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Tut Prussian Government is exceedingly liberal to its universities. These all possess rich endowments, yet each year the Government grants them large sums for running expenses. The budget for 1890 '91 contains the following jtems for new buildings alene: Königsburg, 110,734 marks ; Berlin, 537,500; Greifswald, 159,500; Breslau, 026416 Halle, 315,000 ; Kiel, 75,600 , Göttingen, 450,550 Marburg, 175,650; Bonn, 185,250.

The Rev. Alexander Martin, M.A, of Edinburgh, in a recent address to the Aberdeen Free Church Students' Association, referred to the remark. able change which had taken place in the religious life of the universities within recent years, and declared that the new movement was largely due to the services of Professor Henry Drummond. The students should consider how best to present the arguments for Christianity to meet the wants of this age. They must consider the age they lived in, and be broader and larger in their faith and more catholic in their sympathies than their fathers were.

The vexed question of Amusements is to be taken up by the South London Presbytery at its next meeting, after half an hour's special prayer. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy Nioore has given notice that he will move: That money for the support of the spiritual work of the Church ought not to be raised by means of entertainments ; that both indoor and outdoor amusements of a rational, healthful and innocent nature may be encouraged in organizations connected with our churches; that, in regard to ordinary public entertainments, it is a wiser poliry to countenance the belter forms than to condemn them altogether.

BeLfast, says the correspondent in that city of the British Weekly, is perhaps one of the most sapidly growing towns in the Empire, and the various denominations have difficulty in keeping their church accommodation abreast of the necessities of newly-settled districts. Of the denominations most furward, because most increasing, in keeping abreast of the nceds of the people in this respect is the Prestyterian. It has added within the past year two new churches to the already long list of its Presbytery-and both are " memorial" structures, ore is called the Magean Church, and the other the Cooke Church-the latter in memory of Dr. Cooke. Both are in outskirts of the city that are rapidly rising into the position of suburban towns.

The M.P.s connected with the English Presbyierian Church are the following: ConsenvativesSir Charies E. Jewis, Bart.; Mr. Gainsford Ersce, Q.C., and Dr. Rentoul; Liberais (Gladstonians)Messrs. Samuel Smith, Stephen Wilhamson, and J.

C Stevensnn; Liberal Unionists - Mr. W. P. Sin clair and Sir Donald Currie. The last-named gentleman is also connected with Perthehire. Of the others, three reside in London, three in Li"erpsol, and one in South Shields. The London men ars all Conservatives. Mr. Sinclair is son-in-law to the late Rev. Dr. Crighton, of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Liverpool. Between Provincial Legislatures and the Dominion House of Commons we could present a grod!y array of Presbyterian Parliament arians.

Tue Mexican Congress seeks the expulsion from the Republic of all foreign priests. Mexico has suffered terribly from the Romish Church, especially in connection with the allegiance that Church gives to a foreign power. It was the Church that invited an Austrian prince to establish an empirc in Mexico, and that supported the horrible decree declaring every Mexican who resisted the Government a tra:tor to be shot wherever found. At every step the higher clergy have souglit to destroy the free institutions of Mexico. The last device of the Papacy is the importation of foreıgn priests, chicfly Spaniards, Jesuits in disguise it is believed, who go through the country fleecing the people, preaching against the reform laws, and instigating their congregations to disobey these laws.

In the Synod of Otago a considerable part of the session was occupied with matter relating to the Confession of Faith. The comonittee appointed to explain its difficulties, and to watch the revision movement ir other hurches, had nothing to report; and after Dr. Macgrego. had been heard by a paper in defence of the ancient standard, a motion for the continuance of the committee was carried by the narrow majority of fify to forty-nine. An overture from the Southland Presbytery, requesting the Synod to affirm the Calvinistic system contained in the Confession, was carried by fifty-five to tortynine. Two memorials from elders were laid before the Syrod, which indicated the interest everywhere excited by this question. One entire sitting was occupied with the Gibb case, which came up on appeal and complaint from Mr. Begg and other members of Dunedin Presbytery against the decision of that body. which was considered not to have sufficiently vindicated the Confession and the Church's constitution. The appeal and complaint were sustained and the Presbytery's judgment reversed by forty-three to twenty.

The New York Indepencient says: Col. Robert G. Ingersoll has not the reputation of being a devout, relig:ous man, but there was an important religious service held at his house, in this city, the other day, at which there was a large attendance, and at which Colonel Ingersoll was an interested and apparently a devout listener. When Culonel Ingersoll's daaghter married, sone time ago, we oelieve he called in Judge Jomebody to perform the service ; but on this occasion his neece, the daughter of the brothar at whose funeral the Colonel pronounced his famous eloquent oration, was to be married to a Cleveland, O., Presbyterian, and out of deference, we presume, to his desires and those of his family, a Christian munister was asked by Col. onel Ingersoll to perform the ceremony. To whom should he go except to his courteous antagonist, Dr Field, whose polite and able cricicisms in The North American Revietu, some time ago, attracted so much attention. Dr. Fieid consented, and a distinguished party was present and the marriage was performed with religiuus solemnity and Christian prayer and worship. So, when a man will not go to church the church will sometimes come to him.

For two hours the call of Gorbals congreg: Glasgow, to the Rev. John Robertson, M'Crie-Roxburgh Church, was under consideration by the Edinburgb Frec Church Presbyterv. Parties having been heard, Mr. Robertson, addressing the Presbytery, said the congestion in M'Crie-Roxburgh from the membership, the largest ever on the roll, being already beyond the sitting capacity of tize church, and the continued desire of the multitude to hear the Word , God made imperative a large expan-
sion. This expansion with the present cquipment he felt impossible. Therefore, though he hereby left as loydi and loving a people as cver a minister ministered to, he must ask the Presbyiery to put this Glasgow call into his hands for acceptance. With 3 heayy heart Principal Rainy moved that the call be placed in Mr. Robertson's hands. He was sorry to send from Edinburgh a man whose services were so much needed. In view of the withdrawals of Mr. M'Neill and Mr. Robertson from their midst, he was really disposed to think that some of them must be to blame. He was sure they wished Mr. Robertson very great comfort and success in the neld of labour to which he was going. Proiessor Laidla: , maintaining that there was in Edinburgh a large field of work for such a man as Mr. Robertson, moved that the Presbytery decline to place the call in his hands. Further discussion took place, anci in the end Dr. Rainy's motion was carricd, but only by twelve votes against eight for the amendment proposed by Dr. Laidlaw.

Tife Dominion Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance have just sent throughout the country a petition praying that the Commons of Canada make general amendments to the criminal law. The wording of the petition, to be signed by all persons over fifteen years of age, is as follows: That there are in certain portions of the criminal law of our land very grave defects; to wit, in chapter 162 of the Revised Statutes. In opinion of your petitioners the law as it nowstands is radically wrong in the following particulars: It makes a wholly unjust distinction between women and girls who have property or expectations, and those who have not; An equally unjust distinction between women and girls who have legal protectors as parents, legal guardians, etc., and those who have not, protecting those who are leasi in need of such protection, and abandoning those who are without protectors, An equally unjust distinction is found in sections $4,5,8$ and 9 , which relate to "attempts" as against males or females--males protected, females unprotected. In respect to procuration there is an unjust distinction between "principal" and "intermediate." Crimes against girls of tender years are not punishable with sufficient severity. Dependent girls are not sufficiently protected. Whercfore your petitioners pray that in the respects mentioned above the law may be so dmended as to give equal protection to all women; that punishment may be made to apply equally to male and female; and that in all eases the age of consent may be raised to seventeen years.

By the death of the Rev. Dr. Alex. Macleod, of Birkenhead, who passed away at an early hour on t'se morning of the 13 th alt., the Presbyterian Church of England has lost-one of the most widely known and most highly esteemed of its ministers. That Church possesses, in proportion to its size, an unusually large number of successful preachers to the young, and amongst these Dr. Macleod held, far and away, the foremost place. His contributions to the Sunday Magazine and other periodicals, as well as his volumes, "Talking to the Children," "The Gentle Heart", and "The Children's Promise," made his name familiar far beyond the limits of his own denomination. As a pastor and preacher, but especially as a preacher, he was beld in high esteem, not only in Liverpool, but throughout Eng. land and Scotland. Dr. Macleod was a native of Nairn, but in early life moved with his family to Glasgow, where he prosecuted his classical studies. His first charge was at Strathaven, thence he was called as colleague to Dr. William Anderson, in John Street Charch, Glasgow. This he left for Birken head. Br. Macleod, along with Dr. Edmond; of London, Rev. William Arnot and Dr. W. G. Blaikie as representatives of Britich Churches, wisited the Canadian and American Presbyterian General Assemblies in 1874. Dr. Macleod was a man of fine literary taste and robust thought. While in his first charge he contributed a series of interesting papers to Hogg's Iossiructor, long since defunct. Hie was the author of "Christus Consolator," and "Days of Heaven upon Earth". He was a man bighly respected for his work's sake and beloved for his personal excellencies.

## Qur Contributors.

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Conventuons are sometumes held to assert rights and defend privileges. We may imagine a number of penple in a luctd interval holding a convention to ascertain the reason why so many Canadians do not exercise the ruhts they have or use the privileges they enioy. A report of the proceedings would perhaps rua something like this:-

The chairman opened the proceedings with a brief and pointed address. He said a large number of people are continually wrangling about therr rights as cutizens and the:r rights as members of the various religious denominations, and it struck him as something peculiar that people should make so much noise about rights that some of them seldom or never exercise. For the life of him he could not see why a man should want to fight somebody about rights he never thought it worth while to use. Perhaps his carly training had been a little old-fashioned, but he had always thought ihat if many Canadians said less about their rights and attended more punctually to their duties, their country and their Church would gan something by the innovation. He did not blame peeple for being sensitive abnut their rights. These rights cost their fathers blood and treasure, but be thought we could show our appreciation of these rights better by in. telligently and conscientiously using them than by merely talking about them. We might be wrong, and perhaps his ideas were a little antiquated, but he laid them before the convention in good faith. Possibly the right course in this young country is to shout about rights and neglect duties. Perhaps the proper thing for a Christian to do is to scalp imaginary foes that are attacking his privileges in an imaginary way, and let the privileges go unased. He hoped members of the convention would not be offended if he said that privileges are given us to be used, not merely to be fought about. These were his views, and he would now give way to members of the convention, who would no doubt throw some light on the subject.
Mr. Patrintic Solon said he wished to speak about unused civil rights. You Canadians, said Mr. Solon, enjoy the rights of freemen to a fuller extent than any people under the sun. Rightly or wrongly, your lathers thought you could govern yourselves. Sometimes I am tempted to taink that the good old men overestimated their future progeny. They thought the stock would improve, but in 100 many cases it deteriorated. It took our fathers centuries to wring the right of voting from unwilling tyrants, and after the right has been secured some of you voters are so abominably lazy and careless that you won't go across the street to exercise the highest privileges of a British freeman. Some of you have to be canvassed and coaxed to come out and mark your ballot. Your fathers bled on many a hard-fought field to secure for you the rights of free men, but you must have a carriage sent for you to bring you to the polls to exercise these rights. But that is not the worst. Some of you are degraded enough to sell the highest rights of a British freeman for a dollar or barter them for a bottle of whiskey. The Indians you drove out of the soil could not do worse than that. If the Government were to cat down the number of voters and disfranchise a lot of you, a howl would be ransed from Cape breton to Vancouver that might be almast heard over in China. You would swear by everything above you and below youespecially below you-that the Government must be de. stroyed. Deprive me of my rights, you would say with burning indignation, as you struck a fighting attitude. Well why don $t$ you exercise these nights if they are so valuable it would be far less trouble for you to go across the street or over to the next concession and vote than it would be to annihilate the Government that interfered with your right of voting.

Let us come down to particulars. Some of you complain of dangerous sidewalks, muddy streets, poor light, impure water, inefficient poitce protectuon and high taxes. In fact everybody complains of high taxes. On the first Mon³y in January the ratepayers of Ontano have the privilege of electing the men who manage all such local business. Do you all come out and vote for the best men? You do nothing of the kind. Many of you have to be canvassed and coaxed and button-holed and sent for. In many municipalities-: almost any-the most miserable scalamag can beat the best citizen if the scalawag canvasses and the best citizens does not. If the Government were to deprive you of the right of fianaging your local affairs there would be a howl that would almost make the bones of Robert Baldwin rattle in the grave. You would call upon somebody to rise up and be a second Baldwin and restore to you the right of local self-government. Why don't you exercise these rights when you have them? Why do you compel busy men-the very men you need most to manage yonr local affans-why do you compel them to go around for weeks asking for votes? Don't you know that it is a man's duty to vote in a self governed country? You would saise a big fight any time about the right of vot. ing, but the duty of vating you treat with neglect if not contempt. The old story. Shout and storm about your rights and neglect your dutues.

Let me give you ancther illustration. Our school system is one of the best thangs-perhapps the very best thing -we have. Did you ever nouce a man running about the streets
on a certain Wednesday in January? Ater ruaning up and down he collars two men and takes them away to a building
 officer hunting a muver and secondes for a school trustee clection. The law is changed now, and probably the fear that the returnong officer might not always he able in find anybody was one reason why the change was made. If the Government should prapose to take the management of the schools out of the hands of the people there would be a storm equal in vinience to a Dikota blizard. The Government would think it had been siruck by a cyclone. The o: story gain. The right of managing the schools is somet. $R$ to fight about-the duty of managing them something to be neglected.
Mr. Solon wound up his speech with an eloquent perin ation, in which he urged the convention to stop shoutilis: about their rights and give more attention to their dulues.

The Rev. Calvin Cemmonsense then delivered a rousing speech on unused ecelesiastical rights and neglected reli gious privileges. He sent the red hot shot in every direction, and made a profound impression. His speech and the remainder of the report will appear in our nevt issue.

## SHOULD CIINTSTIANS DANCE I

Mr EDITOR, -Having just read the article in your much valued paper, "Should Christians Dance?" will you grant me a small space to reply as a Cbristian who has danced, and wever for cne moment felt it a sin to do so.

My mother was a devoted Christian woman, and taught me the love of Christ from my earliest years. I can never remember when I did not love my Saviour, and have lonked to a merciful heavenly Father for all things, pleasures in. cluded.

When iwelve years old I was sent with my brothers to a private class, conducted by ladies highly respected, to learn dancing, was never told it was a sin, but enjoyed $t t$ in the innocence of my heart. In after years 1 went frequently to dancing parties given by Christian ladies, enjoying ciery dance, and never did $\$$ receive the smallest liberty or insult from the young men with whom I danced; and I am sure there are hundreds of Christian girls who enter into this amusement with the same pure innoceat enjoyment.

Such evenings never prevented me offering my prayers, nor did I feel I was approaching an offended God; and my Christian mother would listea with delight to my description of such enjoyment.

1 have been with young penple who would not dance, and have seen such amusements introduced that made me blush with shame, and will say now, as I did then, give me a pleasant dance far before such amusements as these.

There is not a doubt it may be carried to excess, but so can everything else be made $2 \sin$, some sin, takıng apparently an innoceat walk to and from church. I need not enlarge on this subject, but will sign myself

## Jankary 19, 1897.

## SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVUUR.

In order to remove wrong impressions concerning this movement the following brief address is issued by the Committee of Tiustees of the Uaited Society of Christian Eadea:

Sone mistaken and prejudicial statements having been
Pade in certain papers concerning the Young People's So made in certain papers concerning the Young People's So ciety of Christian Endeavour, will you allow us to set forth the facts in a few words'? The Society of Christian Endea vour is the Church at work for the young, and the young people at wurk for the Church. The societies are found in specific Churches, doing the work of 1 nse Churches as best they can. They are pastor's and sioueties, surci, under his control and direction. There is nis board of control of authority ouside of the local Church. The sule mission of the United Soliety is to furaish informa. on and to arrange for an annual convention. It exerts no au.bority, asks for no money and claıms no allegiance. The societies are doing equally good work in all evangelical deruminations and in all parts of the world. Every denomination can control its own societues in any way that it chooses. It can call them together, prescribe lines of work, courses of study, etc., and can form denominational Christian Endeavour unions or biutherhoods if it chooses. Since it is in no way possibic for the anterdenominational features to interfere with or weaken denominational loyalty, we tesard these interdenomifnatuonal features of vast advantage. The young Chistians are thu. brought together for fellowship and inspuation at the interdenominational, local and State conferences and at the annual International Convention, and go home with a broades outlook and a deeper purpose to work for theis own Churches.

As representatives of different denominations we heartily and emphaticalty unite in saying that we sec no evil tendency, but only gooid resulting from this fellowship. The Society is, and has been from, the beginaing, on a strictiy evangelical basis.

While we rejoice in every other movement that has for its purpose the training of the young for Christian service, we most earnestly commend :his partuculat society, which God has so greatly blessed, until now it numbers withon ats ranks nearly one million young people in all parts of the world; and
ask our brethren who doubt its efficacy to lonk candidiy into its methode, its purpose and its history.

The praipe metiag plewge and the consecration metting, combined with certain lines of committee work for the Church, are the distinguishing features of the Society, and these, in common fairness, we believe, should go with the name Christian Endeavour, and the name with the features when adopted, though any denominational name can be com bined with the Christian Endeavour name to distinguish the socielies, as the Methodists of Canada recommend that then societies be called by the name "Epworth Christian En deavour."

Hoping and praying for the sympativ and co-operation of all Chrstian people in this effort to advance the kingdom of God among the young people of the world, we are, yours fra ternally,
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OUR FIRST CHARGE.
in mas. J. Junior.
Fueltown was considered a place of some importance, and when Mr. Junior was invited to become the minister of the Presbyterian Church there his friends assured him he had been very fortunate. It was his first cha.ge, and he was ordained by the Presbytery, in which the college is, not long after the college session was over. There had been some trouble and much division during the pastorate of his predecessor, of which we were in complete ignorance until we arrived. That genteman had a few staunch friends and many opponents, and when he saw it to be right to accept another parish the former became irrecencilably ofiended with the latter, whose conduct had led to the step. When we arrived, all unconscious of such a state of affairs, the vials of their wrath were poured upon our head. For, thought they, if there had been some difficulty in getting a minister the opposition might have been made to suffer for their conduct ; but our coming had spoited all that and was looked upon as a sort of injury to them.

We arrived in the city for in those days it was pretension rather than size that gave a nght to the title) late one Friday evening. That afternoon we saw a copy of the Fuellown Press in which it was anrounced that Mr. Junior would preach at both diets on the Sundiy following. We had only been married a month and had been travelling all the time. The experiences of friends in other places had filled my mind with beautiful pictures of a happy weicome, a watm reception at landing, and a right bearty "homely tea" un atrival. And the further announcement in the paper that we were expected this paticular evening brought all these pin tures fresh to mind. My husband had opened a conversation with one or two people round the table in the cabin of the steamer, and one of them, who was a person of some impont ance in the church, advised us to go to the Pioneer Hotel fur that night. Of course we could not say. "No," if the recep won was to be there rather than at the manse. And to the Pioneer Hotel we went, our friend kindly carrying a gripsah in each band. But here we were evidently not expected, and it was only after a good deal of taik that we could obtain a bedroom for the aight. Anything in the form of coffee or tca was out of the question, for "the fires were all out and only liquors were served after eight o'clock." My visions of kind friends and a hearty reception all vanished in thin air : My beautiful pictures upset at one blow.

Next morning after breakfast we sallied torth to look for the church and to try and find out those who had invited us. By dint of much enquiry we hurited up the Session Clerk at his place of business, who had the keys of the manse it his pocket , and with him we went to see our new home, my mind all the while full of strange forebodings and my husband doing his best to put Mr. Davison in good humour. I had literally to hold on by Mr. Junior's arm to prevent me making myself ridiculous once we bad been shown in. The pa: unt was empty save for the straws paper and dust left by the pack. ing of our predecessors, and the unpacking of certan litte
things for another mom. In this latter had been gathered together a bedstead, a bureau, four of the plainest chairs that evet graced a iuxser's casiun, a taide that was all amry, hatidozen cups and saucers of the heavy whte pattern that fourthclothing still in the store-keeper's wrapper. In the kitchen was a stove with "his appurtenances." Mr. Davison pointed with pride to a box of kindling and a parcel of matches which his forethought had provided. sux empiv rooms, all alike dusty, assured me that whoever were on the commitice for supply there were no ladies amongst them. When our boxes arrved I was glad to turn my attention to them lest everything
should be crushed like my previous expectations, and we the lefl without even those things with which we lef home.
Mr. Davison left us, for his busmess could not stand, with the hope that we would find nurselves comfortable and make ourselves at home. 1 saw that my husband was doing his ourselves at to look cheerful, theugh his laugh had an unreal ring best to look cheerful, theugh his laugh had and it and him think that I was teeling "put out." He had divested himself of his coat and apened our boxes, and I had swept out a couple of rooms
when the doorbell rang. Our first callers ! "You are to be neighonurs, and $I$ took the first opportunity of calling upon you. My chureh is seven miles from here, but my uponghter stays in town and so 1 brought her with me to meet you." Mr. Glass looked my husband all over as a tailor might before measuring him, while Miss Glass stared persist-
ently at my poor travelling dress, by this time well-nigh spoited with the dust. Then she informed me that she had stayed with Mrs. Andrew, the previous minister's wife, for over a year, that this house was just like a home 10 her, that it looked so dreary now, that she was so sorry when they went away and she had to leave. While she was running on in
this strain I could hear her father tel) Mr. Junior that there this strain I could hear her father teli Mr. Junior that there
never could come a minister who would do what Mr. Andrew did; that the people deserved to be punished in this way for making him go from here, that he was a big-hearted man who kept a most hospitable table, and so forth.

Another ring at the bell. "This will be one of your people, I guess," sad Miss Glass, as she introduced the new. comer. Ry husband sat himself on a box togive him a chair, comer.
and the conversation went on for a time. Then the lastcomer remarked to me - "I came roand to see if you wouid
have some milk in the morning." I could almost have taken him in my arms, dirty as he was and smelling horribly of the byre. This was Canadian tindness at last, and I was beginning rapiuiy to reconstruct my dream-pictures while I thanked nira for his kindness. "O, I'm the milkman, and Plll let you have a pint a day for a dollar and a-balf a month." Alas, for my dreams !

Our visitors only stayed for an hour, in which time they contrived to give us very unf soourable impressions of the place, the people, and the work. Then we were at liberty to proceed with the unpacking and dusting. I was becoming
anxious about my dresses, ecc., for Mr. Junior had been more concerned about saving room in the boxes than creases in the
dresses, and I knew it would be useless speaking to him no dresses, and I knew it would be useless speaking to him now about their appearance on the morrow. Dusk came and found us thus engaged, and we had to return to the hotel for dinner. We had been assured that it would not be well for us to stay there over Sunday- it is such a place. Aad we
could believe this last. We had, therefore, after dark to lay in our provisions for the morrow and a candle or two. Returning to the manse we found a small party of ladies waitung for the list of hymns for to-morrow, and to askif I would take the organ, as I was expected to do. While my husband weat into the church with them, I went into the house and bad my first cry. If ever there was a little woman whose hopes had been blasted it was 1 . 1 would not complain to him nor iet him think that I was disapponted. But, $O$, how I wearted for the time when he would be asleep and not nouce my dejection!

Very early next morning a knock at the back door got Mr. Junior out of bed. I could not catch what was first sadd, but as last came the loud query. "Do you want to drown us with milk at five cenis a pint? He would only tell me that it was another milk dealer, a member of the church, offended because we would not purchase our supply from him.

Breakfast over, we were preparing for church when the door bell rang. It was the Session Clerk come to take us to church, that building, by the way, being less than twenty yards from our door. What could my husband do? Only seats in one room, and that our bedroom, study, dinang-room and sitting room combined, and our toilet not finished. For once Mr. Junior showed sense. "Watt for us an the vestry, and well be with you shortly." We concluded that this must be some kind of formal reception by the Session, or officebearers, and so he had come for us half an hour before the hour of service. In the vestry our one friend waited for us, and wanted with us till the bell ceased; then the organ started 3 voluntary, and we went our several ways. Mr. Davison we..: round to the front door, my hasband found his way to the pulpit and I to a perv at the side. What I suffered during that voluntary, with fifty pairs of eyes rivetted on me, 1 rannot begin to tell; nor was my husband's a more enviable condition. It was a fair sermon, but not in his usual style. H $w$ could it be after e month of travel and such an experience as ours had been during these last two days? After service one or two people waited to shake hauds with as and
nik what ve thought of the place, how we liked Fueltown and ask what we thought of the place, how we liked Fueltown and
had we been comfortabie? Here let me warn my readers
againss " is man-trap. "How do you like our tnwn?" If
there is uny diplomacy in you, you stand in need of it when there is any diplomacy in you, you stand in need of it when
that is spiang upun you. If you siuw by heigitened culuor, or by line of the face, or by fantest hint that "our town" does not come up to your ideas of paradise then you are doomed. You are heticeforth a trator, an enemy in the camp, a spy come to see the nakedness of the land in which you have no right to be since you do notive it. All these ques. tions and more, but neves a nord of sympathy, nor an offer of help in the way of putling our house "straight. A special service for the Sunday school children and evening service brought to a close the duties of our first Sunday in Fuetiown. For three davs wo were let severely alone 10 wander
and the place lonking for the town, and trying 10 pick up arnund the place lonking for the town, and trying to pick up
as many things as would make our house look inhabuted. Then came in the bills for the furnishings placed in the house pror to our arrival-down even to the matches already referred to. But furnishing a house was no small matter, as we found out. Fueltown could not toast of its stores nor its stock. These dirty, untidy places were little more than sample rooms, and the equally untudy store.keeper only "guessed he could get you a suite like this for $\$ 130$." Mrs. McClarty was neat compared with some of these gentlemen who came down from some garmt to answer the door-bell abour figar in his mouth, minus a coat, vest unbuttoned, or with a deep band of ditty shirt showing itself between the vest and trousers, and boots unlaced be would come forward and ask if
"there was anythink he could do for you?" And I am sure that the cottage at Glenburnie was clean in comparison with these stores. My husband used to practice free hand drawing on the counters and furnture during these five-minute delays, the thick coating of dust saving chalk or crayon. As he said: "He might as well rub off the dust with his finger 251 with my clothes."

During the next few weeks we had visitors en jugh, though we had scarcely a place to recelve them in, or a chair for them to sit on. These visitors did their best, however, in one direction. They warned me against making friends of this one and that one in the congregation and city until almost everybody who had called had been held up as one 10 be avoided. What a martyr arr one of these ladies assumed when I asked her to credit me wit
know a friend when I found one !
It was about this stage that I learned what a thorny couch a minister's may be. In girlhood I used to think a minister's must be the calmest, least-disturbed of lives. I was brought up in a city where everybody does not know every other body's business, and where we did not have our minister's family matters discussed in every house. We esteemed our worthy pastor for his character and work, and we did not enquire how his wife (or "lady", as we always styled her) managed her kitchen or kept her bedrooms. The city minister, whatever his other troubles, has at least one clear advantage over bis brother in a little town. Here we were always under the microscope; there was always somebody discussing my household affairs and letiog me know the decision. Of course 1 resented the interference of so many busybodies, and was forced to let it be known that I objected to have my affairs made public property-as if ours was the corporation and they the ratepayers. But it was only to find that $i$ was making things very hard for my husband. For these offended fladies put their husbands against mine, and his work, already trying in every respect, became many times worse. Cold indifference gave place to active opposition and open ridicule. And bis very activity furnished them with a handle for it; for his predecessor used to spend his evenings with these people, but my husband had engagements for almost every evening in the week, and so was reckoned a very John the Baptist for asceticism. Some of the more arstocratic ladies of the place. when they first heard that the minister elect was to be married before coming, had expressed the hope that his wife would be a lady, and that they would be able to asseciate with her This was not association in work, I soon discovered, but in gossip: for when I proposed any scheme for increasing the usefulness, or deepening the spiritual life of the Church, $I$ was informed that they never had done any Church work and it was no use asking them to do it. Then each of the sec. tions into which the congregation was divided tricd to get me to identify myself with it, and to induce my hustand to express an opinion that the others were wrong. But he was not subjected to these tormenting interviews as I was, for his pastoral work called him out so frequently that he was often not at home when the ladies called on me. One of these sections was more influential than the others, in the sense of having more money at command, and it was my lot to offend this clique by preferring to work with my husband rather than dwadie with them. From that time they made things as unbearable as could be. I had never dieamt that ladies could be so "nasty" as I thereafter found them.

Three months of this and the work of a large house (for my busbadd's salary would not afford a "hired help") brooght on a serious illness. For a week my husband managed everything while I lay perfectiv helpless. He was cook, nurse, scullery-maid and everything combined. Then a good old soul, a poor Scotch widow, came as nurse, and he was cook and housekeeper for three weeks more During that month a lady would call and ask for Mrs. Junior ; but never one offered assistance. One of those who had been loudest in her protestations of friendship before this told my husband afterwards that she understood be was such an excellent cook that she did not think there was any use offering help.

## FRAGMENTARY NOTES.


MOWAI IN ERSMINE, CHurch.

As is now generally known the call presented by Erskine Church, Montreal, to the Rev Mr. Mowat, of Fredericton, was acrepted - and nolwithsianding the severity of Sabbath evening, Frskine Churrt was ifled by the congregation and others to hear the new rastor's opening discourse. The setvices in the moroing were ronducted by the Rev. Dr. Warden who has been connected with the congregation for a number of years To those who bave had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Mr. Mowat it is unnecessary to say that on this occasion he fully sustained his high reputation as a pulpit speaker. Mr. Mowat comes to a Church in splendid working order, looked after by a band of elders and managers second to none in Canada. The Session cumprises such men as Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., and Rev. Prolessor Scrimger, of Montreal College, and a number of other men, well and favourably known throughout the Dominion. The highest hopes are entertained of Mr. Mowat's sticcess in his new sphere, and in a crowded city like Montreal he will have ample scope for his well-known abilitics.

## ERSKINE ChURCH

is among the most prominent of Montreal churches, and has had pastors of eminence and ability. The congregation was organized in 1833 and for a while met in Bruce's Academy on MeGill Street, afterwards in the American church on St. James Street. In 1835 a new church was opened on Lagauchetiere Street, and in 1864 the fine edifice on St. Cath. erine Street was opened for worship. The first pastor was the Rev. William Taylor, D.D., who commenced in July, 1833. The next pastor was the Rev. J. M. Gibson, D.D., who en tered on the work in 1864, remaining ten years. Dr. Gibson is now one of the most prominent preachers and writers in London. The next pastor was the Rev. J. S. Black, who after a successful pastorate resigned in 1884 , and is now pastor in Colorado Springs, U.S. He was succeeded by the Rev. I. H. Jordan, who was inducted in May, 1885, and who remained about five years, having resigned last spring. Mr. Jordan left the congregation in splendid shape. He is a polished, eloquent preacher, an earnest worker, and a very good administrator.

Every department of church work is in a most satisfactory condition and the contributions to missionary and other schemes are on a liberal scale.

In 1881 the church debt was finally settled, and the minister and congregation so far as this is concerned are free from hindrances to carry on their proper work. Permit a remark here which I think applies to all sinilar congregations. Considering the duties demanded, the ministers' salaries are too small: take Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, and St. John, N.B., men possessing the same ability in mercantile business or financial circles could not be found for the salaries which the ministers receive.

Montreal may be said to be the city of "brotherly love" so far as the evangelical denominations are concerned. They all meet on a common platform, and in this respect the venerable Bishop Bond holds a prominent place, but it has remained for Woodstock, the capital of a liberal ceunty in Ontario, to set the whole Dominion, and in fact the Christian world, an example of "how good and how pleasant a thing it is for bret.!ren to dwell together in unity." Principles are one thing and practice is another, but the Rev. Canon Wade would seem to understand both. Well, Canon Wade is likely to bt brought over the coals, for what? Asking the Rev. Dr. Mc. Mullen, ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, to preach to his people on Christmas day. It is an honour for any am. bassador of Christ to be asised to preach a "common salva.
tion" whether on the street, in a church, or a cathedral, and tion " whether on the street, in a church, or a cathedral, and Dr. McMullen who has laboured in Woodstock for well Rev. Dr. McMullen who has laboured in Woodstock for well nigh thirty ycars, and who is a representative of that Courch which
the famous St. Patrick established in Ireland, of which our the famous St. Patrick estabished in Ireland, of which
friends of the English Church claim to be the successors.

There is nothing new under the sun. 1 am not a patr
reh, but in my native place in Ireland, in 1848 , there was an arch,
English Church, which, as was not unusual in that part of English Church, which, as was not unusual in that part of
the country, was small in numbers, and weak financially, the country, was small in numbers, and weak financially,
and which had the toresight to ask a Presbyterian clergyand which had the foresight to ask a Presbyterian clergy-
man to preach a charity sermon. When I name the divine, man to preach a charity sermon. When I name the divine, list with him. He was no less a personage than the Rev. Dr. list with him. He was no less a perfonage than the Rev. Dr. only the power of drawing large audiences but also of draw. ing the money from the pockets of the people. There was a story told in connection with this service which 1 often heard repeated : that the precentor of the church, Mr. McKeown, was accustemed to repect the word "amen", in a loud tone of voice at the end of a prayer. He was desirous of continuing the custom. When Dr. Cooke bad finished his first prayer the precentor in an audible voice cried out "amen." $D_{r}$. Cooke turned round and with a look which would annibilate ang ordinary mortal said in an equally audible voice "no more of that, sir, so long as $I$ am here" 1 will oaly aid in this connection that as a representative of the Presbyterian Cburch in Canada we could not have a more worthy or dignified man than the Rev. Dr. McMullen, and our ouly regret is that the very liberal town of Woodstock has been so selfish as to keep and appropriate to themselves a man of has ablitues who is eminently itted for a larger sphere.
It only remains for me to congratulate ibe English Charch for having within her pale a manof such (I will not say broad) sympathies as Canon Wade. This Church has given to the wordd many noble and learned men who bave done much for Christianity and it is specially gratifyng to see such fraternal interchanges in these days.

Montreal, Jannary 13, 18OI

Dastor and Deople.

THE IIFE I SERA:<br> that Thiv. Lont, bid ae dwell, Rut nuit the Musp mants Where men with mantened hearts<br>Dre come anil go<br>Whe tempien seal to chers<br>When lyenth if ill is near<br>And fres Xnnirs:<br>The sinning to reetrain: T. case the throt of puin:<br>lie ach my $i$ ir.<br>I. nd. make me quick to aee Aad yuick to do.<br>Oh, prant me strength. I pias, With lowly lore each day.<br>And purpose true.<br>Tugo as jecus weat,<br>ifending and being pent, Mysell fivgut : ysing human neels<br>Buploying human neers By loring words and deels Ohappy lot -K. A. A., in N. Y. OS, mier.

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rifl kevenien
His compassion, Matt. xiv. 14, Vatt. xv. 32 His power, Luke vi. 14.
His love, Luke v. is $\mathbf{3} 6$ His kindness, Luke $\mathbf{x x i l}$. 50.51 . His mercy, Luke xvilu. 3543 . His willingness to heal, Luke v. 12-1.3

His grace, Matt. vxi. 14. The glory of God, John al. +40


3. A Man above all other men. John vii. to Matt. viii.
4. Christ. John iii. $2 \mathbb{S}-\mathrm{j6}$, vi $31, \times \quad \times 1$ ?
5. Not a sinner. John ix. 16, 31.
h. King of Israet John vii $1 ? 18$
A. King of lsrael John wii 1918

- A revealer of God. John xiv 1011

They provoke belief in Him. John wi. 15 45, xii. it.

## CLFRICAL GLEANJAGS



## curing citre.

When Christ said, "Take no thought for the morruw (Matt. vi. $3+$ ), many fancy that He is enjoining the impossible, that it is as impossible to hive mitnout a certain amount of worry about the future as to live witheut tood.

So saying, Christ spake a paradox, the meaning of which can be unlocked by means of a iwotold key. Ia part the key lies in the changed meaning of language since our version of the Scriptures was prepared.

Three hundred years ago the term " thought" meant currently something very different from what it means now. Then it meant worry, carking care, killing treffulness.

It meant that dry rot of the mind which destroys self-control, and turns the soul into a very honevcomb of anxiety. Hence, writes one of the historians of that age - "Queen Catherine cied of thought " $i i c$., killing care.
"What shall we do, Enobarbus?" said one.
"Think, and die," was the reply; $s$ e., fear, fret, pine away, succumb to anxiety.

Then, the key to its meaning lies farther in the etymology of the word. The word translated "thought," comes from a root in the onginal sigaifying in divide, to distribute (meridzo).

Carking care springs from a divided state of mind ; from a mind drawn hither and thither by conficting motives, first one, way and then another, not knowing on what to settle. To bé calm and content in such rircumstances is as impossible as for a man to serve two masters whose claims are antagonistir
verse 24 ) Hesitating whirh to obev, now inclining to one. 'verse 24) Hesitating which to obev, now inclining to one. and now to another ; such a man must needs be unhappy Peace of mind and rest of soul can be had by serving one master only, and that master. Fod 'verses 32, 331.
"Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

## the recipe.

beeng it is possible to cure, or at least greatly to mithgate, carking care for the future, what is the specific?

The specific is a compound into which the following five ingredients largely enter:-

First, carry everything to God in prayer, whether it be a thorn in the fiesh like Paul's, or the crimes of life time like those of the dying thel, for the divine warrant runs. -

- Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unin rind" (Phil iv. G1
"Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. (I Pet. 571

Second, praise while you pray. Act on the advice given by a gndly minister to a certain troubled heart: "When you cannot pray, try to praise." Sit Jown for an hour and construct a song of thankssiving out of God's past mercies, as that young pastor did, who, when he could no longer preach, wrote for his congregation the following lines on the passage --
"Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant."
"Thou hast deall well in seeking me when I sought not Thee."
"Welli, in giving mee what I have not ant? l ."
" Well, in refusing what I have asked."
"Weall, in relusing what I have asked."
". Well." in calling me to the service of Thy Church
"Welli, in calling me to suffer instead of serve."
"A Well, in succouring me in temptation;";
"© Well, in guiding my wandering feel."
"Thou hast deald mercifully with me when 1 have sinnel."
"Rountifuly with me when I was brought low."
"Giently with me when I was in trial
"Gently with me when I was in trin)"
"And lauthfully with me at all tires."
Third, work as well as pray and prais
Third, work as well as pray and praise. God helps those who help themselves. The same Book that sends us to the raven for falli: and patience, sends us to the ant to learn active effort.

Inspirtual husbandry as in natural, man must plough the soil and sow the seed, ere God will give the increase.

Fourth, anticipate continually the bliss ar.d rest of heaven.
No care there, nor want, nor weariness. The "all things" which are yours now only in promise and pledge, shall then be yours in actual possession.

And if you ask what that totality comprehends? I can only answer in the words of the apostle, "Eye hath nut seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered the heart of man the things that God hath prepared tor those that love Him." Fith, cure care by care; or as the homerepathist has it, "similia similibus."

Cbrist does not forbid anxiety. Be it noted No, He enjoins it. The constitution of our mind and brdy enjorns it. Uur whole environment here enjoins it. And it is enjoined by those eternal issues which are dependent on present actions. Be anxious, be vigilant, be on the qui idite, He says; but see to it that you are anxious avout the right thing !
Carking care about this present world-abost miser mak. ing, money holding-this cure, by cherishing a sunceme anxiety to lay up treasure in heaven, where neither mith nor rust can corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal.
The pleasures of this life, its honours and em slumentscarking care about these cure by "settiog your affeztons upon things above."

Fear of death, and of Satan, and of temptation which now so often make life a living death-cure by exercising umplicit confidence in "Him who says: "I give unto you eternal life, and you shall never perish."
"Let not your heart be troubled."
This is "similia similibus," like curing like. Paul knew the value of this remedy aud often employed $n$. So entirely engrossed was he in glorifying God and ministering to his fellow men, that all personal sufferings and wrongs he counted but dross in comparison. The crown and kingdom to come so captuated his eye of faith that the tosel and glamour of this evanescent world had no attraction for his heavenly spirit.

Try it, friend, try it ; 'tis Christ's own prescription, and never fails when properly used, "cure care by care." "Seek - first the kingdom of God and His nighteousness, and all other things shall be added."

The past belongs to gratitude and regret; the'present to contentment and work; the future to hope and trust. , Beecher.) "Therefore take no thought for the morrow."

## HOW TO BUILD UI THE CHURCH

The most importact part of this work devolves upon the minister. He preaches the Word, conducts tise devotions of the sanctuary, visits the people, and takes the lead in the vanous enterprises which extend the borders of Zion. The Church officers have another important part, by co-operating with the pastor in the government and general administratior, conducting services in his absence, visiting, watching over the flock, and going forward as examples and leaders in all Church work. Were all these parties fathful, the building would go up far more rapidly than at does.

But we have our eye at present on the membership-their place, responsibility, and work. It is very certang, that it was intended that each and every meinber should take some part. There is a place and a duty for all with reference to the Church. Each should be a living stone in the buildan, or, to use the other Bible figure, each one should be an actuve and useful member of the body, performing some function, some more honourable and conspicuous, some less. But no one should be a dead, inactive. useless member; for he would be then a mere excrescence-a fungus growth which may derive some beneut from the body, but conters none upon it. It is for a lamentation that this describes large numbers in the Church. Mere membership is no advantage Yet the idea seems common that it is. To bave the name upon the Church roll, to be kuown as belonging to it and in an indirect and very negative way to lend one's influence to it, is iegarded as of great value and as exhausting one's responsibility.

But certanly the Scriptures represent the Church as con-
stituting a field of labour, and the very nature and design of the iestitutien chous this. The Church should be a wniking body, not oniy by representation through its officers, but directly through the entire membership. Snme of the work can be delegated, but not all. There is a great deal that must be done by the individual members.

The Roman Catholic Church is represented as naving a place and a mission for each member, old and young, rich and poor. strong and weak, and as accomplishing immense resalts by this mise policy. Mr. Wesley has the reputation of find ng a sphere of labour for every member of his society. He had the pover of organization, and he wielded it with wonderful effect. Why is it that our Church cantuut imitate these examples in building up what we consider the purest and Sicriptural organization on earth !

Presbyterianism is characterized by what is called inde. pendence and incividuality, but so far as these traits prevent the active afforts of each merrber for the general good and for the success of the cause as a whole, they are very unfortunate characteristics. The idea ought to be, "The Church's work is my work, to the full extent of my ability and oppectunity-1 am responsible not for the whole, but for my proportionate part, and that part embraces all that lies within the compass of my strength. The Church's interest is my interest. It cannot suffer without $m y$ suffering. 1 am identified with it in every respect-and, therefors. I have dedicated to it my life, my strenpth, my talents, my money, my influence; and I claim no right to use any of these for my own personal endsbecause Christ the Head incorporated me in His body that 1 may live and labour for Him, as one purchased with His blood. This, in fact, is the substance of my vow and profession as His disciple."

The real adoption of this sentiment lies at the basis of all proper eftorts to bring up the Church, and it is the failure to adopt it which accounts for her slow growth. It we thint only of our own welfare, even our soul's salvation or our religious enjuyment, or if we work only for our set or our creed, or merely for our denomination, and not for Christ and His body, our efforts will be neither acceptable nor proftable.

But what are some of the practical forms of Church work? We put at the head of the list, a regular attendance upon all Church services. This is of great importance. The Church becomes vistble and influential through assembling for religious worship and instructuon. This honours and glorifies God in the world. He holds His court in His sanctuary, and it is the duty of $a^{\prime}:$ His subjects to be present, to acknowledge His supremar $y$ and to honour His name. This, and not mere entertainment, or even mere personal profit, is the grand object of public worship.

We thereby encourage and strengthen one another as God's. professed people, and we influence others to pay due tribute to His name. Our example is all-important as the means of bringing our fellow-men under the teachings of divine truth. Absentees discouinge both saints and sinners from coming to the house of God. When their absence is voluntary, 11 is a virtual declaration that attendance on public worship and reigious iastruction is netther obligatney nor important.

But akin to personal attendance and the force of example is the duty of drawing others to the sanctuary. The saddest feature in the religious condition of our land is that so large a proportion of the people attend no religious services. We need not here enquire into the cause. The fact is enough And it ought to stimulate every Church member to do all he or she can to remove this evil. A simple invitation or reminder is onten sufficient. Multitudes are simply thought less on the subject. They are occupied with their families and their domestic affairs. They do not feel sufficient interest in religion to originate an effort to go to church If Christians would make it a point to find out suck people, go to them, urge them to attend, go for them, and go with them, see that they get convenient seats, and invite them to go again, no doubt multitudes would thereby be brought under saving influences, and the Church would be built up. Find out cases of seriousness and of affiction, and at least inform your pastor of them, and so, also, of strangers-you can do great good in these.

The same applies to the gathering of children into the Sabbath school. In this way many godless parents are reached and won to Christ. Indeed, the Sunday school is a grand workshop of the Church.

Nor is the Church less designed as a benefactor of the poor and all suffering classes-and it is through the active labours of its individual members in visiting and helping these classes, that it reaches out its Cbrist like arms in sympathy and benevolence.

Then how many chanaels are opened in the Church of the present day for acuve effort for Cbrist's cause and kingdom : No one can say that he cannot find anything to do in the Masters vineyard. Work abounds on every hand. All that is needed is a willing mind. If Church members were onetourth as ready to work for the Church as they are to work for themselves, or for their political party, or for their cis $b$, or some such mere worldly organization or interest, tie walls would go up allalong the building. Yet how few, con.np.ra tively, can claim as much as this :

But preyer for $Z_{i o n}$ is, after all, the most p weerful agency in its up-building. Here every one can belp-the quiet woman in her home, the invalid on his bed, the poor in the midst of daily toil for bread. All Christians have power with God, and then the spirit of prayer would set ia motion all the wheels of Christaan activity.-Soulhern Presbyterian.

## COMING BACK TO GOD.

I wish," said little Herbert, "That all us little children Need never say our prayers

It's such a lot of bother. This night and morning prayer ;
God knows what we would ask forGod knows what we would ask
I shouldn't think He'd care." " Well, son," said mother, gravely, You need not kneel to-night; do not think God listens,
Unless we pray aright."

So evening after evening
The baby knelt alone,
To join her lisping praises
With praises roand the throne.
And Herbert still kept silent;
But yet she would not force bim Bo worship and adore.

One night he came with sobbing And begged his prayer to say
He cried, "to never pray
" I've felt so a wful lonesome,
For God seemed far away ;
Ive found out now how near us
It brings Him when we pray.
" And even you and father Seemed shut away from me; I only have come back to you
Here kneeling at your knee.
" The very field and meadows Seemed driving me away; The hirds all mocked me, crying,
" And always I kept thinking
About the naughty lad
And was so very bad ;
" When he was 'shamed and sorry,
He went right back; and so
I softly said what he said,
'I will arise and go.'

## FOHNNIE'S ORATION.

"Got your speech ready for Friday', Johnnie ?" asked a school boy.
"No," said John.
"Well, I have. You'd better hurry up."
"Pshaw ! what's the use?" asked John. "You see, a speech for Friday isn't just like lessons that a fellow ought to learn. Ever so many things may happen, so that I shan't have to speak at all. Visitors may come in, or some other boy may recite something real long, so that there won't be time for me. I shan't bother. Maybe I'll go out in the country that day, and then if I learned anything it would be of no use. I'll wait till the time comes."
John waited, but he did not go to the country ; the other boys chose short declamations, and Friday morning was so cloudy that there was no prospect of company. At noon Jotn was in a state of desperation. He flew here and there about the house in search of something that would answer his purpose. Uncle Jack gave him a book of old dialogues and orations, but before he could learn more than a line or two it was school time.

The others spoke, but John listened without hearing much and when his own name was called he walked across the floor with a very bewildered feeling. Then, staring at the ceiling, he leaned against a post in the centre of the room. Mr. Grey would not accept excuses ; John knew that perfectly. He put his hands. in his pockets and looked at the boys, pulled them out again and looked at the clock : then he began confu-
sedly:edly :-
" My name is Norval. On the Grampian hills-my name
is Norval. On the Grampian hills my father feeds his-hisname is Norval."
"Runs in the family, that name does," slyly whispered a boy near him. The others began to laugh, for they all knew how grandly John had talked of not taking any trouble.

Mr. Grev began to look curiously over his glasses, and John knew that something must be done; so he suddenly said: "I don't know much about Norval, but I know someabout industry, so I'll talk abovt that :-
If a boydustry is a good thing to have; it's better than luck If a boy just trusts to luck, it may not turn out as he expects, and then he gets into trouble. If a boy is real industrious, and gets ready for things, why-he's ready. If the man that invented the telegraphing had waited for luck, I don't suppose they'd have been any messages sent yet. Boys, be industrious; get ready for things beforehand, and don't wait till time comes."
heartily. bowed and sat down, and the boys applauded
Mr. Grey, who did not understand the matter so well, hesi-
original, and I suppose, we must judge it leniently on that account, though it is very imperfectly prepared. There is some valuable truth in it, however, which the speaker himself may profit by : 'Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.' Or, rather," he added, more seriously: "there is a better motto still that I should like to give you: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men.' That will prevent all shams and careless work."

The boys thought John had escaped wonderfully well ; but he was certain of one thing-that if he had not learned anything to recite, he had learned something else that day.

## A PEAR TREE PARABLE.

Never had the orchard known so bright, so beautiful a November. The sun was as warm and the air as soft as though it were April, and a very pleasant April at that. All the trees were talking about it. Said an old pear tree to her next neighbour, a queer-looking, gnarled old apple tree : "I feel almost tempted to put forth some blossoms, but I know that winter, who is already or his way, in spite of these mild, spring-like days, will soon be here, and his first frosty breath would blight them."
"You are quite right," said the apple tree, "though I may say that in all the years of my life-and they are manynever have I known an autumn that could so easily be mistaken for spring."
" Perhaps it is spring," said a very young pear tree that stood near.
"Oh, no, indeed !" answered the elder one ; " and don't you know we must have snow and ice before spring comes again? But I suppose you are too young to remember."
"Maybe there won't be any snow or ice this winter," said the little tree.
"Never was there a winter without," replied the old one sharply.
"Couldn't there be ?" said the other.
"No!" said the old one, snapping off a dry bough, and flinging it down to show that she was angry.
"Hateful old thing," whispered the young tree to its twin sister. "Wouldn't it be fun to blossom and have pears months before she did? Wouldn't she be mad ? And how proud the gardener would be of us."
"Let's do it," said her sister. "These old trees are always trying to snub the young ones."

So in a few days the young pear trees were in bloom, and they held up their branches in pride before the older trees, saying: "Where's your winter ? Where's your snow and ice? Soon we will have pears." But the old trees said nothing, only shook down a few withered leaves.

A week went by. Many friendly sparrows came to see and welcome the sweet, pale blossoms, and wonder at their coming so long before their time, and the sunshine kissed them lovingly and tenderly. But, ah me! at last one night came the frost, and the rude wind shouted: "Winter is here," and the next morning all the pretty flowers hung wilted on the boughs.
"What did I tell you !" said the old tree. "How soon do you expect to have pears now? And what's more, to punish you for your folly, I don't believe you'll have a single blossom when spring really comes."
"Hateful old things!" said the young pear trees again but in their hearts they bitterly regretted their sad mistake.

## CHOOSING AN OCCUPATION.

The choice of an occupation depends partly upon the individual preference, and partly upon circumstances. It may be that you are debarred from entering upon that business for which you are best adapted. In that case make the best choice in your power, apply yourself faithfully and earnestly to whatever you undertake, and you cannot well help achieving a success. Patient application sometimes leads to great results. No boy should be discouraged because he does not get on rapidly in his calling from the start. In the more intellectual professions especially, it should be remembered that a solid character is not the growth of a day, that the mental faculties are not matured except by long and laborious culture.
Ever remember that it is not your trade or profession that makes you respectable. Manhood and profession, or handıcraft, are entirely different things. An occupation is never an end of life. It is an instrument put in our hands by which to gain for the body the means of living until sickness or old age robs it of life, and we pass on to the world for which this is a preparation. The great purpose of living is twofold in character. The one should never change from the time reason takes the helm. It is to live a life of manliness, of purity and honour,-to live such a life, whether rich or poor, that your neighbours will honour and respect you as a man of sterling principles. The other is to have some business, in the due performance of which you are to put forth all your exertions. It matters not so much what it is, as whether it be honourable ; and it may change to suit the varying change of circumstances. When these two objects-character and a high aim-are fairly before a youth, what then ?-He must strive to attain those objects., He must work as well as dream, labour as well as pray. His hand must be as stout as his heart, his arm as strong as his head. Purpose must be followed by action. Then is he living and acting worthily, as becomes a human being with great destinies in store for him.

# wabbatb 5 scbool Teacher. <br> INTERNATIONAL LESSONS. 

## Peb. 1.5.) ELIJAH TAKEN TO HEAVEN.

Golden Text.-And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.-Gen. v. 24.

Bzfore Elijah's prophetic mission was accomplished be had seen his predictions relating to the calamities coming on the house of Ahab fulfilled. Jezebel perished ignominiously and Ahab was siain of Elijah's translation. The termination of his life on earth is sup posed to have taken place about ten years after his last interview with Ahab in Jezreel. Elijah, it is believed, had exercised the pro phetic office for a period of about eighteen years. From his en-

I Elijah's Last Days.-There is but little recorded of Elijah during the last ten years of his life. The great and stirring events in which he had taken so prominent a part were exceptional. He had heroic work to do and great suffering and self-denial to undergo. Whether he was confronting an idolatrous king or people or waiting by the brook Cherith, or a fugitive in the wilderness of Sinai he was
still serving God. There is every reason to believe that his last years were spent in giving instruction in the schools of the prophets of which we get a glimpse in the present lesson. Now the work was done. The measure of his days was accomplished, "when the Lord would take up Elijah." Our times are in God's hand. The prophet had served God on earth, and now there is a place prepared for him. He was to be taken up into heaven. It is said that the prophet would be translated by a whirlwind-some striking manifer:
tation in nature. In his last earthly journey he was accompanied tation in nature. In his last earthly journey he was accompanied
by his friend and successor, Elisha. They had apparently been by his friend and successor, Elisha. They had apparently been living together at Gilgal, in the hill country of Ephraim, about
nine miles distant from Bethel. Elijah, who had probably received oine miles distant from Bethel. Elijah, who had probably received
some intimation of the Lord's purpose to remove him, tells Elishis to remain at Gilgal while he himself went on to Bethel, whither he says the Lord had sent him. It is also probable that Elisha had been prepared for the near end of his master's life, for he swears an oath of the utmost possible solemnity that he will not leave Eli jah. The prophet may have had a desire to be alone in the supreme moment when the removal from earth to heaven took place,
or he may have desired to spare Elisha the pain of parting with or he may have desired to spare Elisha the pain of parting with
him at the last. So intense, however, was the devotion of Elisha him at the last. So intense, however, was the devotion to his master that nothing will separate them in this world. This desire to be with the prophet to the ead shows how warm was Eli-
sha's affection and how strong his devotion for Elijah. To the request of Elisha the prophet pielded, and the two went on to Bethel. On their arrival there the "sons of the prophets "came out to meet them. Since Samuel's days the schools of the prophets or colleses of sacred learning had been kept up. There the reli-
gious teachers of the people received their education, and were gious teachers of the people received their education, and were trained by prophets. These young men may also have had some
imtimation of Elijah's impending removal, for, addressing Elisha, they said : " Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to-day ?" Overwhelmed with sorrow, Elisha, who is sensitive to every allusion to the coming separation, replies : "Yea, I know it, hold ye your peace." Elijah now intimated that the Lord had directed him to Jericho, and what took place at Gilgal was here repeated. Still Elisha is determined to accompany him, and the two reach Jericho. Here again the prophet states that he
has to go still farther. He has to go on to the river Jordan. Again has to go still farther. He has to go on to the river Jordan. Again again Elisha answers them as he had their brefhren at Bethel Fifty of these young men went out to the heights where they woald have a good view of the two as they went forward to the Jordan.
Elijah took off his mantle, and rolling it up he used it as Moses had used his rod, smiting the waters of the river. They were miraculously parted, and master and attendant disciples went over to the eastern bank dry-shod.
II. The Parting and Translation.- Koth were now. conscious that the supreme moment had arrived. The departing prophet deThere is no word here about earthly possessions. Elijah wished to leave with the companion of his later years 2 a legacy of spiritual
value. Elisha on his part desires what will best qualify him for carrying on the work that Elijah was laying down. "What shall I do for thee before I am taken away from thee?" asks Elijah. To this Elisha responds: "I pray thee let a double portion of thy
spirit be upon me." The meaning is evidently a desire on Elisha's spirit be upon me." The meaning is evidently a desire on Elisha's
part to receive all needed qualification to enable him to fulfil the part to receive all needed qualification to enable him to fulfil the
duties of the high office on which he was about to enter. As the eldest son succeeded his father, according to the Mosaic law, be received a double portion of the paternal inheritance, so Elisha desired to be Elijah's successor in the prophetic office. In asking this as a last favour be asked, we are told, a hard thing. It was a great thing he had asked, and it was beyond man's power to bestow because it was a blessing essentially spiritual. Elijah was unable to make 2 definite promise. It was conditional, as all human prom-
ises must be, on the divine will, on the faith of the parties. ises must be, on the divine will, on the faith of the parties. So
Elijah intimates that if Elisha steadfastly remains to the end it will be according to his desire ; but if not, it shall not be so. Now that they had crossed the river, Elijah was in his native region. God had guided his steps all through life. After all his wanderings he is brought back to the place where his childhood and youth hid been passed to end his life on earth in a most remarikable manner. The two still went on and talked. What was the subject of their conversation? In that solemn time their spiritual vision would be unusually clear. What glimpses of glory may have passed before degree to understand the purpose and meaning of a miracle, but we cannot analyre it. In the storm that burst, amid the whirlwind and flame, it seemed to Elisha that Elijah was raised by a chario and horses of fire. Thus far on his last journey Elisha had followed his master. He had been with him to the end, but he could go no further. The time for the separation had now come. "They were parted both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whiriwind into beaheroic lite, much of it passed in moral storm and tempest, much o it in desert solitude, ends amid miraculous splendour and the faithfal prophet is taken home to God.

## practical suggestions.

A life truly devoted to God's service here on earth is, through Cprist, certain
The life and teaching of the prophet, Elijah, made a deep and lasting impression on Elisha, as we see by his love and veneration for his master.

True and unselfish spiritual friendship goes to the brink of the grave.

Like that of all God's true servants, Elijah's work and his lemoma

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M$A R C H$ is usually considered the dullest month in the gear. If Sir John brings on the Dominion elections next month the dulness will be greatly relieved. Some people will then perhaps complain of too much excitement. It is not easy to satisfy everybody.

IN the matter of court-room courtesies Montreal is distinctly in the front. Dne of tic most prominent members of the Bar of our comi ercial capital struck a witness squarely in the face the other diay in the police court. Whether that kind of treatment is better than the old mode of bullying must be a matter of individual taste. The Mont real method is more exciting, more sensational, more picturesque, more striking, so to speak.

IT is nnt an unusual thing to hear some people complaining that too much money is employed in erecting church buildings, and sustaining religious and philanthropic work Much money is spent in amusements and some eminent performers and singers receive salaries far beyond any received by cabinct ministers, but few seem to remark how ungrudgingly people pay for their amusements. It is stated that in the United States there are 4,000 theatres, and that $\$ 360,000,000$ are paid annually for popular amusements. What was given last year for missions by the people of the neighbouring Republic amounted to about $\$ 10,000,000$.

EADING Scotch miristers seem determined not to repeat the mistake made by the Protestant ministers of London where they allowed a Roman Catholic prelate to pose as the only clerical peacemaker during the dock-yard troubles. Principal Rainy, Dr. Stalker, Dr. Marshall Lang and other prominent ministers are doing all in their power to bring about a settlement between the itrikers and the railway authorities. In the nature oi things, a minister should be the best of peacemakers. If the clergy can help to settle this railway trouble in Scotland they will do a good work for all concerned and at the same time disprove the theory that ministers are mere bookworms who know nothing about business.

THE Reformed Presbyterian Presbytery of Pittsburg recently expelled two ministers for holding that a Christian may vote at elections. We quite agree with those contemporaries who say that it would be a much more rational anci patriotic procedure to expel men who do not vote than those who do. The franchise is a trust held by a portion of the community for the remainder and if anybody is to be dealt with surely it should be those who neglect or refuse to discharge the duties arising out us the trust. The cry that Christians in voting mingle with the world is net worth anybody's notice. The men who indulge in such cant are just as willing to make a dollar out of the world as the men who vote.

T
HE brutal murder of a brave old man of eighty at Ancaster, wh:o died heroically defending his household, is a telling commentary on the power of the gallows as a deterrent. Ancaster is only forty or fifty miles from Woodstock, and about an equal distance from Welland, where an unfortunate man was hanged a few days after Birchall. Manifestly the deterring power of these two executions did not extend as far as Ancaster. So long as capital punishment transforms murderers into hymn-singing heroes and sends them directly to heaven in triumph, the gallows will never have much potency as a detersent. If these Ancaster thugs are caught and hanged it is to be hoped that the press and the mawkish portion of society will not make herocs of them.

$T$HE Nec' lore braurelist describes the pen of one of its contributors as a "bit impatient." This is an expressive phrase and describes a kind of writing that we often see in the best of journals. Is it any wonder that many pens should at times become a "bit impatient"? An earnest writer asrails some abuse which he wishes to abolish, and after years of hard work he finds the abuse as solidly entrenched as ever. Small wonder if his pen becomes a bit impatient. He tries to rouse public opinion in favour of some reform. The people remain perfectly stolid. If the man is in carnest his pen can fiardly help becoming a bit impatient. Slavery made many impatient pens. The liquor tiaffic is making many pens impatient at the prescnt time. A much worse thing might easily be said about a pen than that it is at times a bit impatient.

## N Russin the powers that be are about as auto-

 cratic in religion as they are in secular atfairs. The orthodox Greck Church is becoming very intolcrant. It has evidentiy come to the determination that all within the bounds of the Russtan Empire must belong te the State Church. The suppression of the Lutheran Church in the Baltic provinces is being relentlessly carried out. The Greek Church is resolved on prosecuting mission work among the Tartars in the least. There are many thousand Mahommedans in the Russian army, and it is designed if possible to bring them over to the Greek Church. A new and extensive organization has been formed by the Holy Synod under the name of the "Old Russian Orthodox Fraternity," whose purpose is the absorption of all forms of dissent, Protestant and Catholic, by the National Church. The und rtaking of this new fraternity is a gigantic one. The task, however, is beyond its accomplishment. The existence of dissent in Russia was a sort of safety valve. But a scheme that obviously amounts to its forcible suppression will probably be produc tive of results very different from those anticipated by its framers. There is an amount of political and social discontent already in Russia that is disquieting. Religious intolerance will only add to the pressure that now stifles the moral and political lite of the pt :ple. Religion was never designed as an instrument for keeping their subjects in submission to despotic rulers.THE following painfully suggestive questions are asked by the Christian-at-Work about a new daily that is being started in New York :-

So we are to have a new daily paper in new York backed by plenty of capital. Will t be a clean sheet? Will it all the while be taking about itself and the wonderlur reforms which "The Blower" has accomplistied ? Will it crot out duct ths policy along the razor-edge of a narrow, insignificant personality? Will it promote betting and gambling by giving points on the races? Will its columns be filled with scandal, murders and horrible incidents, and will occurrences the very opposite be boiled down to the smallest volume? Will a prize fight get a column, and a great religious movement a stickful"? In short, will the kingdom of hell get a page and the kingdom of heaven a line? We do not know, we do not know. We wait and watch and hope.
If the publishers feel reasonably certain that they hav a fairly good subscription list and liberal advertising patronage from the friends of the kingdom of heaven and that something must be done to secure the support of the other kingdom, then look out for sporting news, scandals, murders, and zerbatim reports of law suits of a certain kind. If a daily were left for support to those who like to read filth it would not live long even in. New York. It would not live a month in Canada. It is assumed that decent people must read a daily anyway and the horrible things are put in to catch the wretched crowd who won't read anything but the filthy or the horrible.

THE Interior-and there is no better judge of religious journals:-

The Examiner, New York, the oldest and mast prosperous of the Baptıst papers, has an article nearly a column long urging its subscibers to pay taeir subscriptions. We are not surprised at this. The Examiner, though prosperous, attacked its numerous Baptist conntemporaries by cuting one There was but one step from this to writing dunning editorials. There is a method of making subscribers pay up their subscriptions that never fails; charge them sufficient to enable you to make a gond paper; make a good paper. Then in paying their subscriptions they know they are closing a good bargain for hemselves, and they will not be slow about doing it. Cheapbess runs into the ground at as sudden a slant as a fencestake. "It is very, very cheap, almost no money at all," urged the Examiner. That is exactly how the matter stands. Tell your subscribers that your paper is cheap, very cheap, and they will soon come to the conclusion that it is
worth nothine at all and covern themselves aceord. ingly. Nobody can blame them if they do. Ii a publisher consider his journal worth almost nothins he cannot blame other people for having the same opinion. If a lawyer takes briefs for a dollar cach le will snon find clients who won't pay even the dollar. A doctor who makes calls for twenty-five cents each will have more trouble in collecting his twenty-five cents than rac who charges a dollar a visit. The fact is, the pcople win ara always on the lookout for the cheap are largely the neople whin want sometining for nothing.

WIVE of the counsel engaged in the Arbitration
between the City of Toronto and the Street Railway Company receive each $\$ 100$ per day. In fifty days note of these learned gentlemen carns a, much as the best paid minister in Toronto receives in a year. In seven days and a half he carns the minimum stipend of a l'resbyterian minister. (if course allowance must be made for the "know how" and for the midnight oil the learned gentle men burn in mastering their briefs. But after mak ing this allowance is there not a tremendous differ ence between the remuncration given to a man who argues about horse cars, road beds, rails and strect railway horses and the man who takes care of souls. Were the comparison not so humiliating there is grim humnur in the fact that the Hon.: H. Blake, Q.C., can earn as much in twenty-five days for arguing about strect car horses as the Presbyterian Church pays Principal Caven, or Dr. Mr Laren, or Dr. Gregg in a year for training Pres byterian ministers! However, we are tiot any worse than our neighbours. It is said that there are several base ball pitchers in the United State who have larger incomes thin Dr. John Hall, and Dr. Hall is the best paid minister in America. liewed as a mere profeision the ministry is a fail ure, and perhaps it is well that such is the case There are men in the millistry now who never should have entered the pulpit. How much wors would it be if a minister could by any possibility carn $\$ 100$ a day? All the same, every minister fit to be a minister ought to have a decent living salary.

> THE LAPSED MASSES.

MUCH as has been spoken and written on this: theme, it is evident that it is one of great interest to church-goers and non-chureh-goers alike The reading before the Hamilton Ministerial Asso ciation of an able paper on the subject by the Hon. and Kev. R. Moreton and the discussion it elicited were made the occasion of not a little varied criticism outside Church circles. That such interest is taken by many who have drifted away froin church going is in itself a hopeful sign. It is an indication that they are far from being indifferent. It is well that ministers, office-beurers and members of the Christian Church should hear directly from those in whose well-being they evince concern, what those who are estranged think about the matter and what they have got to say can never be a matter of indifference. Those earnest in Christian work may regret the fact that many in all towns and cities absent themselves from the House of Prayer. They may try to find an explanation, and it is possible that in many instances they may be wide of the mark. It is better to hear from the people tnemselves who have abandoned attendance on religious ordinances, even though some of the things they say may be harsh and disagreeable. Some of their objections may be unfounded, some of the reasons assigned may be frivolous and inadequate, yet it is well to know the thoughts that are passing in their mind.

Those who live in neglect of Church ordinances are not conlined to any one class. They are to be iound in every grade. It is not so difficult to account for the religious neglect of the very poor The struggling artizan finding how hard it is to provide for those dependent on him does not feel able to afford the attire that custom has decreed as befitting the sacred edifice, nor is he in a condition to contribute as he would like to do for the maintenance of religious ordinances. He imagines that his presence is unwelcome and he has no desire to go to a place where his entrance might be deemed an intrusion. His idea may be a wholly mistaken onc or there may in existing circumstances be some ground for his entertaining it. At all events this is the excuse he offers, and in doing so there is no reason for doubting his sincerity. Then again there are many who cannot plead the pressure of circumstances for declining to attend Church. They are disposed to be very critical. There is a disposition
to find fault with everybody and cverything, and this disposition is held to be safficient eason tor standing aloof from all Church connection. There is a spirit of antagnnism to evangelical Christianity pervading a portion of our pepular current literature. The present trend of scientific thought and philosophical speculation is decidedly materialistic. Thoughtful and intelligent men feel the disturbing influence of prevailing ideas and their religious affections are often involuntarily chilled. It is no less obvious that there are many who read smatteringly and indiseriminatingly, and whose opinions on religious and other subjects are not marked by great grasp or profundity, but, as self-styled advanced thinkers, they talk glibly and contemptuously of crecds, the blindness ant inconeistencies of professing Christians.

There are still others in the ranks of non-church. goers who have no positive opinions on the question of religion. Many of them may have been trained religiously but they have drifted with the tide. They
are fond of pleasure and recreation. The close are fond of pleasure and recreation. The close attention given to secular interests during the week and the feiv opportunities that offer for a run into
the country or some other form of enjoyment are the country or some other forin of enjoyment are religious observance. Thus, most people who are estranged from the Church find it necessary, in deference to opininn and to their own consciences, to explain the cause of their religious neglect, and it
is possible that something may be done to obviate is possible that something may be done to obviate
their objections. It is surely incumbent on the Church to remove every cause of offence and to adapt her ministrations to the varied wants of the people. Like the great apostle, she should, in its truc and proper sense, become all things to all men, if thereby she can gain some.

It is undeniable that in large towns and cities social distinctione have made themselves felt in the
Churches. In quarters where well-to-do people reside the attendance is chiefly composed of that class, and the artizan element is but feebly represented. This state of things is sometimes contrasted with the usage that prevails in Roman Catholic piaves of worship where all ranks are supposed to bow together before their Maker Even there provision is made for the accommodation of rich and noor. There are fashionable charches for the wealtity and chapels for the poor, while the separate mas es are attended by different classes of people. The fostering of mission churches has been attended with excellent results so far and is generally regarded as a partial solution of the difficulty but behind all the cuestion comes whether it would not be better that
all should met on the same level in the House of God Ir might be supposed that religious influences would do much to soften asperities and bring out more clcarly the fact of human brotherhood.

In all considerations affecting the attitude of the people to the Church, the primary object of its institution ought to be steadily kept in view. It is designed for the worship of God. This is an obligation resting on all without distinction. The Church door ought to be opened wide and all should feel free to enter. To the weary and heavy laden, regardless of condition, the Gospel invitatio. 1 is addressed and whoever raises barriers in the way incurs a serious responsibility. Human nature is the same to-day as it was in the time of the apostle James. There is the same disposition in some quarters to pay undue respect to the gold ring and the fine clothing. Now, as much as ever, the Church needs a larger baptism of the loving spirit of Christ, and an earnest - 1 d free proclamation of His salvation. A devout as awakened Church will! in this, as in all preceding ages, have power to attract and hold the masses.

MIJSIONS TO THE JEWS IN PALES-
RECENT events have called special attention to Jewish missions. This department of evangelical enterprise has for long been comparatively neglecter. Various Churches have had Jewish missions but they have been on a small scale, and have hitherto received somewhat indifferent support. In God's ancient people there has of late
been a growing interest. They have been for long been a growing interest. They have been for long subjected to humiliating disabilities and cruel persecutions. The barbarities inflicted on them in Europe during the middle ages are no longer perpetrated, though in some places yet they have to encounter the fitiul attacks of an angry mob. In Germany, Austria, and more recently in Russia, there is a strong antagonism to the Jewish race. The energy and business cap.city of the children of
place in modern business enterprise They have able representatives on the Stock Fxchange, and in important commercial undertakings. They occupy chicf places in institutions of learning, and they are not without influence in moulding public opinion through the agency of the press. It is hinted by some that their success in these different spheres explains the origin of the anti-Semetic movernents in continental Europe. It is pleasing to note, how ever, that in Germany and in Austria anti-Jewish crusades have been discountenanced, and that owing to the attitude of the German Emperer there is little likelihood of their immediate rencwal.

It is in Russia that for the present Jcws are called on to suffer. The harassing edicts that have been issued against them have already had the efiect of driving numbers of them beyond the bor ders of the Russian empire. This vanguard of Jewish emigration will doubtless be followed by still larger numbers in the next few montlis. Where will these exiled Israclites find a resting-place ? Many will probably make their way to London and to other European capitals, many will cross the Atlantic and seek homes on the Anerican continent. It is said that large numbers will go to South America. The Rev. A. Ben Oliel, who has recently begun a Jewish mission in Jerusalem, has the impression that a portion of the Hebrew exodus from Russia will flow into Palestine. He is of opinion that the Czar might, for the advancement of his own purposes, be induced to favour this diver sion. Mr. Ben Oliel thinks that the Czar's design is the ultimate absorption of the Turkish E.mpire, and that recent movements in Palestine lavour the idea of his desire to gain a foothold for further operations by obtaining control of Palestine. This is how Mr. Ben Olicl gives expression to his opinion :-

In conversation with the Russian Consul here, I expressed the wish that some one might put it into the Czar's head that, instead of persecuting -exterminating, should say-his jewish subjects, it were bettir policy to tacilitate and promole their emigration to Palestine and Syria, and as they will garrison for the tune when it may please the despotic Czar to advance to the conquest of what remains of the Turkish advance
Empire.

That the Russians have an eve on Jerusalem and Palestine is unquestionable. They have a large property near the Jafia Gate, with barrick-like buildings sufficient to lodge five or
six thousand soldiers. They and summit of Mount Olivet, where they have constructed a hiph tower, commanding an extensive view of the land. More recently they purchased the site including what is called Abraham's oak nnd are building a convent at Mamre, and they have a firn. ooting at many other strategic points. All this is done under the cloak of religion, but palpably with ulterior views of a more mundane description. The Gnvernment encourages exiensive and frequent pilgrimages annually to its sacred sites, and even Grand Dukes come also in groups and splendour to visit them. While at Jaffa I witnessed shoals of marines and sailors from Russian men-of-war coming up in the Holy City. And the Czar has a lever-the indemnity of the last war, capital and accumulating interest-by which he can coerce the Turk at any time to concede his demands ; and if this powerful lever were applied to obtain the admission of the Russian Jews to Palestine, all Europe would applaud the project for the sake of secing them escape the grinding, bitter persecirion in which they are plunged and submerged. Of course I did not utter all these sentiments to the Russian thought it was not an impossible thing. Perhaps he tiap report the suggestion to St. Petersburg.

In view of these possibilities Mr. Ben Oliel urges increased activity in the organization and support of missions to the Jews in Palestine. In an address recently issued he pleads for aid for the extension of the work he has been carrying on at Jaffa for the last three years with such encouraging success. He submits a scheme for the formation of a Presbytery in Palestine. It is suggested that it be composed of the Presbyterian missionaries of the Scotch and American Churches labouring in the Huly Land, or within reach of it. This will be the first Presbytery organized there since the days of the Aposties. It is intended that it should direct and sanction the operations of Mr. Ben Oliel's mission and supervise its finances, for the management of which it is his wish to form a local committee of Christian laymen. This veteran missionary to the Jews has had an extended experience in the work in North Africa and in a number of European cities. He is well qualified for the task in which he is engaged. The aspect of the things he is able to present may encourage our Church to undertake the mission to the Jews in Palestine which she has for some time been contemplating, and for which she has a nucleus of funds in her possession. It is likely that at the coming Assembly something definite may be resolved upon that will enable the Presbyterian Church in Canada to share in the work that has for its object the impartation of the Gospel to one of the most interesting race: on the face of the earth-a race to whom we are deeply indebted for the best blessings we enjoy.

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The homilktic Rrviri. (New York : Futik \& Wagnalls Toronto: 86 Bay sireet.)-The Homzlett for Febriary opens with a strong anticle by D. S. Gregory, D D., on "The Divine Auth orily of the Scriptures rersuc Tiaditionalism." Di. Deems follow with a very telling and readable, as well as sulstautial, discussio
of "Heredity and Christian Doctine." of "Heredity and Christian Doctine." Dr. Howard Crosby con tubutes the second paper of the Symposium, "On What Line May all tinemies of the Saluon Uniedly do Batle?" "College Pul pits is a strikingly orignal paper by Fzofessor I. O. Murray Dead of Frncetun Lollege, suggesting one way to adva:ce the religicus interests of colleges. "The Evangelist and His Work" teated with great atility by B. Fay Mills. The Sermonie Sec tion is of bigh ability. It has contributiuns from President J. E. Kankin, LL.D., of Huward University; Dr. Maclaren, of Man chester; Wealey R Davis, D.D.. of Brouklyn; Rev. C. II Spurgeon, Right Rer. William A. Leonad (Episcopal). Bishop of Ohio, and others. "Helps and Hints," by Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., expands a former departoment so as to make it virtually a new featurt. Its scope and suggestiveness are remarkable. "The Prayer-Meeting Service." "Studies in the Psalter," and "The European Dipartorest" are up to their usual high standard. A very notable feature is an inserview with Father Ignatius on "Missionary Work among the Masses." Under "Living Issuss"
is a strong discussion of Indian aftairs and an earnest plea for beller dealing, with a practical suggestion how to do it. The number con txins several other interesting features and is thorougi. readable throughout.
thr Atlantic Monthly. (Boston: Houghton, Miffin ふ Co.)-Some curicus, interesting and bittierto unpublishod Letters of Charles and Mary Lamb cover the first sixteen pages of the Aflan${ }^{\text {tic }}$ lor February, and these Ietters are edited by Mr. William Carew Hiazlit. They are most carefully printed, nothing is suppressed in
them, and they are quite fully annotated. Professor Royce's second "Philosopher of the Paradoxical" is Schopenhauer. He treat most ably Schopedhauer's place in the world of thought. Mr. Percival Lowell's " Noto" is continued, and the traveller at last ar rives at the turning point, but not the end of his journey. There are sereral striking descriptions of sceners in the paper, especially Mr. Lowell's finst glimpse of Ncto, on the Arayama Pass. Alice Morse Earle bas a paper on "Tt. New England Meeting-House, Which is full of cutious bits of information. Mr. Alpheus Hyall
writes on "The Next Stage in the Development of Public Parks," writes on "The Next Stage in the Development of Public Parks," 'n animals grouped for the use of the student Frank Gaylord Cook contributes 2 paper on "Tohn Rutledge." William Everett has an article on the "French Spoliation Claims," and Theudore Roose velt, in "An Object Lesson in Civil Setvice Reform," tells about the work of the Nationa! Civil Seivice Commission for the last year Mr. Stocklon's serial, "The Huuse of Manha," is as amusing a ever, and the hero and the Sister from the House of Martha continue their surpisising adventures. The fortunes of "Felicia" are also reaching their climax. Reviews of "Sir Walter Scott's Jour ral " and of "Adam's Life of Richard H. Dana " complete a cleverly-arranged number.

Cbotce $\operatorname{Literature}$.
BOB AND HIS TEACHERS.
A GLASGOW sturs.

What were the old man's thoughts that had been lying in silence all this twe, save anenpectoratuge cough now and then? Did that heart whose strings were breaking so long the seat
of a strong delusion of sturdy defiance, still mantun tis attitude? No! On the contrary it began to thrill with "the old old story of Jesus and His love." Strange that the word from a printed page should exert such a mystcrious printed page is not a stranges to the truth writen on the
heart. The handwrating is the satuic and the restimuny is the same- and so the twu together, like the iwin lips of an eracle form God's great revelation. The fell wants of the one and the plain teachings of the other correspond. In every pent. tent the sense of guilt is strong; the ronviction of helpless
ness is strong in the matter of returmation; still more in ness is strong in the matter of returmation, still more in
the matter of regeneration, so also the longing for purity, the longing for immortality, the desire to begin life anew as were and to be done with the hateful past. These are all
strong feelings, but they are not stronger than the teachings of the Word in regard to them. In every man's heart there is a witness for God. The preacher has freends there, however degraded the man may be. Keason is on his side; experience is on his side, and so, with consulence, conviction, aspiration and that, the true object of worship, as in the case of the Greeks who ratsed an altar to the anknown God, lest haply He might have been overlooked in the multutude of their devotions. The preacher has friends in every man s bosom and so even as he opens his mouth and spreads before us
the great Eternal Verities in which we are all so much conthe great Eternal Verities in which we are all so much con
cerned, the soul from its lowest depths responds: "Thy word O God, is truth

We have all read of the strange discovery of the Black Prince who, leading on the crusaders to the Holy Land, was
captured and incarcerated by his ticturs, and how that for captured and incarcerated by his hicturs, and how that for
some tume no one could tell anthing about him. He was regarded as lost. At leng:h one of his early teachers, who had often sung and played with the youth, started on a voy-
age of discovery. His plan was to visit the great citues of are of discovery. His plan was to visit the great cittes of and sing one of those songs of the old time, in the hope that his vorce would be recognized and that the prince within on
hearing it would send forth a responsive utterance. He did hearing it would send forth a responsive utterance. He did
so, and great was his success. The time and place of discovery came. The voice without fell upon the sympathetic heart within and those old songs were spirit and hife to the soul of the captive. Let the musl of the G.uspei be suunded
before the gates of the heart. Let the voice of Him who before the gates of the heart. bet the voice of Him who
spake as never man spake, be heard, not the vole of philosophy, the voice of Plato, or Huxtey, or Spencer, or even Kant, but the roice of Christ and the captlye withan will re-
spond and say: "God is here of a truth. This was the spond and say: "God is here of a truth." This was the
case with the poor wretch in this miserable garret, and Mabel, case with the poor wretch in this miserable garret, and Mabel,
little knowing it, was the musician that was knocking at his heart.

Infidel: "Who sent you here?" he agann asked.
Mabel : "Mr. Clark, the superintendent of the Sunday
chool, sir. Would you like to see him? I am sure he'll come to see you if you'll only say so.

Infidel's wife : "Come now, Davie, let the lassie bring him. He'll do you nae harm.

Infidel : "Who-is he-a clergyman?
Mabel: "Yes, sir; it was be that sent me." -come : but send him, and-tell him-not to be long; but you-sing to-me-that hymn-agan-do-do.
Mabel, who was toucurd with the
wretchedness, sang with much feeling :-

## Tbere is a fountain filled with blood <br> And sinners plunged bencath that flood <br> Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying theef rejoiced to see
That fountain, in his day ;
And there may I. tho vile as he,
And there may I, tho vile
Wash all my sins amay.
That was the truth that made light to arise in this man's heart-the truth that broke up the iountains of the great deep and made him a new man, and, like the penitent thief, to
lift his soul in faith to the Iamb of God and repice in a kingdom which cannot be moved.
Such is a specimen of the mannerism-the gushing generosity of this lovely child, Mabel Brown.

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Bo: AS AN ADPRENTICE-THE IMDISE TO DO RIGHT-


During the summer of is7o a cicamer making its way down the Red River had on board among its passengers three desperadoes bound and hand-cuffed, atended with the sheriff
and destuned for the Kingston Penitentiary. They lay upon and destuned for the Kingston Penitentiary. They lay upon
their back, sometimes talking and singing, and sometimes their back, sometimes talking and singing, and sometimes
blaspheming one another. An officer of the Hudson Bay Company with his young wife and their pretty little zot of a
child-a javourite with all-werc among the passengers. The child-a iavourite with all-were among the passengers. The
child drew near and lookes with curiosity, then cautiously and in silence drew nearer, tuched the manacles of one of them with soft hand, open eyes and a solemn expression,
asked him if he liked them! The cursing stopped. She talked to them pitcously, pathetically. The man smiled and was silent. The boat happened to give a lurch and the
child rolled over the bulwarks into the water. Prescnily this man sprang up and cried: " 0 , God! Sherif, don't shoot me.

I must saste this chald. Don't ! don't !" and forthwith he
was in the water holding the child by his teeth, for his hands was in the water
were manacled.

Here was the impulse to self-sacrifice-an impulse divioe in its prompting. Suppose he had restrained it-let the child drown-who cares? How vile! It is in the suppression of surh impulses that human guilt comes in. Through the dark clour of profanity and brutality with which he was invested the gleam of the divine appears. But the act though moral man a crea ure of win as well as impulse the will to choose or refuseand when both work together we are on the way to perfec tion. But here the element of will was wanting. The gen erous act which this desperado performed was simply an

In a similar way did the genius of Hugarth, the great barn yard painter, work. He could not see a fine animal withou And il ss sad And ins said that he ofren sat for hours logether, sketching and sketching throwing off strange forms of beauty in mas terly outline, any one of which might have brought a h.and maye price in the market. Was this impulse divine also?
may asked. We think so. We read Exodus may be asked. We think so. We read (Exodus x.avi. I
that the Lord put wisdom and understanding into of Bezaleel and Aholiab to fit them for therr into the hear of tezaleel and Aholiab to fit them for their special servic in the sanctuary, and how that "Moses called Bezaleel and put wisdom and knowledge, to devise curious the Lord had in gold and silver and in brass and in the cutting of stones

In the light of these , eic.
What was it that made him so bappy in his work so prolific in his sketches, and so rich in his conceptions of colour and form ' Here we say we have the dinceptionsato colour and the bee rind through all nature in the instinct of the animal nature and the beaver, and, indeed, in all the movements of nature, in the formation of the crystal, the risin; tide, the
falling leaf and the gathering storm. What is all tur but the falling leaf and the kathering storm. What is all ths but the pulsations of tim in whom we live and move and have our
being? But the mere yielding to an instinct, or an tmpulse or a gush of feeling, does not, as we have said, make the man moral. He has a will as well as an impulse-a will to work with the impulse, to regulate the impulse, to give character to the impulse-otherwise he is no 'etter than the rat who simply runs in the line of its instuncts, or the bird of
passage that makes her way from a distant land across the passage that makes her way from a distant land across the
sea and the land with unerring instinct to her natal woodlands where she builds her nest from year to year.
And if all that be so we may well raise the question: What was it that made Bob so bappy in his work, so abund-
ant in his sketches and so rich in his conceptoo? If we say ant in his sketches dnd so rich in his conception? If we say that throws upon the service of the upper sanctuary a if Hogarth could not rest in his barnyard sketches, if for hour after hour he would continue arnard sietches, if for hour shapes of beauty, oblivious to time and forgetful even of the demands of nature, till physical strength gave way, till the askes of his cold fire told him time was passing, what might we not expect in those angels that excel in strength, ta those
saints that have no longer to bear up under the weigh of saints that have no longer to bear up under the weight of a
tabernacle beneath which we often proan. Give io the cipated spirit a suitable framework, a spiritual body in all respects suited to its lofty ideals and its glowing enthusiasms and it will ask no intermission in its service, no day of rest in, its work or worship.

The simple ansiver, theo, to the question which we raise concerning Bob's delight in bis work, his restiessness to be at it, even in church, taking off the giglers hiding therr faces collection in the aisles, is, chat the work was congenial up the is the first question second that we would raise is like unto it. How are we to regard such work-how characterize it-human or divine, or both? If we say that this young man is giving expressionan outward torm to the inward thought-a true body and a veark ! to the ideal tha! was within, then how sacred is his the case of one gifted in whiph of every apprentice, for it is not ing ; but work in every case, in dll its forms, in all ourshorand factories. No man lifts a hammer or takes a tor shops hand without having some idea hammer or takes a tool ia his what is all the work that is shops and factories of the world, but mind translating matter is divine but the fashion of this inward ideal ? The thought it is here where the will comes in into matter is human, and its preper direction comes in to give the work character bridge waser direction in the providence of God. The Victoria bridge was once a thougbt, bot the will of man in the use to which it has been put has given it a moral character. The sun in the heavens was once a thought, but the will of God has In it a mission of high beneficence.
In the light of these remarks what are we to think of the ing along the line of that inspiration with which he was charged, what, I say, are we to think of the ineffable delights of toses its cuane eye. never grows dim, whose right hand never loses its cunning. We speak of enthusiasm ; was there ev:
any enthusiasm tike the enthusiasm of Him who presched by any enthusiasm like the enthustasm of Him who presched by
day and prayed by aight, and declarei that it was His meat day and prayed by night, and declare that it was His meat
and His drink to do the will of Him that sent Him? It is the nature of God to work just as it is the nature of the sun to shine. It is the delight of God to workjust as it is the delight
of the canary to sing. He sings and sings till his little torozt of the canary to sing. He sings and sings till his little trroat
is like to burst, not because he is asked to sing but because he has pleasure in the same. In the light of these remarks, I say, think of the great Worker-the bounty of His bencficence, the abundance of the seas, the fulness of redemption and the beauty manifold with which He clothes the hea-
vens and the earth, every rock and tree and crystal and rising and setting sun. He works and delights in working. He sees guilt and weary souls groaning ander its power, but He has mercy in reserve and delighteth in mercy. He giveth and delighteth in giving. We speak of His giving, and in our little way pray for daily brapd, as if from a relactant breast He doled out His mercies with a stinted hand. How
different is the case? It is His nature to give as different is the case? It is His nature to give as well as
work. Theclouds from their full breasts give their abundance and they do not wait on the thirsty land asking them, and in regard to the higher life, God says: "Open your mouths and I will fill them abundantly.

Such questions, however, we believe, never entered the
heart of Bob. His one thought was work-the work in which he delighted. It was not the place where he served so faith.
full; from day to day that he had chosen ; but the place fully from day to day that he had chosen ; but the place that has been chosen for him. It was one step in the race
set before him. Little did old Chubb the cobbler know what he was doing that day when he took the poor boy on whose young heart a shadow had fallen, to the office of "Alexander and Alexander" in response to an advertisement for an apprentice, and that much agamst the boy's will-not that the boy was idly disposed, but that he shrank from facing the
public gaze and being looked down upon as a ialbird. Little does anyone know whake is doing pon as a nallor child by the hand and giving him a lift in the world. Eli's mission in the old time was to bring the child Samuel to the Lord. That in our point of view, was the best thing he ever did, and, so
far as we can see, that of le.din. Bob to the ofice of "Ale. ander and Alevander" was the best thing that old Chubb eve did, and a thing for which he must ever have been thankful. In this case Chubb saw the fruit of his kindness, his work of laith and labour of love; but what is 10 be sald of the great multitude that are never pladdened ty any such tokens of the
divine blessing the matitudes of ministers and Sabbath school teachers that toil on in silence and secrecy that per haps may now and then see a little fruit, but only a little of the actual? Much of the result of their work never comes up in time. They must wat unthl that day when all the results of human work are gathered and reviewed before they can
know the full extent of their labours. There may be those who have felt the helpful influence of their words, their letters at ministrations, that have felt the stimulating touch of their hand and then leave the place and they see them no more. They have been blessed by their sermons, their lesson in the hey had beol and conversations, and they never knew that o their benefactor means of conveying, any blessing. Cnknown grateful memory of hun carry in therr hearts a tender and what he has done for them, but all this may be a secret to him and may never reach his ear. A part may, but the likelhood Enly a small part of His ways
Especially may this be the case in the matter of conver versions pastor is accustomed to count the number of con and he cant he knows have occurred under his ministration But maysiders them as the complete result of his work. been souts not have been more? May there not have heard, whosecretly born of the spirit whose cry he never ian monk of Italy hat finished his sermon he did not know th it his burning words had moved sermon he did not know to become a monk and that thus he had directed to a course of life one who in following that course became the greatest reformer of the fifteenth century, the most powerful preacher of his day and one of the sainthest characters that ever breathed. The illiterate layman preaching in a barn in Ireland and telling in simple words the story of the Cross, did not know that young Toplady was one of his hearers, and that out of the experience of that hour there should be born one of the sweetest lyrics of the Church: "Rock of Ages cleft for me." And when the plain preacher in England with uplifted hand and tearfal eye was exhorting his hearers "to look and live " he did not know that a heart long burdened with $\sin$ would find in his ear.iest exhortation the counsel it needed and the peace that it so much destren. Neither did he know that the young Spurgeon who then "looked and lived" would become one of the most aseful men of his day. And the village teacher of Erfurth, of whom we have already spoken, who had some strange ways about him, who magn fied his office and honoured his pupils, lifting his hat to eacl as he entered school in the morning, had a reason for doing so far beyond what he knew, for among those peasant chil dren sitting in that man's school was a youth that God was nourishing in secret for a great work in the world and his But Chubb Larth Luther.
But Chubb knew what he was doing when he exhorted Bob to apply for the vacancy in the office of "Alexander and Alexander." He knew what he was doing. He knew his man and he had the satusfaction of seeing that he was not dis appointed in his man. So we say; but how little did Chubb really kaow ? He had the satisfaction of seeing a poor boy saved from the paths of the destroyer-a young lite opening up under more genial influences and that young life crowned with success. But how little did he know of the beaefits that he would commenicate to other souls, the far-reaching influ ence that would flow from his life. In this respect he was in darkness and still more was he in darkness as to the great work the divine spirit was to carry on in the soul of his pro tege. Secret things belong to the Lord, but duty, plain, com mon homely duty, belongs to us and our children. What is wanted is that we continue patient in well-doing, quietly embracing the opportunitics of doing good and receiving good as they come before us. Chubb had no idea or doing 2 grand thing, or something by which he might signalize himself is the matter referred to, but simply did the right thing as seemed to hm in the circumstances-the most natural thin in the world. And it is not for us to go out of our way or seek a grand occasion for our works of beneficence. What is it io the Master whether the occasion be grand or obscure? He knows how to make a pulpit of the one as well as the other The well-side of Samaria or the temple on Mount Zion will equally well serve His high ends wher He pleases. What is wanted, I repeat, is to attend to plain, common d
leave results with Him who doeth all things well.

## Wic oeed not bid for cloistered cell, <br> The nefgabours and our wiork ferewell <br> The trivial snunt, the common ta May furaish all we ought to ask- <br> Koom to icay ourselves-a 102

(To be conlinuca.)

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## THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

## the missionary nutlook in europe

In Germany there is decided progress in minssionary zeal. The vast territories which Germany now possesses or "influences " in East Africa have naturally led Christians to feel that new obligations rest upon them, and new socieues have been formed to meet these claims. For example, one at Neukirchen, another in Bavaria and another at Berlin (where a third'society has thus been set up). In medical missions Germany does comparatively little, though the late Professor Christlieb earnestly pleaded for them. Still, the Moravians and the Basle and Bremen sotieties now recognaze their exceeding value.

There is a clear advance in Denmark. The imperative obligation of evangelizing heathen nations has been of tate earnestly pressed on believing men and women, and a great many missionary unions 4450 , at least, we understand, have been formed. The first universtity men that have become forengn missionaries did so in 1888 and 1889 -one in each of these years; but several students of theology have resulved to give themselves to the foreign work on the completion of their course. Women also begin to come forward. A deaconess was sent to India, in 1888: two young ladies are under training for foreign work, and several others are likely 10 follow their example. No medical missionaries have as yet proceeded from Denmark; but two young men are receiving medical training with a view to go out in isyo. The mission to the Red Karens has been given up, but one is to be begun among the Burmese. All this, it may be said, does not amount to much. Still, it distinctly implies progress ; and some Danish Christians are very much in earnest with regard to mis. sionary work.

Three missionaty societies have for a good many years existed in Norway, and a fourth was formed a short time ago called the "Free Mission," which cends out men and women to Natal. Quite recently a small society has beer set up which will send missionaries to China. In regard to medical mis. sions Norway is in advance of Denmark. An ordaned medccal missionary was sent to Madagascar in 1869 ; a second in 1876, and in the same year a third, who had taken his degree in Edinburgh, was sent to Zululand.

In Sweden there are three larger societies-that of the State Church, the evangelical anion and the missionary union. The Swedes work earnestly in varrous places ahroad, especially in Africa, in the Congo Free States, and among the Gallas. They have not been abie to enter Abyssinin itself, but among Abyssinians on the borders they have done a sood deal. These bouies send out among their agents both medical men and ladies. There are several other small societies There is evidentiv an iucreasing zeal for missions in Sweden, and it is interesting to note that the State Church, as a Church, is hearty in the cause.

The French Societe des Missions Evangeliques has of late made earnest efforts to increase the zeal of French Protestants. The Synods of ite National, Free and Lutieran Churches some time ago recommended that there should be annually a mission Sunday-a day on which the duty of evangelizing the heathen should be pressed on the attention of worshippers. Mission festivals (fetes) have been established in various places, though by no means as yet in every parish, as was the hope of the Synods ; publications giving missionary information ase largely circulated, and subscriptions to missions have considerably increased. The missions have struggled with great difficultes (in Senegambia particularly) and now when France has obtained such vast possessions in northern and iwestem Africa, the question is. Can the French Protestants rise to the requirements of the high occasion? They deserve sympathy; they require help in their foreign, as in their bome work.

In Holland missionary zeal is increasing, though not rapidly.
Switzerland has the Basil Missionary Society-a most valuable and progressive institution, and the small Canton de Vaud has, since 1572 , had foreign missions connected with the Free Church. In 1883 the Free Churches of Geneva and leuchatal joined in the work. The united society is called l. 1 Mission des Eglises Libres de la Suisse Romande.

The vene:able Waldensian Church, while it feels itsell. especially called to evangelize Italy, has takt:n some part in foregn missions since 1881. It works in South Africa in connection with the Paris Society.

The Finnish Christians are not neglectful of missions io the heathen. We wish we could say the same thing of the Hungarians (who are also of the Turanian stock). Still, let us not forget that the Hungarian Church works both in Herzegovina and Roumania.

We have been speaking ofinteres: in the evaragelizing of the heathen nations as it is manifested in Christendom. Happily the bounds of Christendom are enlarging. We may now include Australia and New Zealand under that designation. In point of missionary zeal the Churches in these regions are hardly behind those of Europe and America. The Dutc.: Church in South Africa is also earnest in missionary work.Miscionary Revicas.

## Canon liddon on misions.

Across the triumpts and the failures of well-nigh nineteen centuries the spiritual ear still catches the accents of the charge on the mountain in Galilee; and, as we listen, we note
that nether letight of time nor change of carcumstance has impaired their solcmo and enduring force. It is a precept which, if it ever had oinding virtue, must have it at this moment over all who believe in the Divine Speaker's power to impose it-it must bind us as distinctly as it was binding on the first disciples. We are ambassadors of a charity which knows no cistinctions between the claimants on tts bounty, and no no cistinctions between the clamants on its bounty, and no
frontier save those of the races of man. A good Christian can not be other than eager for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom among men, not only from his sense of what is due to the Lord who bought him, but also from his natural sense of justice, his persuasion that he has no right to withhold from others those privileges and prospects which are the joy of his own inmost life. When he finds comfort in the power of prayer, when he looks forward in humble confidence to death, when he enjoys the blessed gift of invard peace-peace between the soul and its God, peace between the soul s various powers and faculues-becannot but ask the question : "Do I not owe it to the millions who have no part in these pricelrss blessings that I should do what 1 can myself, or hrough others, to extend to them a share in this sumle of the l'niversal Father which is the joy and consolation of my life? Can I possibly neglect the command to make disciples of all nations?"-Spizit of Missions.

## an earnest christian man.

The Rev James Chalmers, of New iunnea, has been visiting his old station in the iTervey Islands. In referring to this visit, "which seems likely to bear frut in securing volunteers lor work in New Guinea, cur friend records the follow. ing incident. We landed at Rarotonga on the 4th of Ocrober, he writes, and not being expected so soon, we took the people by surprise. It was exciting meetung again after thirteen years' absence. Mr. Hutchin, hearing we were ashore, met us, and in the dark we walked up to Makea's, and then to the mission house. A great sorrow had befallen the Church, ana the Queen and I, 100, felt it acutely, in the death of the young pastor of Avarua. He was a native of Attu, adopted by the Queen and her husband in his infancy, and cared for by them as their own child. To me he was very dear. As a little boy, years ago, he came regularly to be taught by me. Often since I left New Guinea this time have I thought of the coming meeting with my young, loving Timothy, the pastor of the Avarua Church. He died a day or two before our arrival, and was to be buried on the 5th, so that it fell to my iot to take part in the last sad act of committing his body to the grave. As a youth he was very loving and tender. I can recall the sickly youth, with eyes full of tears and quivering lips when he was spoken sharply to. He grew up an earnest, Christan man, was educated in this college, married and elected pastor of the Church. His work was soon done, for whilst it was morning he was called home.

## great revival in aintab.

In the annual report of the American Bnard the signiticant event in Asiastuc Turkey was the revival, whereby 538 were added to the Church in Aintab, and by its influence no less than 1,000 hoperul conversion occurred within the limits of that one field. The three centres of collegiate and theological training were specially blessed. Only a small number of college graduates, however, enter the theological school, and there is an mereasing tendency to come to America to compiete their studies and to better their fortunes.

The Mifisionary Review gives the following as the approxi mate distribution of missionaries:-

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| Syriz | 3,000,000 | 100 | $1{ }^{10}$ | 30,000 |
| Turkey. | 21,000,000 | 450 | 110 | 45.000 |
| Madagasca | 5.000,000 | 50 | $1{ }^{10}$ | 100.000 |
| Burman | 8.000.000 | 40 | 110 | 200000 |
| Japan | 35,000,000 | 200 | 110 | 200,000 |
| India | 250,000.000 | 900 | 110 | 275.000 |
| Peria | 7,500,000 | 30 | 1 to | 30000 |
| Africa | 550000000 | 600 | 18 | 400.000 |
| S. America | 30,000,000 | 75 | 110 | 400,000 |
| Korea .. | 9,000.000 | 25 | 110 | 400000 |
| Siam. | \$000.000 | 13 | 810 | 600,000 |
| Chir2 | 380,000,000 | 60 | 110 | 650,000 |
| Arabia | 6.000,000 |  |  | 1.500,000 |
| Thibet | 15.000,000 | 7 | $110=$ | 2,000,000 |

In Sahara discrict with 3,000,000: Alghanistan, etc., with 3,500,000; Annam, etc., with $12,00,000$; Russia, $16,000,000$; Algeria, etc., $12,000,000$; Soudan, $75,000,000$, there is an entire destitution.
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Cockburn, $\mathbf{N A}$ A., Paris, who is Moderator of the ession
Thr Rev. Ghosn Ilowie, M.A., artived in Phil aitelphia on the zoth of January, and preached in
the Second and Eigh Churches on the 25 th His the Second and Eichth Churchesion he 25
address is 112.4 Arch Sirect, Philadelghia.
Is a recent communication from Rev. Professor
Beatte, of Columina Theological S:miuary, we are plail to learn that the mstitution is prospering There has been a constderable tocrease in the num of students in attendance
Tus congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brock sille, took up its mnual misslonary cullection on a recent Sunday, and raised thereat
for the Schemes of the Cllurch nearly $\$ 700, a$ sum lighty in excess of the amount raised last year. This amount will be divided fro ratu among the schemes.
Mr. J. E. P. Aldol's, organist of Central Church, Hamilton, delivered a most interesting lec. Instruments" in the Toronto Collepe of Music. The lecture is one of a series that has been arranged for. Some fine muxical selections were admirably
rendered, giving an adted charm to the evening's rendered, givin.
entertanment.
The Rev. W. THertidge, B D, of St. An Trew's Church, Ultawa, delivered a lecture on
"Mrs. Browning " at Brockville on January 6 , under the auspices of the Young People's Literary arid Muiual Improvement Society of the frrs
Piechbytecian Church. The lecture was a very able Precbyterian Church. The lecture was a very chl
one and drew forth repeated applause. Whether in the pulpit or on the plattorm Mr. Herrilge in the pulpit or on the plationm Mr.
ranks as one of the ablest of our ministers.
ST. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, Buc., has took place recently, on which occasion there was 2 sacred cuncert. "hich the papers describe as emin-
ently successul. The Rev. E. D. McLaren presided, uraking a few approppriate introductory yemarks. Tbere were several cistinguished soloists and a chorus of sixiy vnices. The programme con ained an interesting and varied selection of high
lass music, which was greatly apprectated by the class music, which was
A short time since, after prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Bayfield, 2 large number of the
congregation assembled to pive their pastor, Rev. $R$. congregation assembled to give their pastor, Rev. R
Hendeison, a good substanual surptise in acknow ledgment of the valuable services he has rendered since his induction. An address expressive of the bigh esteem in which the pastor was held by the congregation, and of appreciation of his unictriting
labours for their spititual welfare, together with beautiful Astrachan coat, were presented to Mr. Hencierson. Mr. Ilenderson then, in a very neal address, thanked his congregation for the bestowa of a gift which was not at all merited by him, since
he had no more than done his duty, but he hoped he had no more than done his cuty, but be hoped more zealous work in the future.
The sesidegee of Major Allan Fraser, of Fizroy, THe residence of Major Allan Fraser, of Finars evening, the occasion leeing the marriage of the to Miss Maggie Morrison Fraser, a niece of the genial and popular major. A large concourse of
relatives and filiends assembled at the appointed relatives and fiiends assembled at the appointed
hour, in the spacious drawing room, when the bridal party was ushered in to the enlivening strains of "Mendelssohn's Wedding March." The nuplial knot having been securely thed by the Rev.
Messis. Mcharen and Higgins, the guests adjourned to the dioing room where a heaity supper was fully to the dioing room where a hearty supper was fully
discussed and the healh of linide and badegroom pledged in mountann dew. After a pleasant hour spent in music and social chat, the happy couple left in the bright moonlight, under a shower of shoes and rice, for Monureal, The martiage gifts were numerous, valuable and beautiful.
Tur Kev. David Mitchell, Jersey City, writes We bave had a visit of your illustrious Orieplal liceiurer, Kev. G. B. Nowic, Ph.D. Last Sabbath
I was assisted at Communion by Dr. Howie. He addresed young people in the afternoun and gave an miteresting sermon upon the prodigal in the hroughout the day. Still our building was well hilled. The audience was intensely appieciative. On Atonday evening Dr. Howic appeared in Oriental costume beforea large audience who werc
quite thrilled with his interesting delincations of character and deseriptions of the manners and custamos of the East. On Tuesday crening he addressed the Scotch Presbyierian mission and such was the crithusiasn that they demanded anolher lecture to
lie guen this evening. Last night Dr. Howie spoke in the Sventh Bergen Reformed Chureb (of which Rev W. D Grant, 2 Canadian, is pastor)
and recered a cornal nelcome. Dr. Howic will preach on Sabsath in the Summit Avenue and also Scotch Presbyterian Churches and lectures in the furmer on Monday next. If may interest my former ficods to knove thai at our zonual congrega. tional meeting it cas resolved 10 adopt the enve1 pr ejsem for revenue ani contributions; and an catraordinary success as to our mission chure
The annual social of the Core des Neiges Preslyictian Church was held last week, 2nd was a good things provided by the ladies in the base goot things provided by the ladies in the lasse
ment. Which was lasielully decorated with Rags,

[^0]Crombie, accumpanied by the Rev. Messis. Prof. Scrimger, Colborne Heine and G. D. Crombie, mesided. The chairman in his opeming remarks referred to the reports of the Seasion, Manarers
and sunday school, and congratulated the congreand sunday schoo, and congratulaced the congreChusch, financially and spinitually. Professor Scrimger gave a most interesting sketch of his recent visit to Rome, and a graphic descifition of the oldest Christian Church and the oldest known
copy of the Bible. Mr. Heine followed with an instructive address on "grene follo and for What it Exists," and urged the necessity of every individual wilnessing for Christ in the home and in the world. Mr. G. D. Crombie en arged upon the remarks of the previous speakers, thankfuiness and hopefulness. The choir added o the enjorment of the coeniog endering of several pieces of inusic, and Messrs . M. Crombje and Colborne Heine contributed solos, which were much apprecialed, Miss R. Hislop ably presiding at the organ. The usual
votes of thanks were moved by Mr. William votes of thanks were moved by Mr.
Perty, jr., and it was the unanimous opinion that the erening had been most emiopably and profitably pent.
Recentiv the children's social of Augustiae Church, Winnipeg, was held, and the little church was filted with eager, anxious faces, as the lonk njoyment was realized. The following is the ac ount of tine affair, piven by the Free Press: Alter couple of verses from the hymnal had been sune joined in most lustily by the little ones in their desire to contribute their share of the entertainment preparation was made to fortify the bodily cemorts by partaking of the good tea, coffee and cake and ant other nice things for which the ladies of Augustine Church are famous. After more than justuce had been done to 1 us leature of the eater Chief Justice Taylor favoured the audience of Mirs utle hymn, nicely sung The children of the IIome sang very sweetly a piece entitled "Glory to God." and showed the careful training of their matron Miss Hines. Recitations by the Brisses Taylor McKionon, Stevenson and Rell were well rendered. A merry sleigh ride," a pretty litte glee, was then rendered very pretily by the members of Mrs.
Denholm's Sunday school class. Then cane the fealure of the evening, "The Blue Bells of Scotand," a violin solo by Miss Constance 1 U:nholm, oventeen months' instruction on the violin. Her style and execution excited the wender of all presnt and predictions were made that at some time in the near future Winnipeg rould be proud to say she was born therein. She had a hearty encore, and in response played the plaintive and always popular melody of "Auld Robin Gray." This closed the musical portion of the entertainment. Then followed a magic lantern exhibition under the direc by all present. Then a hymn was sun and as all by all present. Then a hymn was sun: and as all ward each was presented with a bag of cands, with which they might recall a pleasing remembrance of heir fourth piarly social.
ruz annual mecting of the Pelerborough Presbyterial Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Sociely was held in St. Panl's Church last week There was a good attendance of delegates and others interested in the good worl. The moining session was held in the church parlout, commenc. iog at ten o'clock, the president. Miss Roger, pre-
siding. Business of interest to the members of the siding. Business of interest to the members of the
society occupied the entire session. Ofticers were society occupied the entire session. Ofticers were nominated the following were chosen: Mrs. Craick, presidert; Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Roger, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Thompson, vice-presidents; Mrs. William Graham, corresponding sec retary; Miss T. MieEwan, literature secretary reasurer. Then, recording secretary; Mrs. inay, main anditorium of the church and was opened with devational exercises, after which the retiring president addressed the meeting. The secretarys report was presented, and its contents are included
in the report of the evening meeting. Miss Mcin the report of the evening meeting. Niss Mc-
Naughton, of Cobourg, Rave $\pi$ very instructive and Naughton, of Cobourg: Rave $\pi$ very instructive and
helpful address on ${ }^{\text {Wheman's Debs to Forcign }}$ Missions and How 10 Pay It." Mrs. Bradigan Mrs. Gratie Sweetly Solema I hought, alter whic she reminded her heasers of the great mass of heathen pomen who had aever heard the Gospel. The collection was taken up and the meating closed with praser. A luncheon was served in the upper lec-
tur--room of the church by the ladies of Peterborough, and here most of the risirors dired 21 noon znd in the evening. The evening services rete open to the public, and many arailed them dered some execllent music during the progress of the meeing, and a solo by one of the young ladies was especialiy appreciated. The Moderator of the I'seabyiers, Rev. Mr. Hay, of Cobourg, presided,
and on the platrorm with him were several miais. and on the platrorm with him were several miaisers. The annual report of the secretary was read Missionary Society of Pcterborough have much plavdion at the close of the rear 180 report of their same tume do most refpectfuliy sequest the continued sympathy and co-operation of the reverend mero. bers of the Presbytery in the extenxion of theis
cork in the Presbytery. The prescnt numerical standing of the socicty is 25 follows: Sercotcen auxiliartes, comprising 457 members. Tea reission bands, comprising 252 members. 709 total mem
bership. Ninetr-one of these are members of the hership. Nidety-one of these are members of the
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eign Missionary Society: forty-seven copies of the report of the Foreign Mission Committer: 271
copies monthly of the letter leaflet to subscribers. The above summary shows that this Presbyterial Sociely has very nearly held its own, but there has
been no extension. This may not when it is remembered that the Woman's Forcign Missionary Sociely is already represented in all but eight or ten congregations. Ii is not, therelore, to be expected that new societies can be added every year, but it is to be hoped that some of the remain. ing eight or ten congregations rill see their way to fall into line next year. The repuils from the various branches show that to their privileges and responsibilites-that they that they ate in their oun spiritual expervice, and ixing the blessedness of those that wait upon the Lord in loving obedience to tliz commands. The report, on motion of Kev. E. F. Turrance, sec onded by Mr. Gilchrist, Was unammously adopted. Kev. Mr. Scolt, of Campiellford, then addressed the meeting on "The White Fields and the Few Labourers." He reviewed at some length the fields fur mission lathour, first takiog up India, the very heatt of Oriental paganisn土, it being filly called the Gibialtar of Paganism, as it seemed for years to be
impiegnable. Ife then referred to China aud Aftica, describing their present state and their needs in the way of missions. The address was well chosen and created a very favourable impression upon the large audience.

Presmytery of Stratrond.-This Pieshytery met in First Church at St. Mary's on zoth ult., at 11 a.m., Kew. I W. Cameron, Mojerator. Kev.
R. Pyke was appoitied Moderator for the next six months. The matter of Mr. McPherson's sesigna. tion as treasurer of Presbytery was taken up. It was agreed to accept at and in doiag so the Presby. ful services of over twenty-coe years. Air. Panton was appointed in his place. Reports from the Sabbath schools anent higher religious instruction were received and in view of these it was resolved that the Assembly's Convener be instructed that hereatter any Sunday school within the bounds desiring to follow the scheme must be communicated with directly by him. Messrs. Grant, Panton ant Dickson were appointed a committee to prepare an blank forms in the Presbyteries. Messrs. Hamilion and Panton were instructed to gather ioforma. tion anent the regulations regarding the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and report at next meeting. Mr. Henderson reported contributions to Widows and Orphans' Fund. The commitlee on regula. enorted, but were instructed to bring in a fuller report at next meeting. On the report of the commiltee it was agreed to raise the Synod funds in conjunction with the Presbyterp fund and on the
same basis. A call from Koox Church, Siratford, same basis. A call from knox Church, Siratford,
in favour of Rev. T. Nixon, of Smith's Falls, was presented, but he having intimated his refusal to accept, it was set aside and the Moderator of Ses. sion was instructed to proceed anew when the con. gregation is ready. Miss McPherson,secrelary of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreiga Missionary Society, presented the annual report of that Society, and Mrs. Hyslop, the treasurer, the financial statement, both of ribich were received by the Presbytery with expresions of approval and grathecation et the concinued success and puplic onfe socicty. It was meetiog which should be opened by Mr. P. Scolt, the subject to be chosen by himelf. The p'sesiy: tery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Lis towel, at 2 p.m., on the 9th March. -A. F. Tully Pres. Clerk.

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Presbytery of hamalton.-This Presbytery met on January 20 . A proposal to divide the Pres bytery was considered Rna sent down io session tor
consideration. I he Presbytery resolved to take the Church at Burlington Beach under their care. A proposal to sell the St. Andrew's manse property at Dundas was referred to the congregation there. Mr. Shearer resigned his charge at Caledonia and accepted a call to Erskine Church, Hamilton. The induction takes place on February 5 . A call from bike Street, Hamilton, to Shr. Thomson, of Nateriown For February 5. Mr. Wills tendered his conation of James and Walpole; the congregaion will appear before the meeting in March. Mr. D. A. Surer was certified to the Home Mas ion Committee as a student-catechist, and Mr Alexander Scott, elder at Caledonia, as a lay
catechist. Mir. J. K. Macdonald addressed the Presbytery in connection with the Aged and Infirm Minsters Fund. The Clerk and Dr. Fraser obtained leave of absence for ten weeks and five moans respectaid-receiving congregations. Dr Fletcher, of Hamilton, will 1 at as Clerk during Dr. Ling's absence ; communications for Presby try should be addressed to him.-Ioinn Lint Pres. Clerk.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ALEETINOS.

Tut annual meeting of the Deer lark PresbyWilliam Burn' presiding and Mr. J. H. Mackenzie acting as secretary. Satisfactory reports were read acting as secretary. Salisiaciory reports were read Aid Society and Woman's Foreign Missionary Sj. city, ard the following managers were elected Dr. A. Y. Scott, T. G. Burnside, W. H. Dick son and W. I. Thompson. Arrangements were
made to consolidate the debt on the church promade
perry.
THE adjourned annual meeting of Parkdale 'reshyterian Church was held last Week, the
pastor, Rev. K. P. Mackay, presiding. Mr. Fen. wick, who was elected one of the managers, decoined to act in that capacity, and Mr. Robert Forlune was elected to the vacancy. A report of the missionsfund showed a total of $\$ 1,700$ from the var nous branches of Church work. Secretary McCul lock of the Young Men's Christian Association gave a address on mission work

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knur Church, Toronto, was held last week in the spacious Sunday school room. The meeting was nit of 2 and was very largely attended. Rev. Dr. Parsons presided. In his opening address he spoke in a most hopeful and encousagiog strain of the work of the Church and of its progress during the year. The communion roll has lately been carefully gone over all names of those who have ceased actual connect ion with the Church by removal to the outskirts o the city or otherwise, erased, and the number of actual communicants is found io be 915 , about port shows some important facts respecting iemporalities of the Church. The statement of the treasurer, Mr. Paul Campbell, shows collections and seat rents from the church of over $\$ 8,000$ and other items making up receipts of $\$ 13.6 \mathrm{c} 6$. The expenses of the Church proper were $\$ 12,961$ and those of the Duchess Street Mission Church $\$ 734$. The report was adopted. There are other lands besides that administered by the treasurer of the trustee board. The reports concerning these, the Sunday school and other organizations of the understood to show generally a state of healthfo and rigorous life in all departments of the Church's work. The contributions fer congregational par poses were about $\$ 10,000$, and for missionary par poses about $\$ 13, \$ 6.4$. The renovation and re-fur ashing of the Sunday school room was considered and a decision reached that the work should te un-
dertaken. At the conclusion of the business the dertaken. At the conclusion of the business the ladies took charge of the meeting. Kelreshament cersalion and social enjoyment

All the hopefulneze nad cathusiasm that mark a rising young congregation were manifested last week aide first annual meeting of the South Side of the bright ana cosy building on Parliament Street the Sunday services have all Seen well attended under the pastorate of the Rev. George Butafield, R.A., B.D., who occupied the chair at the meeting. As Moderator, the chairman pres equated the report of the session, which shewed that since bis induction seven months ago sixty -two new members had been added to the congregation. The managers report was read bs the secretin, rent presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Colviite homed that $\$ 3.703 .85$ had been collected for all purposes, leaving a balance of $\$ 30$. The Sabbath school reports were read by Mr. Keapersiey and Mir. S. Harper. The excellent work done by the ladies was evidenced in the report read by Miss
Shaw. of the Ladies' Society of Christian Work. Shaw. of the Ladies' Society of Christian Work. which had collected $\$ 486.32$ during the gear, and in that read by Miss Bertha Kepoersiey, of the Lille Maidens' Bead, who banded a cheque for Sion to the treas ureter ni tue building fond. The Society at Christian Endeavour and the Young which were read by Mestrs. A. Gordon and $A$. Tuitif respectively. The report of the Building Committee stated that the chsrech property was valued $21 \$ 13,000$ being over $\$ 4,000$ in exes s of the actual cont, which had been kept down by the practical efforts of raembers of the congregation. The managers elected for a term of two sears
ere: Messes. William Sink, D. MeClag, Josef

Mayavin, Dr. Maxwell, I. G. Malcolm. Mr C. Campbell was elected for one year.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the East Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Toronto, was held last week. Mri. William Erich. rotary. The altendacee was large. The report of the Session was read by Mr. N. MacArthur, the treasurer's report by Mr. James Frame, and that of the managers by Mr. E. S. Shier. The report of the Session showed that five new members had been added during the year, that there had been
fifty -one baptisms and eight deaths. The reguiar communion roll contained 478 names last year ; now it includes 480 . The report also referred in gratefut acknowledgment to the work that had been done in the various lines of Christian activity
which had contributed to the Church's successful work during the year, such as the Association of Christian Workers, Women's Auxiliary to the ForSign Mission Society, Ladies Aid Association, Steady Streams Mission Band, prayer meeting and the treasurer's, showed that receipts from, ordinary collections and special collections on Sunday amounted to $\$ 4,877,90$; other so
Church, $\$ 323.43$; from outside sources, $\$ 179.80$; total, $\$ 5,591.71$. The disbursements were $\$ 5.409$.27. Tue balance on hand was $\$ 482.44$. During the past year the outstanding floating liabilities were reduced to $\$ 425$. The average Sunday collections during the yeas were $\$ 93.80$ : Mr. J. Cowan read
the mission report; Mr. D. Stevenson read the re port of the Sunday school, and Mr. C. MacArthur read the report of the Association of Christian Worers. All of the reports were adopted. On motion it was decided to increase the minister's stipend to $\$ 2,000$. The following managers were elected on the 14th.: Dr. Duncan, William Crichton, James Frame, W. Ross, This. Tomlinson (all reelected) and Dr. Bryant.

## OBITUARY.

## MRS. M. C. MacIntyre.

One by one, the early pioneers of our country are passing over to the vast majority. On the Isth of there passed away Mfrs. Margaret Carswell MacinDonald Macintyre, died her age. Her husband, pranced ape of 85 . They were both from Argyle. vance age of
shire, Sc , hand, and settled in this western county over sixty years ago, at a time when it required brave hearts to face the difficulties and trials of pioneer life. Oui of the forest they carved for them. selves and family a heme which is today as the gardevin Ontario. Mrs. Macintyre was the mother of five sons and three daughters, of whom four sons survive her. Duncan D., who is in charge of the
 the Presbyterian Ladies' College. On last Friday week these four sons salian as pallbearers, with N. V. Ford, a nephew, and Alex. Goulet, of Raleigh, 2 son-in-iaw, conveyed the remains of 2 beloved mother to the grave. The Rev. Archibald Curie preached an impressive sermon from Rev. Dir. 13": "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord . . that "they may rest from their laours; and their works do follow them." Ier life Few were as familiar with the Word of God as this mother and few could use it so fiecively, or give such clear testimony for Christ She was a pray ing mother, and lived in the full assurance of he prayers being answered. For nearly a half century she was known in the homes of a wide community as a ministering angel in times of sickness and of sorrow. Ever active, she retained full possession of all her faculties dunn to within a few hours of he death, and had only taken to the bed from which she did not rise, three days before. For over two longed to 00 and be at rest At lest the Waste came to 2 bonce that she res wanted "o higher" Side doth rest from her labours: her works do follow her.

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The annual collection in Reaticld Church, GasSf fortucal home missions exceeded $\$ 1,000$. and "The Invasion of ike Cimex," was cremated at Waking.
Bishop Mages, of Peterborough, is the new Archbishop of York: His grandfather was ArchArchop al Dublin.
In Albion presbyterian Church, Queensland, lev. lames Somerville has introduced tine liturgy Scotland.
Glasciow has subscribed $\$ 29.500$ to Mir. Booth's echeree, and it is intended to commence operations
mediately.
Tire subject of the election of ministers wis dis cussed by the Presbytery of Glasgow. The feel ing of the meeting was that the rules and regular. ions might be improved by divesting certain seelions or chases of ambiguity ; but the Session appears to be unanimous in thinking that in the

Tusk Lev. Dr. Taylor, of Thurs, is about to apply for a colleague and successor ; in March be will have completed his sixtieth year in the minis. wy at Thurso.
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Stewed Lobster. -Take one-half pint of milk and stir in it enough four to make it quit thick, put it on the fire till it boils; remorse and stir in quite a large piece of butter Chop the lobster, and season to taste with salt, vinegar and pepper, and then put it it the dressing and let it simmer on the stove.
Fried Oysters. -One cup flour, one tea spoonful butter rubbed through it, one ted. spoonful yeast-powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, stir them well together; then add one cup milk and two well-beaten eggs; have the batter as stiff as for griddle cakes. Take one quart well cleaned oysters and mix with the batter, and fry in plenty of hot lard.
Apple Tapioca Pudding.-Soak a cup of pearl tapioca in a pint of water, two hours stir in three-fourths of a cup of white sugar add one-half teaspoonful of salt, and a cup of thin cream, or new milk. Peel, quarter, and core eight large apples (greenings preferred and put in an earthen pudding dish; grate a little nutmeg on top, and bake an hour and a quarter in a slow oven. Serve with whipped cream.
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Buttered eggs and scrambled eggs are one and the same thing. Here is the recipe: Melt one ounce of butter in a lined sauce pan; break four eggs into a basin, and then beat them up.with a fork, then pour them into the butter, and stir till set (which takes about five minutes), adding seasoning of pepper and salt to taste. Have four slices of hot toast ready, spread on the mixture, and serve quickly.
Salad Sandwiches. - Take the dais chicken meat, cut into small pieces and mors ten with mayonnaise or French dressing. Cut slices of bread rater thin and butter thinly Put into a bowl some vinegar and a tarragon seed ; dip into the vinegar a lettuce leaf, then shake of the vinegar and lay the leaf on a slice of bread, then spread the leap with dressing, put on a layer of the chosen; then dip another leaf in the vinegar and lay on the chicken, lay on the second leaf another slice of bread, press together and trim the edges and cut diagonally in two.
An Omeler:-Beat four eggs with a spoon until a teaspoonful can be lifted up without running off; add four tablespoonfuls of milk, one teaspoonful of salt, one saltspoonful of pepper, and a teaspoonful of fine herbs. Melt a tablespoonful of butter in the pan, poor in the omelet. As the omelet cooks around the edges, stir it back with a fork, allowing the raw egg to run down. Do this until it is near by all cooked, then tod and turn out. Be sure to leave a little of the mixture uncooked, as this will give the desired creamy consisfence. Never cook an omelet until it is tough and dry. The herbs used in making this onelet were tarragon, chives, mint, and parsley, mixed. One or two will suffice, however.

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