the position and authority of the Pope as the Head of the Church of Christ. There is hardly an appreciable difference between the Gallican and Church of Rome except in ceremonial and the marriage of the priests. He retains the sacrifice of the mass, and the Roman Catholic doctrine in regard to it. This alone creates an impassable gulf between himself and Protestantism. It will be a waste of money to maintain a movement that has so little in it. The most that can be said of it, that if it should succeed it would help the Pope out of his present dilemma.—*Central Advt.*

THE THREE LOOKS.

The eye is the index of the soul, and wherever it turns, there the spirit may be supposed to be for the time directed; hence God's constant demand that we should look. The great facts of redemption are set before us. And they are completed facts; we can add nothing to them by our faith; we can take nothing from them by our unbelief. But they must be appropriated, in order that they may become facts of experience and inner life. One opening of the eyelid, and all the beautiful landscape which lay spread out before us instantly becomes an inward experience, imprinted first on the retina of the eye, and from that mysteriously throned upon the camera of consciousness.

Now, the three great facts of Christ's redemption are, atonement, advocacy, and advent. And there are three looks corresponding to these.

(1) The backward look. "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." (Is. xiv. 22). The eye is first carried back to the cross, and Christ's finished work thereon accomplished. Then, our Redeemer having satisfied the law concerning sin, bids us accept, by our consenting faith, the satisfaction He has made. "Having made peace by the blood of the cross," we gaze with consenting faith upon his work, and, therefore, "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(2) The upward look. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. xii. 2). There He is in the place of advocacy, who was before in the place of atonement. Better for the present that He should be there rather than here. The lawyer must be in court if he would conduct

the suit of his client; and therefore Christ has gone "to appear in the presence of God for us."

(3) The outward look. "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus ii. 13). This is the true expectation of the believer who waits for full salvation. Our Lord compares Himself to a nobleman going into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. It is for us to wait that return, that we may share that kingdom with Him. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence, also, we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."—*Rev. A. J. Gordon, in Watchword.*

TWO WAYS OF DEALING WITH SIN.

There are two ways of dealing with the most hateful taint in the world—sin. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper;" that describes one way. "He that confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy;" this is the other, and the Bible mode of dealing with all kinds of iniquity. Let us remark, in passing, that the Hebrew word translated "iniquity" is a very suggestive one—it signifies crookedness. As a straight line is the shortest between two opposite points; so a crooked stick or line is one that is bent or warring out of straightness. Hence our Saxon word "wrong." While righteousness turns neither to the right hand nor to the left, sin is that ugly and wilful twist in the human soul.

Cover sin over as much as we may, and smother it down as carefully as we can, it will break out. Many years ago the packet ship *Poland* was bound for Havre, with a cargo of cotton on board. By some singular accident the cotton took fire clear down in the hold. The captain, finding that he could not reach the fire, undertook to smother it; but in vain. Then he caulked down the hatchways, but the deck grew so hot that neither passengers nor crew could stand on it. At length he fired a signal-gun in distress, put all his people into the boats, and left the doomed ship to her fate. He watched her as she ploughed gallantly through the waves, with all her canvass on; but ere she sunk below the horizon, the fire burst forth in a sheet of flame to the mast-head. That ill-fated packet, carrying that fatal fire in her own hold, is a vivid picture of the moral condition of thousands of men and women. They cover their sins by all manner of concealments; they batten down the hatchways with a show of respectability, and alas! sometimes with an outward profession of religion; but the deadly thing remains underneath in the heart, and if it does not burst forth in this world, it will in the next.—*Theodore L. Cuyler.*

DIVISIONS OF ROMANISM.

Catholic papers never cease to ring the changes on the divisions of Protestantism. Here is the *Catholic Herald* endeavoring to show that the race of Protestantism is nearly run, and giving as proof the names of 151 religious organizations in England and Wales. The list is not a fair one. It is full of repetitions and names of single congregations; but no matter for that. Protestantism exists, in bulk, in a few divisions. But is the Church of Rome itself, in much better condition? Let us see. There are, in the first place, two parties, known as Ultramontanes and Liberals. They stand for differences as wide as those between Catholics who are almost atheists and men like the late Pius IX. No differences represented in Protestantism are more radical than these. Secondly, the Church of Rome is divided into many separate organizations or societies. There are the Jesuits, the Dominicans, the Augustinians, the Carmelites, the Francis-

cans, and a host of other societies, between which quite as much rivalry and hostility have been exhibited as between the various branches of Protestantism. There are also divisions in the Roman Church in the matter of externals. We hear of the Latin rite, the Armenian rite, recently celebrated in Rome by the Oriental Cardinal Hassan, the Maronite, the Melchite, the Syrian, the Chaldean, the Rhotoman rites. These differences are not merely in name, but in practice. The Armenians, for example, when they agreed to recognize the Pope and were received into union with the Church of Rome, retained their own usages, such as the marriage of priests, and communion in both kinds. The Catholic will say in reply to all this that these rites and societies all recognize one head. So say we concerning Protestants. Their division is only external. In the essentials of Christian faith they are one body, and they recognize one Head, a more infallible leader than the infallible Pope.—*Independent.*

IN SHADOW OR SUNLIGHT?

I was walking along the street the other day when I saw a young girl, whom I knew and a little tot of three years, crawling along disconsolately on the shady side of the way. It was a side street, and no one was passing, so I called out, "Come over in the sun, Mollie."

The girl looked up, crossed over, and we walked on together, the child dancing along in the happiest manner. "Why, how pleasant it is on this side!" exclaimed Mollie. "I had no idea it was so warm and cheerful. We were half frozen, and I was going to turn back."

How like that is to many a Christian life! How many find the "narrow way" cold and dreary, and are inclined to turn back and give it up entirely. And, yet, there is the Sun, and they might walk in his light; there is the bright, sunny path of entire and full consecration, of unwavering faith, of perfect submission to him who "knoweth the way that I take." Let us see if we can find the way out of the shadow into the sunlight.

The very darkest, coldest shadow comes from want of faith. You are wrapping yourself up in your feelings, your attainments, your understanding of God's Word. No wonder you shine dimly, and that the way seems cold and dark. Look across; see such as Francis Ridley Havergal or Hannah Smith, and I trust, some among your own personal friends, walking in bright sunlight, never thinking whether they have a right or have yet attained to anything, never questioning God's Word. It is enough that Christ has been perfect for them, that he leads them.—*S. S. Times.*

True faith produces love, leading to holy obedience at all times, and to confidence of glory at the judgment day.—*W. L. P.*

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Rest! We shall rest in eternity.—*Arundell.*

OUR HOME CIRCLE. THE OUTER AND THE INNER LIFE.

That within which passeth show. —Hamlet There is a song within the lyre That never yet was sung; Unborn it lies upon each wire...

THE BOYHOOD OF JOHN B. GOUGH.

His life had been a peculiarly bitter one. Born in a very humble home at Sandgate, on the English coast, gleaming with his mother and sister after the reapers, that they might have bread to eat...

Forget me not when death shall close These eyelids in their last repose; And when the murmuring breezes wave The grass upon your mother's grave...

Then, again and again she pressed her only boy to her heart, and stole behind the garden wall, that, unobserved, she might catch a last look of the stage which carried him to London.

The voyage was a long one of nearly two months. The little lad often cried in his cabin, and he wrote back, "I wish mother could wash me to-night," showing what a tender "mother's boy" he was.

His school days were now over. After two years of hard work in the country, he sold his knife to buy a postage stamp, and wrote to his father, asking his permission to go to New York and learn a trade.

Now nearly two painful years went by. Finally, though he earned but three dollars a week, he sent to England for his mother and sister. When they arrived two rooms were rented; the girl found work in a straw-bonnet factory, and, poor though they were, they were very happy.

At the end of three months, through dullness of business, both children lost their places, and now began the struggle which the poor know so well in our large cities.

In vain they looked for work. Then they left their two decent rooms, and moved into a garret. Winter came on, and they had neither fuel nor food. John walked miles out into the country, and dragged home old sticks which lay by the road-side.

One day he left her in tears, and went sobbing down the street. "What is the matter?" said a stranger. "I'm hungry, and so is my mother."

When the boy reached home, the good woman put the Bible on the rickety pine table, read from it, and then all knelt down and thanked God for the precious loaf. In the spring, he obtained employment at four dollars and a half a week, but poverty and privation had taken too heavily upon the mother.

For three days afterward John and his sister never tasted food. Probably the world said "Poor things!" but it is certain that nobody offered to help them.

BY WAYS WE KNOW NOT.

Through much tribulation we enter into the kingdom of heaven; the saints are made perfect through sufferings. It is true of individuals; it is true of peoples. No nation ever occupied a position of worth and influence in the world but after a long and weary trial.

Earth precedes heaven and the cross must go before the crown. It is the law of spiritual as well as temporal progress. The heart ripens, like the intellect; by discipline, by labor, and trial we must work our way to distinction and success.

Had the Patriarch Job, for instance, remained in prosperity, surrounded by all the means and appliances of wealth, in the bosom of his family, he had long ago been forgotten like the men of his age; they do not serve even to point a moral.

So it was with Job. He was a mere man of flocks and herds, he became by trial and sorrow a patriarch and saint. Older than Moses, his example and his words have been dear to all succeeding generations. Being dead he still speaks, and soothes, and comforts the Christian, as erewhile he did his own people, until there was no need to ask where is the Maker, God, who giveth songs in the night.

Some of my readers will recall with quickened pulse and moistened eyes those old melodies which formerly stirred the heart like a drum.—Russia, Com-

THE OLD-TIME CHOIR.

plaint, Montague, Buckfield, Element, Ocean, New Durham, Canterbury, Fluvanna, Majesty, and many more; and one thinks of Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," when

"Perhaps Dundee's wide warbling in aversus Or plaintive Martyrs beat the heavenward flame."

These old tunes are not a mere juxtaposition of chords, where the air is nothing and the other parts less, but living, stirring, rousing melody and harmony united. My eyes grow moist, as I recall the old-time choir leading the voices of "All ye People" in divine worship.

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Bless the old leader! There he stands, his large spectacles resting upon the extreme point of his not contracted nose, his long bony arm rising and falling with the regularity of a clock pendulum, as he leads the time. Up it rises above his head—one; down it comes, the points of the fingers resting upon the elevated front of the gallery—that's two; down drops the wrist—three; then up goes the whole arm into space—four; whilst the singers, casting their eyes, these right, those left, manage to keep up with the excited leader.

"All those voices silent now forever." —Mark Trafton, D.D. in Zion's Herald.

LUTHER'S PRISON HOUSE.

The pride and glory of Eisenach is the castle of the Wartburg. The ancient castle, once the residence of the Landgraves of Thuringia, stands on the summit of a pine-clad hill, about two miles from the town, and forms a landmark for all the country around.

The women are never guilty of such outrages. One was opened, and the boy who had been an exemplary boy from childhood up, a regular attendant at the Sabbath-school, soon was led astray—went there to play cards. Let me tell you I never knew a boy in my life who was ruined by letting cards alone, but many a boy has been destroyed through the influence of cards.

Dear children, listen while I tell you something which deeply concerns your welfare. The subject is the shape of your bodies. God knew the shape best. He created us upright, in his own image. None of the inferior animals walk upright.

A WORD TO CHILDREN.

Dear children, listen while I tell you something which deeply concerns your welfare. The subject is the shape of your bodies. God knew the shape best. He created us upright, in his own image.

THE BABY'S MESSAGE.

O, it is beautiful! litted o high! Up where the stars are in the sky. Out of the dark, fierce grasp of pain. Into the glorious light again.

Never before, have I left her breast. Never been elsewhere rocked to rest; Yet, I am wrapped in a maze of bliss, Tell me what the mystery is.

Far in the silence of the blue See, where the splendor pulses thro', Thither, released from a world of sin, Thither we come to guide thee in.

In through each seven-fold circling band, In whose white child-arms stand, Up to the throne that thou may'st see, Him who was once a child like thee.

O, ye angels of love and light, Stay for a moment your starry flight, Say, and adorn the star-own track, Hasten to my weeper, haste ye back!

Tearest comforter, Faith's own word, Sweeter than any her heart hath heard, Soothe her sweet tears now fall, Cheer, one whisper hath told her all. —Margaret J. Preston.

READING THE BIBLE WELL.

A little boy came home one day from church service, from which his parents had been detained, and asked his father if he ever read the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

"Oh, yes; often," said his father. "But did you ever read it aloud to us here at home?" "I think so."

"Well, father, I don't think I ever heard it. The minister read it to-day, and it was just as if he had taken a pencil and paper and pictured it right out before us."

Sala, a Florentine artist, when sick unto death, was twice carried to the church of St. Nazaro to look at some beautiful frescoes with which his genius had adorned its walls.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

If you your lips Would keep from slips, Five things observe with care: Of whom you speak, To whom you speak, And how, and when, and where.

If you your ears Would save from tears, These things keep meekly hid: Myself and I, And mine and my, And how I do or did.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

In one of the western towns two or three years ago resided a widow who had a son sixteen and a daughter eighteen years of age. There had never been a dram-shop in the place until, some three years before, the men petitioned the county organization to grant a license to open a dram-shop.

THE GRAY HEAD.

A private letter from a lady who is spending the year among the peasants of Tyrol says: "The morning after our arrival, we were awakened by the sound of a violin and flutes under the window, and hurrying down found the little house adorned as for a feast—gardlands over the door and wreathing a high chair which was set in state."

nose and ears, he, thinking of mother last, said in a husky tone: "Oh, mother, for God's sake have them hurry, won't you, please?" He ascended the scaffold; the rope was adjusted, and the trap was sprung, and his spirit was sent to God who gave it.

He might say to me, "You are a good many; I fear I may forget some of them; give me one, the most important one, and I promise not to forget it." I should reply: "Well, my dear boy, if I can give you but one it is this: Keep yourself straight, that is, sit straight; walk straight; and when in bed at night, don't put two or three pillows under your head, as though intent on watching your toes all night; and I believe that in this I should give you the most important rule which can be given for the preservation of health and long life."

THE STORY OF A QUARREL.

"I shan't!" shrieked Lou. "I shan't!" shrieked Jule. "Then I won't play," said Lou, with an angry pout, "and you're the meanest girl that ever lived; so there!"

A window slid softly up, some where behind the honeysuckles. "Children," called grandmamma, "come here a moment." They obeyed shamefaced enough. Grandmamma, dear, gentle grandmamma, had only since Uncle Charlie's death come to live at the farm, and the girls, though they had learned to love her very dearly, stood a little in awe of her.

But they went straight in, and stepped onto either side of her high-backed chair. "Well," said grandmamma, kindly. "I wanted to play keep store," volunteered Jule. "And I wanted to play house," said Lou.

Grandmamma smiled and closed a wrinkled hand over the small brown one on each chair-arm. "And so you quarrelled," she said. "Would you like a little story?"

"O, yes!" cried Lou and Jule exactly together; and then they hooked their little fingers above grandmamma's head and wished. What make girls always do that, I wonder? Boys never do.

"A long time ago," began grandmamma, "there lived in far-away England two maiden sisters. They were all alone in the world, and very wealthy, and as time went on, and they grew gray and wrinkled with years, they began to think of death, and of what they would do with their money."

"At length they decided to build a church of solid stone, which might endure for centuries and tell the name and fame of the Orme sisters to future generations. The stone was quarried and the builders came. Then whether tower or spire should adorn their church, the sisters could not agree."

"They wrangled and argued for days and months—neither would yield; and in the end each had her way. The tower and spire were erected side by side."

"There they stand through storm and shine as they have stood for ages: the square, strong tower and the slender, tapering spire—a quarrel fixed in stone. And the story of those two stubborn sisters is told to strangers who visit the place over and over again."

Grandmamma paused. Lou and Jule looked across into each other's eyes and laughed. "Weren't they funny?" said Lou. "We'll play store if you'd rather, Jule."

So then the sun shone again. But they lost the wish; for, you know, if one speaks before one is asked a question, the charm is broken.—Youth's Companion.

me to see the dear children whom I love so much, bending over their school desks, and walking with head and shoulders drooping! My dear children, if you would have a strong spine and vigorous lungs, heart, liver and stomach, you must, now while you are young, learn to walk erect.

He might say to me, "You are a good many; I fear I may forget some of them; give me one, the most important one, and I promise not to forget it." I should reply: "Well, my dear boy, if I can give you but one it is this: Keep yourself straight, that is, sit straight; walk straight; and when in bed at night, don't put two or three pillows under your head, as though intent on watching your toes all night; and I believe that in this I should give you the most important rule which can be given for the preservation of health and long life."

My dear children, don't forget it.—Dio Lewis.

THE GRAY HEAD.

A private letter from a lady who is spending the year among the peasants of Tyrol says: "The morning after our arrival, we were awakened by the sound of a violin and flutes under the window, and hurrying down found the little house adorned as for a feast—gardlands over the door and wreathing a high chair which was set in state."

"The table was already covered with gifts, brought by the young people whose music we had heard. The whole neighborhood were kindfolk, and these gifts came from uncles and cousins in every far-off degree. They were very simple, for the donors are poor—knitted gloves, a shawl, baskets of flowers, jars of fruit, loaves of bread; but upon all some little message of love was pinned."

"Is there a bride in the house?" I asked my landlord. "Ach, nein!" he said. "We do not make such a pother about our young people. It is the grandmother's birthday."

"The grandmother in her spectacles, white apron and high velvet cap, was a heroine all day, sitting in state to receive visits, and dealing out slices from a sweet loaf to each who came. I could not but remember certain grandmothers at home, just as much loved as she, probably, but whose dull, sad lives were never brightened by any such gust of pleasure as this; and I thought we could learn much from these poor mountaineers."

Sala, a Florentine artist, when sick unto death, was twice carried to the church of St. Nazaro to look at some beautiful frescoes with which his genius had adorned its walls.

"That will do!" he exclaimed as they bore him tenderly away to his couch of death. "That will do!" When Dr. Bushnell recorded this incident, he said: "Oh, that I, that every man, when life is waning, may be able to look back on the works of life and say, 'That will do!'"

This is a fitting desire for all to cherish, but to make it more than vapid sentiment, one needs to refuse to put any deeds into his life which will not bear retrospection when the light of eternity shines on the moment of his mortal agony.—Zion's Her.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

If you your lips Would keep from slips, Five things observe with care: Of whom you speak, To whom you speak, And how, and when, and where.

If you your ears Would save from tears, These things keep meekly hid: Myself and I, And mine and my, And how I do or did.

A WORD TO CHILDREN.

Dear children, listen while I tell you something which deeply concerns your welfare. The subject is the shape of your bodies. God knew the shape best. He created us upright, in his own image. None of the inferior animals walk upright. God fitted the great vital organs in your body to an erect spine. Do your shoulders ever stoop forward? If they do, so do the lungs, heart, liver, and stomach fall down out of their natural places. Of course they can't do their work well. To show you how this is, I will tell you that when you bend forward you can only take about half as much air into the lungs as you can when you stand up straight. As I have said, God has so arranged the great organs in the body that they can't do their duty well except when the body is straight. Oh, how it distresses

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DEC. 9, 1883.

DAVID'S FRIEND, JONATHAN.

1 SAMUEL XX. 32-48

1. Sometime before this, to escape one of Saul's determined attacks, David had to take flight. He naturally went to Samuel. The aged prophet arranged for him to remain with him, thinking Saul would not venture to molest him there. But as soon as the king heard where the fugitive was, he sent messengers to take him. Then a very extraordinary thing happened (chap. xix. 20-24). The Lord sent a special influence upon a company who were prophesying, under which Saul's messengers were so brought that they forgot their mission. Two other bands of messengers were brought under the same influence, and then the king, exasperated, determined to go himself; but no sooner did he appear upon the scene, than he too was once more found among the prophets. This did not, however, produce any amendment in Saul. David having no confidence in him fled from the spot, convinced that there would be no safety for him anywhere in his own land. But, taking advantage of the king's absence, he ventured back to the court to have a parting interview with Jonathan.

David did his utmost to convince Jonathan of his peril, and Jonathan tried his best to show his friend that there would be no danger. Jonathan would naturally put the most favorable construction upon his father's conduct, and in addition he had the fact before him that on a former occasion his father had taken a solemn oath that David should be slain (chap. xix. 6). He does not seem to have been acquainted with the more recent incidents. As there had been a war (xix. 8), Jonathan may have been absent and only just returned when David met him. It may be noted that we are indebted to David here for an expression which has become proverbial: "There is but a step between me and death." Jonathan if not convinced was silenced, and simply offered in reply to do anything that he wished. David then suggested that as the next day was new moon, when according to custom he should sit at the king's table, Saul would be likely to miss him and make enquiry into the cause. He furnished Jonathan with an excuse to offer, and told him that by the manner in which the king received it, he might judge whether David's fears were groundless or not. Perhaps it was not deemed safe to remain where they were, and an arrangement was made to meet in the open country, probably some distance away.

2. David and Jonathan met according to agreement. David had been the chief speaker before. Jonathan is in this interview. He had apparently come to the conclusion that there was more ground for David's fears than he had at first supposed. Recognizing the probability that he and his friend are about to be separated for a long time, if not forever, he makes the most solemn promises, and they solemnly renew the covenant they had formerly made. Jonathan evidently was acquainted with the fact that David was destined to be his father's successor. He had his more reason to be jealous than his father had. On Jonathan the deprivation would probably fall; but he submitted to the Divine decree, as the result of his father's sins, and cultivated the closest friendship with the man who was to supplant him, knowing that he cherished the same feelings towards himself.

3. The day of the new moon came, and David's place was empty; but the king, evidently anxious to know the cause, would make no remark about it. He evidently hoped that his having been among the prophets at Ramoth would lead David to suppose that he might take his accustomed place with safety. On the second day, however, he could restrain his wish to know no longer, and enquired why David was not there. Jonathan answered for him as agreed. The king, inquired that David should ask leave of absence of his father, paired out advice to him, and Jonathan for cultivating the friendship of David; and when his son made an attempt at interceding for his friend, Samuel flung his javelin at him, as formerly at David. Convinced that the case was hopeless he rose from the table in anger, and went away. The following day, with a sad heart Jonathan went forth with his little servant had to give his friend the prophetic benediction. That signal having been given, the lad was sent home, and then David came out of his hiding place; and the two friends, with the warmest expressions of affection, bade each other farewell.—H. M. S. S. M. C.

A SUGGESTION.

An engineer says: With reference to the disaster on the steamer *Reverend* of New York city, I have a suggestion to make: It is that engineers on steamboats and railways should not be permitted to paste a fancy picture or device upon the glass which covers the dials of the steam and vacuum gauges. I travel frequently upon steamboats and trains, and find that this is a universal custom. It must be clear it is impossible to notice any changes in the index, which could not be seen if the view of the dial were unobstructed. In cutting out a fancy picture several points are usually left around the edge, any one of

which might be mistaken for the index of the gauge, especially if it is in the neighborhood where the engineer knows the point indicative of safety to be, while through some negligence of the fireman, or some other cause, the real hand may be just over the explosive point and not observable at a glance, because the figure pasted upon the glass hides it from view.

BIRCH BARK ORNAMENTS.

Already many ladies have begun the preparation of Christmas presents. Quite a popular fancy is to utilize for these gifts the birch bark that was brought home from last Summer's wanderings. This can be done in many ways. If one can paint or sketch, a sign can be decorated with brush or pen and hung on the wall; or the bark can be twisted in the shape of cornucopias, or baskets, and hold flowers and grasses. Beautiful portfolios can be made, or boxes covered with it for handkerchiefs and gloves. If one can not paint nor etch, nicely prepared Autumn leaves and ferns can be arranged in groups, and the effect will be very good. Photographs are sometimes mounted on squares of this bark. Shaving-cases are pretty made with the covers of bark, with the monogram of the recipient done in India ink on the back.

BOILED CODFISH.

Lay the fish in cold water, slightly salted, for half an hour before it is time to cook it. Wipe it dry and put it into the fish kettle with boiling water enough to cover it, in which a little salt has been dissolved. Let it boil gently. A piece of cod weighing three pounds will cook in a half hour from the time the water boils, if put in without a cloth. A better plan is, after wiping the fish, to wrap it in a clean linen cloth, which should be dredged with flour to prevent sticking. Sew up the edges, so as to envelope the fish entirely, but have only one thickness over any part. Fish cooked this way will require twice as long to boil as when put into the water without any covering; but the flavor is better preserved, and when unwrapped, it will not present the crumbling grain, that disfigures most boiled fish.

USEFUL HINTS.

To spoil potatoes—let them lie and soak in water after boiling.

To spoil scissors—cut everything from a sheet of paper to a bar of cast iron.

The great French chemist, Fourcroy, says: "The formation of alcohol takes place at the expense of the destruction of the vegetable principle."

The Scotch pine, according to Professor Sargent of Harvard, is the most valuable tree farmers can plant for screens and wind breaks about their fields and buildings.

Let your horses stand loose, if possible, without being tied up to the manger. Pain and weariness from a continued position induces bad habits and causes swollen feet and disorders.

Miss Emily Faithful says: "The servants of the period are shiftless and unthrifty, and the average girl spends all her wages in spinning her mistress's dress rather than putting it in the bank against a rainy day."

For a baked Indian pudding take one pint of scalded milk, one half-pint of meal, a tea-cup of molasses, a tea-spoonful of salt, six sweet apples pared and cut into small pieces, one egg. Though so very simple, this is a superior pudding for variety.

The *Tribune* and *Farmer* has the following: "The apricot tree possesses above all the other fruit trees, the valuable property of being able to be transplanted at any age with the certainty that it will succeed as well as if it had not been displaced. The green gage has the property to reproduce itself with all the qualities of its excellent fruit by the sowing of the pits without the graft."

Do not throw away the bones of turkey or chicken. Crack them and let them boil for two or three hours in a little water; put in also any nice bits of the fowl that are left, particularly the neck, which is never eaten. To this add any soup stock you have, and with a little barley or sage you will have a nourishing soup. Season with salt, pepper, and any herbs you choose.

A pretty ornament for a bracket or shelf in a dining room is made by gilding, or purchasing already gilded, a little easel which will hold a panel of plush about ten inches high, and five or seven wide. To this is to be fastened a small pitcher of china or some fancy ware; it is fastened by having a ribbon put through the handle and then having this tied to the easel itself. A little white china pitcher with a spray of flowers hand-painted is very effective.

The following paragraph may prove of interest to lumbermen: "A new and simple method has lately been discovered for ascertaining the number of feet in a log, which will be found very convenient in case a log rule is not at hand. It is as follows: Multiply the diameter in inches by one half the diameter; then multiply this product by the length of the log in feet and divide by eight. The quotient will be the number of feet in the log."

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A lady in Providence.

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The night population of the city of London proper, which answers to our Wall and adjacent streets, is only seventy thousand.

A FAILURE IN CROPS.—A species of worm is eating all the leaves from any chestnut and hickory nut trees in many sections, and the crops will be a failure. Worms that afflict children or adults will prove a failure if Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup is used. It is a safe and sure cure for all worms that lurk in the human system, tape worm included.

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PRESENT-DAY DANGERS.

We have now no intention of dwelling at length upon the theme which has been uppermost in religious circles in this city during the past fortnight. For having spoken plainly upon it we indeed make no apology.

In watching, as we have done with some interest, the tone of public utterances upon the preaching of certain "fathers," it has become apparent that defences may need strengthening at other points.

should every faithful pastor keep his flock in remembrance of the same apostle's caution, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

One mark also in letters which have appeared upon this subject a disposition to treat with lightness the penalties which Jehovah has attached to the transgression of His own law.

Of the address of Dean Baldwin on our first page, the Montreal Witness of the 17th inst. says: "Such expressions of broad Christian sympathy as that of Dean Baldwin in his magnificent speech at the Wesleyan College yesterday afternoon is all the more cheering when we consider the speaker's position."

One hundred years ago last Monday the final act in the American Revolution took place. On November 25th, 1783, the last British troops took their departure from New York.

Have you paid for your paper? If not, please attend at once to that duty. The sum is a trifle to you, but the non-payment of a number of such sums may greatly perplex a publisher.

We look with no small satisfaction upon the samples of Periodicals and Sunday-school papers now on our table from our Publishing House at Toronto.

Our city contemporary, the Herald, reminds us of a certain old lady who was said to "know everything and more too."

An Arab of the desert—the race to which so many hordes of Musulmen have looked for a coming leader—has struck a blow in the East which reverberates throughout the known world.

The visitor to Greenwood Cemetery is shown a monument which filial regard is said to have raised to a sea-going father, supposed to have been swallowed up in the deep.

Our Episcopal brethren in the West Indies and Southern States frequently forget that when their predecessors were doing nothing for the slaves the ministers of other churches were enduring contempt and even risking life in their behalf.

Parker: "The Methodists, and Baptists, and Presbyterians, have done a glorious work, for which thank God! Had they not done it—we have not—those people would now be savages."

A few weeks since reference was made in our columns to the arrival from Europe of the Rev. Jacob Freshman, and of two young Hebrew Christians who were to assist him in his efforts among their Jewish brethren in New York.

Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of the Baptists and Free Christian Baptists in Academic education in New Brunswick.

The bright new volumes and varied Christmas stock on our Book-room shelves and counters make the editor's passage to his sanctum a more difficult matter than it used to be.

At a recent gathering in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary, at which a number of prominent persons were present, President Hitchcock said to the students who nearly filled the chapel: "I have called you to attend a Symposium on Martin Luther."

Bro. Hickey writes from Parrboro: "The brethren who have been stationed on this circuit will regret to learn that our dear brother, Charles Smith, of Greville, has been passing through deep waters."

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THE FERNLEY LECTURE OF 1883.

The Fernley Lecture of 1883 has recently been published at our English Book-room. Numbers will welcome its appearance, and rejoice that "the Difference between Physical and Moral Law" has been treated by so able a pen as that of William Arthur.

"According to Comte you are greatly to respect yourself. But you yourself are only an individual—that is, an abstraction. You are greatly to respect yourself; but if I secretly murder you, there is no Father that respects you, or makes inquisition."

Elsewhere he finely says, in establishing the distinction between "will" and "caprice":—

We have spoken of a captain and his ship. Think of the captain and his crew and passengers. The Comtists wrangle against "will" as if it always meant "caprice," and other undesirable things, and as if all our hope depended on being sheltered by blind laws from any of its interferences.

So, whenever the currents of crossing laws meet, and eddy, and rage, and we will know how to extricate the bark that bears our all, instead of whimpering out childish fears of "caprice" in one to whom this world, with all its passengers, is but as one ship in a great and strong ocean.

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SUNDAY THEMES.

On Sunday last the topics discussed in several of our city pulpits were closely connected with the engraving subject of the previous week—the teachings of certain Episcopal ministers recently brought here by the Bishop of the Diocese.

From a study of the narrative we may find lessons to guide us in our approach to "the fountain open for sin and uncleanness." Leprosy in its insidious growth, its loathsome appearance and fatal effects, is a type of sin.

We must also notice that humility is an essential condition of approach. Any man who comes as Naaman did, with his six thousand pieces of gold, expecting to purchase salvation, will assuredly go away disappointed.

We have heard with gladness of glaring sins being rebuked, and of the life of Christ being beautifully portrayed. But men want more than a model—they want to be brought into vital saving relationship with an atoner; not a definition of health, but a physician.

One fact that, perhaps more than any other, has impressed the popular mind is the apparent earnestness and sincerity of the Missionaries.

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To the Editor My Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your issue of the 23rd inst. containing the "Country of Favorable Conditions."

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lost in images, and your justification by faith lost in priestly mediation? Would it make no difference to you though the soul of your prayer were lost in a dead form of words, and the very germ of your spiritual life in the ceremonialism that contained it? Grasp firmly these old doctrines. Salvation will never be won by "doing some great thing," but by coming in God's own appointed way in simple faith that involves obedience, to "wash and be clean."

IN ANOTHER DIRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE WESLEYAN. MY DEAR MR. SMITH: The interesting article in the Wesleyan of the 16th inst., with the caption "Nearer Home," and signed "Country Parson," deserves the most favorable consideration of our ministers both in the country and city.

It reminded me of a "new departure" of the Methodist Church in England. Reference is here made not to the marriages of our people, nor to the gift of a hymn book to the newly wedded pair, but to the baptism of children, and the presentation of a First Catechism to the parents at the time of the administration of that sacrament. The Conference in England had for several years been striving to improve the "service" appointed to be used in the administration of baptism, in the direction of making it expressly and unmistakably Protestant and evangelical. This important labour having been completed, the Conference of the present year accepted the alterations recommended, and authorized the use of the amended service by the ministers of the parent connexion. The amendments are consequently inserted in a new edition of "The Book of Public Prayers and Services for the use of the People called Methodists."

Of the changes made in the baptismal service two only shall be mentioned here. Both are very noticeable and will command the approval of all earnest and intelligent Methodists. The first of these occurs in that series of short prayers which are appointed to be said immediately after the child has been baptized, and it is as follows: "Grant that the parents of this infant may have grace, that they may ever set before their child the example of a godly life, and by their prayers and holy conversation may be the ministers of God to him for good. Amen." The second is found in a line subjunctive to the appointed "service" and reads thus: "To aid in the training of the child, a copy of the First Catechism shall be given to the parents."

Every member of the Methodist church may be supposed to have a Bible and a hymn-book. He will obtain these precious treasures at the earliest day that it is possible for him to do so, he will peruse them reverently, and cling to them tenaciously all the days of his life. Of almost equal value to parents will be the First Catechism of our Church. No Methodist parent can be indifferent to the early leading of their children into the knowledge of divine truth. They cannot begin too soon to sow the seed of the kingdom of God in the yet unoccupied soil of their offspring's mind, nor wisely persist therein with too much assiduity. There must be hundreds of Methodist parents in the Conferences by these who enjoy this privilege and are anxious to perform this duty aright, and effectually. It is respectfully submitted that they will find no better help in the performance of their "sweet task of love" than in our First Catechism. It is true the book is small, but it is comprehensive, easily understood, its questions and answers are short, and it costs but a trifle. Were the ministers of the Methodist Church universally to adopt the practice so wisely enjoined on our brethren in England it would repay them speedily in a variety of ways. May they try it for a few years and widely announce the result.

The revised edition of the First Catechism has a precious section, the seventh—"Of Jesus Christ and Little Children." To know and feel the blessed truths expressed in this section, and to apply them to one's own infants would largely increase the endearment with which they are now regarded; would establish and invigorate hope for the success of parental painstaking for their being made early the subjects of saving grace, and transmute the toil of teaching into a pure pleasure.

Allow me to cite here the last five questions and answers of the mentioned seventh section. The request is made because they are so attractively connected with the baptism of the little ones. "What did the Lord say about children before he went up to heaven? He said to Peter 'Feed my lambs.' May children receive the Holy Ghost? Yes: for God has promised to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, and his blessing upon the offspring of his people. By what sign is it shown that the Lord is the Saviour of children? Children are baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. What is the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? The name of the one God in Three Persons, blessed forever. How must you remember your baptism? By seeking grace that I may become a true Christian, and serve God and my Saviour all the days of my life."

To the Catechism proper are added "Prayers for little children," one for morning, another for the evening, and yet others for the morning and the evening of the Lord's day. These prayers for children are unsurpassed in their beautiful simplicity and appropriateness. Happy the children who shall be thus taught and thus guided! Happy the fathers and the mothers

who shall thus early lead their best beloved, their little ones! Their labor for souls and for Christ shall be amply rewarded, in the filial piety of their families, in the early piety, subsequent virtue and usefulness of their children, and let us expect as well as hope that at the last day, when they shall have adoringly said to the supreme Lord, "Here are we and the children which thou gavest us." He will from His high and glorious throne say both to the faithful parents and their saved offspring, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

May the foregoing prove not unacceptable although the writer is a SUPERNUMERARY. Nov. 1883.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Robert Theakston was on Monday last elected alderman for Ward 4 of this city.

The Baptist Church in Nova Scotia has lost a valuable member by the death of D. R. Eaton, Esq., of Cornwallis. We learn from the Christian Visitor that Mr. Eaton was led into the service of Christ through a Methodist revival.

The Methodist Recorder says: "We are glad to learn that the health of Dr. Rigg has been considerably benefited by the partial rest he has allowed himself of late, but still much remains to be done before he can fully undertake the active labours in which he delights."

The New Brunswick Government has appointed Wm. Crockett, Esq., A. M., Principal of the Provincial Normal School, to the post of Chief Superintendent of Education for that Province. The appointment, we judge, meets with general approval. Eldon Mullin, M. A., has been appointed Principal of the Normal School.

Mr. H. P. Winter, formerly of Fredericton, is Secretary of the Y. M. C. Association of Portland, Me. The membership has grown from 128 adult members, when Mr. Winter took hold of the work three years ago, to 1110 adults and 625 boys. He has declined three flattering calls to other fields of labor since entering upon the work there.

A little four-year old daughter of Rev. J. Embree, of Twillingate, Nfld., narrowly escaped death through burning. Had not Rev. Mr. Duffill, who was in the study at the time, heard her cries and gone to the rescue, the consequence must have been fatal. Mrs. Embree had gone to meet her husband on his return from the Missionary Committee, and the servant had gone out, leaving the children alone.

The English Methodist papers, in speaking of the honorable record of the Rev. Robert Wilson, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, who is now in England, say that "his services in the pulpit and on the platform may be utilised during his stay. He is also an authorized agent of the Government of Canada in the interests of emigration, and will deliver addresses on and give such information concerning Canada as will be useful to those seeking homes in the Great Dominion. Mr. Wilson's address is 9, Victoria-chambers, Westminster, London."

We regret to learn that the illness of Mr. A. N. Archibald, Secretary of the British American Book and Tract Society, terminated in death on Tuesday evening. Typhoid fever, followed by pneumonia and blood poisoning, in turn gave place to bronchitis, and with these complications, medical skill was of no avail. Mr. Archibald gave all his time and strength to his duties and proved a most efficient officer. He belonged to that class of men who, we are apt to think, can ill be spared. To his sorrowing widow, who is a sister of J. T. Mellich, Esq., and Rev. I. M. Mellich, we tender sincere sympathies.

LITERARY, &c.

Part Second of French Celebrities, just published by Funk and Wagnell, New York, tells of living Frenchmen, whose names are everywhere heard in connection with their country's government or literary progress. Any person who keeps posted in the events of the day should have it. Its price is only 15 cents. S. F. Huestis, Halifax.

Cornish Stories, by Mark Guy Pearse, consists of six Christmas and other stories in that author's happiest vein. In a most pleasing style, which makes a reader unwilling to lay the book aside till its last page is reached, Mr. Pearse conveys truths that all, and young Methodists especially, can learn only with profit. This pretty volume is published by T. Woolmer, London.

Theories and Criticisms is a little work of ninety-four pages. The author, Mr. J. McD. Scott, a Dalhousie graduate of 1878, died a few days ago, just before his book came from the press. His fellow students and his numerous friends admired his talents and loved him for his many good qualities, and they and others, too, will take up this little posthumous work with interest. It is sold by McGregor and Knight.

From T. Woolmer, London, we have Illustrations of Fulfilled Prophecy, by R. Robinson Gregory. Several larger works of the kind, written by Dr. Keith and others, are beyond the purse and time of general readers. The book before us Mr. Gregory de-

scribes "for our elder scholars and for thoughtful men with little leisure for reading and none for learned discussion rather than for professional students of the written Word." As such it has a useful mission.

Harper's Magazine for December takes the place of the mammoth Harper's Christmas of 1882, which is not repeated this year. An array of authors and articles seldom if ever before brought together, has taken part in its preparation. The illustrations alone have cost, it is stated, over \$10,000. It is the first number of a series, according to the publishers, "unexampled in magazine literature." Many of its columns and illustrations are devoted to Christmas, but interesting papers on many other topics blend with the articles so appropriate to the holiday season.

In the North American Review for December are several interesting papers, among them one on the proposed "Government Control of the Telegraph" and another on "Railroad and Public Time," but in it, as too often of late, we observe a tendency to certain heterodox opinions which leads us to think of the Springfield Republican's comment called forth by last month's article on John Brown. That paper remarked: "The North American Review suffers from a system of irresponsible editing which would ruin a daily newspaper, and must in the end destroy any authority which the name of that venerable repository of ancient history and modern squabbles may still retain."

Would not your neighbor's home be made better by the visits of the WESLEYAN? There are hundreds of Methodist families who rarely see a church paper—is his one?

METHODIST NOTES.

A work of God is in progress in Truro. At every meeting men and women are turning to the Lord.

Rev. B. Hills, A. M., writes: "On the 11th inst. I received two persons into full membership at West Brook, baptizing one of them—gleanings of Bro. Wright's labors."

Charles McIntosh, of Piedmont Valley, through the Eastern Chronicle expresses the thanks of himself and other trustees of the new church there for the aid given them by citizens of New Glasgow.

The enlarged and newly-furnished basement of the Providence church, Yarmouth, was used on the 18th inst. for worship. The main audience room of the church will not be finished before the beginning of January.

Rev. John Gee writes: "Have just ended a five weeks' special services at Warren. The other night twenty spoke clearly and decidedly of their conversion to God. Our church here is much quickened. Our new parsonage built this summer at Amherst Head we expect to enter in a few days."

The Christian Journal, the organ of the Primitive Methodists in Canada, has been merged in the Christian Guardian. The Connexional Editor, the Rev. J. C. Antliff, B. D., retires from journalistic life to give himself wholly to ministerial service. His literary labors hitherto have been additional to those of pastor.

The Wesleyan College, Montreal, in the new building lately erected, was opened for the first time on the 16th inst. Hon. Senator Ferrier presided, and there was a large attendance of ministers and laymen of other denominations, the former taking a conspicuous part in the ceremonies of the day. The number of students enrolled in the college is twenty, five of whom are preparing for French evangelization.

Rev. E. E. England reports from Spring Hill Mines, Nov. 26: "Yesterday was a memorable Sabbath with our church in this town. The sacrament of baptism was administered to four adults. Fourteen persons were received into the church by the right hand of fellowship. Six others by ticket. The communion season was one of rich spiritual profit. Great grace was upon us all. Such an encouraging commencement leads us to look forward with prayerful expectation for still greater things for God and his Church.—Twenty feet have been added to the length of our church building. The outside work is now finished and we expect in a week or two to have the interior ready for service. This will give us increased accommodation, which is very much needed."

On Sunday evening the annual sermon to the Centenary Church Sunday-school, St. John, N. B., was preached by Rev. W. Dobson, to a very large congregation. The scholars occupied the choir seats and platform and sang all the hymns. The text was "Suffer little children," etc. The Telegraph speaks of the sermon as "a broad and liberal presentation of a most important theme: the relation of children to the church, which is as the preacher said, only beginning to be thoroughly understood in these latter days. An interesting feature of the service was the presentation by the pastor, on behalf of the infant class, to the trustees of the church of a handsome baptismal font. It was in the form of a large vase with a wreath of leaves encircling the top. The material is Italian marble and the cost upwards of \$600. It was filled with an immense bouquet of choice flowers.

ABROAD. The Methodist Ladies' College at Tasmania is to have a new building to cost \$45,000.

Two Armenians are studying in the Vanderbilt University for mission work in their native land.

Two Texas Methodists—brothers, give \$10,000 each to the endowment fund of the S. W. University.

The California Conference passed a resolution asking for the establishment of a fire insurance department in the Church Extension Board.

Rev. Thomas Craven, of Lucknow, has recently received a gift of a \$2,000 steam printing-press—the first press of this kind to be used in any India Mission.

The appropriations made by the Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church this year amount to \$735,000. The amount in excess of that appropriated last year by about \$40,000.

The year opens propitiously at Clark (Freedmen's) University. President Thayer writes: "We are beginning well—eight conversions already; eighty-nine partook of the sacrament last Sunday. It was a precious season."

A Band of Hope demonstration was among the exercises connected with the last English Wesleyan Conference. Ex-President Garrett presided over an audience of several thousands, with a choir of eight hundred voices. There are in the Connection 2,644 Bands of Hope, with a membership of 271,700.

A bell weighing 632 pounds has been shipped to India, bearing this inscription: "Presented to the Native Methodist Episcopal Church, Cawnpore, by Caroline Sagford Reid, A. B. 1883. 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.'"

A pupil of the Methodist College, Belfast, Mr. W. M. Orr, who last year obtained the first scholarship in Mathematics at the Royal University in Dublin upon most unusually high answering, this year, at the First University Examination, obtained full marks in Honor Mathematics, a thing almost unprecedented, and at the Honor Examination in Experimental Physics obtained 584 marks out of a possible 600.

A great revival is reported in Danville, Ill. Rev. Thomas Harrison, with the Methodist pastors, has been laboring for five weeks, and the city and the surrounding country has been aroused. All classes have been reached. Seven hundred and thirty had knelt at the altar up to the 15th inst., the majority of whom have claimed conversion. The work is marked by a deep conviction, clear conversion, and spirit of abounding joy.

The new Madison Avenue Church, New York, was dedicated on Sunday, 18th inst. Its total cost was \$262,770 and the balance unprovided for was \$112,770. \$92,000 was contributed at the morning service, and at the close of the evening service one of the trustees stepped within the communion railing and announced that the entire indebtedness of the church had been provided for. At a subsequent sale of the choice and rental of pews the total amount realized was \$9,000.

The wife of the native Methodist preacher at Pithoragarh, India, after a short illness, entered into rest in September. A letter says: "Her husband himself conducted the funeral services, and as the little band of loving Christians followed the loved remains to their last resting-place they sang hymns of Christian hope all the way. No one who has not seen the usual heathen procession of mourners can conceive of the contrast offered in such a peaceful burial as this."

At the session of the Missionary Committee of the M. E. Church at New York, on the 13th inst., an offer of \$10,000, made by Mrs. Philander Smith, of Little Rock, Ark., for the establishment of a medical college at Nankin, China, was accepted. The Committee also accepted a donation of \$3,000 from Rev. Dr. Goucher, of Baltimore, toward the establishment of an Anglo-Japanese university at Tokio, to cost \$12,000, providing the remaining sum shall be secured by special contributions; and of \$6,000 from the same clergyman for a theological school at Foo Chow, China.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The new Salvation Army barracks, Kingston, Ont., was opened a few days ago amid great excitement.

The Boston Congregationalist mentions a church in Connecticut which according to official reports, raised last year the total sum of \$1,010,168.

The International Lesson Committee met in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 31st. The next meeting will be held in Montreal, February, 21, 22, 1884.

The petition of the Protestant missionaries of China to the House of Commons, asking that the clause of the treaty which legalizes the opium traffic may be removed, is signed by 231 persons.

On June 3, the Mission Church in Adana, Turkey, received 74 persons on profession of faith, probably the largest number ever received at one time by any of the Mission churches in Turkey. It was expected that twenty or thirty more would be received at the next communion, and fifteen or twenty by the church in Taurus. On this occasion twelve hundred were present at the communion service, and twenty-one children were baptized.

GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION.

There are 122 convicts in the Dorchester Penitentiary.

Upwards of 12,000 barrels of oysters have been shipped from Summerside, P. E. I., this season.

At a Canning Factory at Wallace one thousand pounds of beef and mutton are being put up daily.

The St. John Presbyterian church, St. John, N. B., is to be lighted by the electric light.

The Allan S. S. Co. have withdrawn any further proceedings against the Montreal Witness and will pay all costs.

A new house in Montreal, in course of completion and costing \$12,000, has been condemned as unsafe by the city inspector, and must be rebuilt.

Ten years ago, at North Sydney the population was less than 1,500. Now it is over 4,000. In that decade two thirds of the town has been built up.

Fifteen actions were entered last week at Montreal by married women for separation of property from their husbands.

The petitions praying for the bringing into force of the Canada Temperance Act in the County of Yarmouth have 1440 signatures of electors, therefore.

The Marquis of Lorne is to deliver a lecture on Canada next month at Birmingham and to read a paper on the same subject before the Colonial Institute shortly.

On Sunday James Huestis, a resident of Grafton Street, had just begun his dinner, when a piece of meat, sticking in his throat, caused almost immediate death.

A large and influential meeting of the descendants of the U. E. Loyalists was held in Toronto last week to take steps for the holding of the centennial celebration next year.

In the Kerr school section, on the Guysboro' Road, Halifax Co., two children during the last term walked ten miles a day to school and missed only a few days during the summer.

Several forged five dollar bills of the Bank of B. N. A. were passed last week in Montreal, of the issue of the 3rd of July, 1877, but the day of the month is omitted in the counterfeit, which is an infallible guide to its detection.

There are twenty-one cotton mills in Canada:—Nine in Ontario running 3,700 looms and 171,000 spindles; six in Quebec with 4,030 looms and 138,000 spindles; four in New Brunswick with 1,500 looms and 68,700 spindles, and two in Nova Scotia with 1,500 looms and 34,000 spindles.

The St. John Telegraph states that, in response to the representations of the Typographical Union, the Messrs. Nelson, of Edinburgh, will be notified that if they do not arrange to have the readers and other books printed in New Brunswick, the Government will consider itself called upon to have a new series prepared.

The 120 teachers at the Truro Normal School are from the several counties of the province as follows: Colchester, 45; Cumberland, 15; Hants, 10; Pictou, 9; Halifax, 6; Yarmouth, 5; Victoria, 5; Digby, 5; Kings, 4; Lunenburg, 4; Antigonish, 3; Inverness, 3; Annapolis, 3; Guysborough 3; Queens, 1; Richmond 1.

Messrs. Embree & Son, of Port Hawkesbury, whose whaleboat took the first prize at the late Fisheries Exhibition in London, and was subsequently presented to the Prince of Wales, have lately finished a magnificent shell, 22 ft. long, ordered by an English gentleman, and which was shipped to Liverpool via Halifax the other day.

The Toronto Mail says: "The other day a lady called at the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, and said that while she was attending the college in 1868 her father failed in business, and she was obliged to leave without paying for board and tuition, but she was now prepared to pay the bill, having saved the money out of her own earnings."

The several counties in New Brunswick are represented in the Normal School, Fredericton, as follows: Albert, 3; Carleton, 20; Charlotte, 12; Kent, 10; King's, 28; Madawaska, 1; Westmorland, 22; Queen's, 11; Restigouche, 2; Gloucester, 7; St. John, 20; Sunbury, 10; Victoria, 1; Northumberland, 13; York, 45. The different religious denominations represented are as follows: B. P. M., 46; Congregationalists, 3; Episcopal, 24; Free Baptists, 25; Methodists, 40; Presbyterians, 28; Roman Catholics, 36; other denominations, 5.

GENERAL. The Duke of Castlemonate, recently captured near Trapani, Italy, by brigands, has been ransomed for \$30,000.

There are now six electric railways in operation in Europe, all of which are said to be successful.

Work has been begun on the mausoleum for the Vaudsribat family on Staten Island, to cost \$70,000.

There is no doubt that a western steamer, the *Manistota*, has been lost with her twenty-five of a crew.

M. de Lesseps has received assurances from the engineers of the Panama Canal, that the canal will be opened in five years.

President Arthur has pardoned Sergeant Mason, sentenced to eight years for attempting to kill Garfield, the assassin of President Garfield.

The Centennial celebration on Monday of the evacuation of New York by the British was an imposing affair and a grand success.

Sir John Hawley Glover, lately Governor of Antigua and Leeward Islands, has been appointed Governor of Newfoundland.

Two steamers collided on Lake Geneva, last week, between Evian and Ouchy, and twenty passengers were drowned.

Sir William Thompson, who died last month, leaves \$120,000 to St. Andrew's University, Scotland, partly to assist females in studying for the medical profession.

The railroads of the United States, on Sunday, Nov. 18th, changed their standards of time, to correspond with that of the 60th, 75th, 90th, 105th, and 120th meridians west of Greenwich.

China abandons none of her rights, but declares that should France violate them war will be inevitable, and France will be responsible therefor. A conflict is already reported, ending in the retreat of the Chinese.

Two machine guns have just been completed in Hartford, Conn., for General Grant, as presents to the viceroy of China and the mikado of Japan. Guns of the model after which they are made have a government record of 505 shots a minute.

The Dalrymple Home, England, an asylum for imbeciles, was formally opened on Oct. 27th. A building costing \$15,000 was purchased for the purpose. Canon Duckworth and Dr. Norman Kerr have been active in this enterprise.

The Crown Prince of Germany arrived at Madrid on Friday. The streets were crowded with people. Many houses were gaily decorated. King Alfonso, wearing the uniform of Colonel of the Uhlans, met the Prince when he alighted from the train.

Advices from Zanzibar say that a French man-of-war bombarded the unfortified town of Vohemar, on the north of Madagascar, on the 8th inst., without giving any notice. Five British subjects were killed and much property belonging to neutrals destroyed or plundered.

Judge Cowing, of New York, created a panic a week or two since, among well to do liquor dealers, by sentencing three of them to imprisonment for violation of the excise laws. They had been in the habit of paying the fines and then renewing the offense.

Committees appointed by authority to represent the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Reformed Churches of Ohio have decided to hold a convention in Columbus on December 6, for the purpose of organizing an Ohio Divorce Reform League.

The balloting for Rector of the University of St. Andrews has resulted in the election of James Russell Lowell, U. S. Minister, who defeated Right Hon. Edward Gibson, the Conservative member of Parliament for Dublin University, by 18 votes.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania holds that the Pullman Car Company is liable for the robbery of passengers sleeping at night in its cars, if this robbery occurs in consequence of the negligence of its servants. The company, as the Court holds, is bound to exercise all due diligence to prevent such robberies; and if it fails to do so, then it is liable for damages.

Last week came news that General Hicks and his entire army has been annihilated by El Mahdi, the False Prophet. A treacherous guide, it is said, led them to ruin. The rebels captured all the flags, the munitions of war and the camels. The panic at Khartoum is said to be increasing, owing to rumours that El Mahdi with a large force is advancing upon that city. A despatch says: "We only have food for a month. There are only two thousand men here to defend nearly four miles of lines of communication, he and population is a slumbering volcano. Col. Coetlogan sends word from Khartoum, dated Nov. 25th, that Mr. Villiers, artist of the London Graphic, is the sole survivor of the recent battle, and that he is a prisoner at El Obeid. Official accounts state that the force under Hicks' name numbered 10,500 men. With them were eight German and English officers. Orders have been received from the English Government to postpone the evacuation of Cairo by British troops."

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