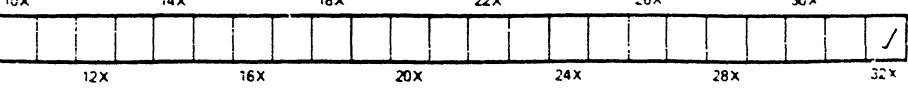
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THE Rev. D. M'Kenzie, of Melbourne, who is now on a visit to his native land, in the course of a brief address to Edinburgh Presbytery, said that as an old friend of the Church he wished to say that when any Church sent men to the colonies the Presbytery certificates of these men should represent their true character. They should not allow anything to lie behind, any history to be unravelled. They would thus do a good service to the cause of Christ in the colonies.

At a large and influential meeting held in Edinburgh recently it was resolved to form a Laymen's League in connection with the Church of Scotland for the purpose of declaring against Disestablishment, to promote union among the Presbyterians of Scotland, and to aid in any legislation that may remove any obstacles to that union. A small committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and to confer with similar organizations of other churches with the view of forming a combined league.

THE rebellious Gaelic-speaking portion of the congregation at Strathpeffer gave Dr. Adam and the other members of the Commission appointed by the Assembly a most ungracious reception; they would allow nothing to be said by the English section of the congregation, and behaved in such a rude and unmannerly way while the Commissioners were speaking that Dr. Adam brought the unprofitable conference to a close, stating that he deplored the reception the Commission had received. The deputies will report to the Commission of Assembly.

ITALY has not less than \$400,000,000 bound up in the benevolent institutions under the control of the Pope and the priests. Many of these have no longer any reason to exist; one of them at Palermo, for example, is for the redemption of slaves from the Turks ! The money is diverted to ecclesiastical purposes; in Rome nearly one-half of the entire revenue of the institutions is absorbed by the priests. The State is claiming the right to use these large properties in more useful ways, and the question is agitating the country to an extent that shows how completely Italy is escaping from ecclesiastical bondage.

A SERIOUS accident befel the members of the Shanghai Missionary Conference which might have proved much more disastrous than was the case. A wish having been expressed that a photograph, as a pleasant memento of the occasion, should be taken before the delegates dispersed, arrangements were made for the purpose, a platform consisting of several tiers being erected. Just as the photographer was about to take the picture the platform gave way, its three or four hundred occupants being thrown, frightened and shaken, to the ground. It is a matter for thankfulness that several were not killed on the spot, but between thirty and forty were more or less seriously injured. The medical missionaries were, of course, in great request.

No trustworthy statistics, says a contemporary, can be procured from Roman Catholic sources; but, if certain figures may be trusted, it would appear that the idea of a great increase of Romanism in Britain, which it is so anxiously sought to foster, must be rejected. In 1801, when the population of the United Kingdom was 16,345,645, the Roman Church estimated her membership as fully one-third or 5,448,800; whereas now, with a population of 39,000,000, she only returns 5,641,000. Deducting the number of foreigners, estimated at over a million—an element almost entirely absent in 1801 it follows that the actual number of native Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom is now less than it was at the beginning of the century, although the population has more than doubled.

THE results of Sir L. Simmons' special mission to the Vatican, says the *Christian World*, are the subject of a minute by the Executive Committee of the Liberation Society. The British Government,

it is pointed out, has given way to Rome with regard to the appointment of bishops and the celebration of marriages where either party is a Roman Catholic. The Committee feel bound to protest against the action of the British Government in shaping their policy in accordance with the views of ecclesiastical functionaries, instead of with those of the people for whose government they are responsible. The plea on behalf of the government is that the Maltese are Roman Catholics, and that the agreement with the Vatican was made in their interests and subject to their ratification. It is certainly an anomaly to have a Roman Catholic Church established in a country under Protestant rule.

THE Chicago Interior makes the following comment: One of the most enshusiastic Presbyterian preachers and organizers in the United States passed six days in Paris last April. He offered himself as a helper in the McAll Mission work, if occasion should arise for his services. It will be observed that he did not get much time for sight-seeing, when it is told that he was assigned to conduct fourteen meetings in those six days, at widely separated halls. Our brother did the work to which he was called, and when he went on to Rome he carried with him the distinct impression that there are other men beside Americans who know how to "hustle." The fact appears to be that Mr. McAll works himself and urges all his co-labourers to work harder than a due regard for their health and strength would warrant. He is the sort of a leader, however, who feels intensely the importance of his mission and if he cannot get all the help he needs, he just rushes ahead, trying to make up the deficiency by extra exertion.

THE Australian Independent has an important article on the Society of Christian Endeavour in its May number, extending to eight columns. It is written by the Rev. W. Scott, late of Albion Church, Hull, Eng., now of the premier Congregational Church, of Queensland. He first saw this society on its native soil-America-and quickly discerned the magnificent ideas and possibilities which underlie its conception. He introduced the society to his church in Hull, where it fulfilled its promise beyond all expectation. His association with the Society of Christian Endeavour preceded him to Brisbane, where since he arrived he has been in request to explain the working, and to help in the formation of such societies. Already there are three flourishing societies in the city ; that in Wharf Street is the strongest, having an active membership of nearly one hundred. In the church parlour, which has lately been handsomely refurnished specially to accommodate this society, its meetings are held every Tuesday evening. Here, as in the other city churches, it is proving itself a spiritual power.

THE Christian Leader remarks that the energies of some men are inexhaustible; and Mr. Walter Besant is one of them. Not content with making fairy tales and founding fairy palaces, he has taken up his cudgels for authors against all and sundry, especially publishers. His policy is based on comprehensive ideas of copyright and broad notions of profit-sharing that sound fair enough in the abstract; and writers may well be glad to have so doughty a champion. He smites and spares not even a religious corporation. He puts the Christian Knowledge Society into the pillory and pelts an association whose profits are over \$35,000 a year with allegations of sweating that almost curdle the ink with which we write. If his facts are indisputable, women are fleeced abundantly and a book may reach a seventh edition and the writer be unable to obtain a promised share in the success. Probably an ordinary book rarely yields much profit on the first edition, even if exhausted. The printers' and advertisers' bills run up to high figures. There are customs that encourage the latter and habits that compel the former. The bill for corrections is often in competition with that for putting up the manuscript. Even Max Müller asks plaintively, " Is there no means of checking the charges for correction ?" Perhaps his own writing looks like Sanskrit to the compositor. One remedy is to hand for this and is in the writer's own power : "Be correct and never correct."

As indicating the prosperous condition of the Free Church of Scotland the Christian Leader gives the following facts : In 1844 the amount contributed to the Sustentation Fund was \$343,500; this year the total is \$858,995. In 1844 full dividend was drawn by 470 ministers ; now, when the ministers number above a thousand, 828 draw full dividend. In 1844 the dividend was \$525; last year it was \$800. Rev. M. P. Johnstone, of Greenock, to whom we are indebted for these figures, considers the returns for the last four years as most extraordinary, in view of the commercial depression prevalent during nearly the whole of that period. In 1887 the total income of the Free Church was \$2,823,210; in 1888 it rose to \$2,964,275; last year it rose again to \$3.194.695; and this year it has risen again to \$3,248.565, an increase of more than \$50,000 over last year. These figures form the most conclusive and satisfactory reply to a world of criticism. One might expect from the wails of the defenders of orthodoxy and the anti-political purists, as well as the sneers of marplots outside, that the church of Chalmers and Candlish was going to the dogs; but the worthy Greenock pastor is justified in his remark that the ministers and members of the Free Church have every reason to be grateful to God for His goodness. And the record is one of which every leal-hearted Scotsman, no matter what his ecclesiastical connection, may well be proud.

In the new preface to a third edition of "The Kingdom of God," Prof. Bruce quotes from his for-mer work, "The Miraculous Element in the Gospels," to show his belief that the Gospels bear the unmistakable stamp of apostolic inspiration, if not of apostolic authorship. He adds an expression of his belief "that inspiration does not exclude the hypothesis that the evangelists may in some instances have modified the form of our Lord's words, for good and worthy reasons, such as a regard to the spiritual needs of their first readers. If Luke acted on this principle in his omissions and modifications," continues Dr. Bruce, " he only followed the example of the Master, who said to His disciples : 'I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." From this, says the *Christian Leader*, one might infer that Prof. Bruce falls to perceive what is required to constitute an analogy. There is a vast difference between the reserve of our Lord's message and the positive "modifications" of the Master's words attributed to the evangelist by Dr. Bruce. This new preface will probably deepen the suspicion with which the Professor is regarded by his opponents, while even his friends must acknowledge that he has yet to learn what the term analogy really signifies. Dr. Bruce lacks lucidity. The perfect integrity of his purpose, however, no one can doubt who is not blinded by partisan feeling. It is his honesty that has won the heart of his students.

THE Rev. Dr. Whigham, of Ballinasloe, after a severe illness died on the 3rd inst. This, says the Belfast Witness, has been a fatal year for our ministers. If we mistake not, this makes the twentyfifth death in the ministerial ranks of the Assembly since last meeting. Throughout the bounds of the Irish Presbyterian Church the melancholy announcement of Dr. Whigham's death will be read with the profoundest grief. Unly a few weeks ago Dr. Whigham was moving about among us apparently in the full vigour of health, and busily occupied with plans and projects about the Sustentation Fund and other objects in which he was interested. Then suddenly came the news that he was seriously ill, and great anxiety was aroused. But the medical reports reassured us, and it was believed that he was recovering, when yesterday morning the news of his death, during the previous night, arrived. Dr. Whigham is no more, and all that we can now do is to cast our garland on his grave and then bid him a sad and long farewell. Dr. Whigham will be long remembered as one of the ablest and most devoted ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church. An earnest preacher of the pure Gospel, a faithful pastor, a sagacious ecclesiastic, an ardent patriot, a faithful friend, we are the poorer to-day because his bright, genial countenance, his warm grasp of the hand, his kindly smile, his wise, affectionate words, his incessant labours are henceforth to be but memories.

Our Contributors.

DEFENDING PERSONS AND THINGS THAT NEED NO DEFENCE.

BV KNOXONIAN.

Some years ago we had occasion to stop at a country hotel in which a number of local young men were spending a holiday in a manner not specially beneficial to themselves or particularly pleasant to the other guests. Under the combined influence of whiskey and sham loyalty-two things that sometimes go together-one of them became noisy and apparently wanted somebody to hold him. He took off his coat, shouted and stamped and swore that he would "lick anybody who spoke against the Queen." Nobody was saying anything about Her Britannic Majesty. Any man in the crowd would have risked life or limb in defence of his sovereign had any defence been needed. All present were loyal men. Had an emergency arisen perhaps the noisy fellow was the only man there who would have hidden behind a woodpile. But positively no defence was needed on that occasion. The Queen was quite safe in Windsor Castle. There was not a disloyal man for miles around. There was nobody to fight Any defence of Her Majesty was absolutely unnecessary because there was nobody or nothing to defend her against. Had this bum, 'ious young man raised the disturbance any where in the neighbourhood of our beloved Queen's numerous castles that he raised in that country tavern, no doubt some of the royal officials would have handed him over to the police, and the police would have put him in the cooler. Englishmen are a matter of fact sort of people, and are not as much given to defending persons that need no defence as mere colonists are.

That noisy fellow was a type—a rude type possibly—but still a good type of that beligerent class of people who are everlastingly defending persons and things that need no defence. It is a small business this business of defending when nobody is attacking. It brings neither gain nor glory There is something irresistibly comic in seeing a little fellow who does not pay his taxes defending the British Constitution when nobody is saying anything against the Constitution. The spectacle is equalled only by the slender youth who burns to defend Methodism when nobody is attacking Methodism, or the belligerent Presbyterian who strikes out wildly in favour of Calvin and the Confession of Faith when there is nobody to hit.

Once upon a time we attended a Methodist camp-meeting for an hour or two. There was a large number of people present, most of them devout, earnest people, who were no doubt pleased and profitted by the exercises. A half-dozen or more ministers occupied the stand, and one of them preached a strong, practical sermon. It was a genuine, old-time Gospel effort delivered with great feryour, and no doubt did good. At the close of the sermon a number of youngish men began to straggle around the sides of the camp, evidently bent on defending the institution. One of them, a rather impertinent looking youth, who had designs on the ministry, came our way, and in a somewhat insolent tone asked what we thought of camp meetings. His countenance fell as we assured him in the most winsome manner we could assume that we seldom thought of them at all. Then he wanted to know if we held "once in grace always in grace." We admitted that our belief was in that direction, but assured him that we had no desire to propagate Calvinistic doctrine at a camp-meeting. That young man simply wanted to defend camp-meetings and Arminian doctrine when there was nobody attacking them. Had his vanity been gratified by an argument he would have gone right away to the preachers or other leading nien and told them of the big fight he had been in for Methodism and camp-meetings. The older and wiser preachers would probably have assured him that he would be better in the praying circle helping on the work than trying to raise a quarrel with stray Calvinists on the outskirts.

Let us balance this discussion by a Presbyterian incident. Years ago we visited a Presbyterian Church for an evening or two in which very large meetings were being held. There was a widespread and perhaps deep religious interest. One evening we happened to enter the church before the pastor and some who were ministers with him, and spent the time in taking notes mentally. While thus engaged an illiterate youth who had ignorance and impudence unmistakably stamped on his countenance planted his ungainly body squarely in front of ours, and in a rather menacing mauner asked,

brained youth in the next stages of the tender passion. He is burning for a chance to the sh somebody for saying something against his girl. Nobody is saying a word about her. Nobody has any desire to say anything unkindly of her. Everybody wishes her well. But the young fool is not satisfied. He wants to fight a duel to convince her that he is ready to due for her. When he is a few years married perhaps he makes her get up and kindle the fires on winter mornings.

Not much more sensible are those people who are constantly defending civil and religious liberty when nobody is in the least degree interfering with their civil or religious liberty. There is something peculiarly absurd in the spectacle of a man making a fuss about his liberty when anybody not stone blind can see ne has more liberty than he knows how to use.

But our column is filled, and the subject is large, and the weather is hot, and, as the preachers say, we must come to a conclusion.

" KNOXONIAN" AND " KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY."

MR. EDITOR,-I ? n glad to notice that your able contri butor, "Knoxonian, has had the courage to confess the very gross errors into which he some time ago fell, concerning the origin and original aims of the Knox College Monthly. His candour leads me to hope that he may be induced to reconsider his view of the same magazine's theological tone. He speaks as though the present editor were ready to carry the name of Knox College "through every kind of theological scuffle," etc., to become " enthusiastic in admiration of Messrs. Dods, Smith and Bruce." In fact, the effect of his whole statement-though apparently not its intention-is to make it appear that that gentleman is unworthy to edit any Presbyterian magazine. To me, on the other hand, the tone of the Monthly seems admirable, and to this conclusion 1 think I am led by a reasonable familiarity both with the matter it has contained during the past year and with the state of affairs in the Free Church of Scotland. Does "Knoxonian " object to Prof. Drummond's sketch of Dr. Dods? Let him remember that it was inserted to introduce the man who had just been elected to a very important chair in the New College, Edinburgh, and that the editor disclaimed sympathy with "the theological aberrations " of its subject. Does your contributor think the editorial references to Dr. Brooks too severe : Well, if Dr. Brooks said that the Free Church 15 "hereafter to be identified with the enemies of the Bible," the severity was not unprovoked. Would "Knoxonian "strike out Frof. Dods inaugural address : Let him point to a more interesting, encouraging and thorough survey of the present condition of New Testament studies with regard to Dr. Bruce. I need only say that in a review of that admirable book of his, " The Training of the Twelve," he is highly spoken of, especially on account of his sympathy with his students and that the review of his * Kingdom of God * says nothing about his theology.

Where, then, is the evidence for the charges to which reference has been made? I do not deny that the *Monthly* on the whole sympathizes with Profs. Dods and Bruce in their troubles, but the source of the sympathy is the editor's conviction that they are at present conservative forces in Scotland. Mark how emphasis is given to the statement of that thoroughly evangelical and strongly Calvinistic pillar of the Church, Dr. Alex. Whyte, that Prof. Dods "holds with a firm and an increasing tenacity the everlasting essentials of the Apostolic, Calvinistic and evangelical faith."

It should not be forgotten that the younger men of the old land are at present profoundly affected by German thought. A teacher who is to save them for the Church must not merely refute the error but also detach and exhibit the truth which gives it vitality. But this is perilous work ; it is difficult to get hold of the whole truth without accepting any of the error. The two professors are doing the work nobly and, even if they have not altogether escaped the peril, they deserve our cordial sympathy. Men who are in the midst of the strife but have never felt the force of the new opinions may be pardoned if they are simply angry, but those who are far enough away to think calmly and at the same time understand the position are inexcusable if they merely denounce the unwise or erroneous utterances of Drs. Dods Therefore we should be grateful to the Knox and Bruce. College Monthly for expressing its admiration of their able exposition and defence of Christian truth and one to whom many of your readers listen with confidence as well as pleasure should take himself sternly to task for misrepresenting its attitude and casting suspicion upon its genial and talented D. M. RAMSAY. editor.

his helpers, are not able to give much time to the work, as they have to attend to their classes in languages. They, however, do what they can. On Sabbaths they have a Bible class in the afternoon, and in the evening, a service. During the rest of the week they visit French-Canadian families. I need not say that the priests do not bid them God-speed

In compliance with an invitation from these friends, I attended on Saturday evening, May 10, a festival in celebration of the establishment of the mission. It was quite private

a sort of family gathering Among those present were a few English speaking well-wishers to the cause Owing to the rain, which did not cease till near the hour fixed for the beginning of the festival, the attendance was much smaller than no doubt it otherwise would have been. After the singing of a hymn Mr. Cusin led in prayer in French. He then called on the writer to give an address, which the latter did in French. He began by saying that he would follow the example of the Iron Duke, who used to say, "I speak French with courage." He next related the following anecdotes to show how careful one should be who speaks in a language with which he is not thoroughly familiar.

A young Englishman, at a meeting of French people, wished to pay a compliment to his hearers, but what he said gave them a good laugh at his expense. He meant to say, "I am fond of the beautiful brench language" (*la belle langue Française*). Instead of that he said, "I am fond of the beautiful Frenchwoman" (*la belle Française*).

A missionary 1.1 China came one evening to a house of entertainment. He meant to say to the host, when ordering his supper, that among other things he would like to have a chicken. The host bowed and withdrew. After a long absence, which seemed all the longer to the hungry misionary, he returned saying that he could not get one for im. What had he been doing? The missionary had really said that he would like to get a wife, and the obliging host had been doing his utmost to gratify his desire.

The speaker atterwards took up a common saying among Roman Catholics that Protestants have no religion. In reply thereto he commented on the so called Apostles' Creed, and several essential truths not contained in it.

Mr. Cusin followed in French. He read the parable of the mustard seed, then spoke of Mr. de Sailliers withdrawal from the mission, of the difficulties connected with it, and of the duty of labouring diligently, hopefully and with prayer to Him who gives the increase, to cause the grain of mustard seed to become, in His own time, a great tree.

Next came a recess, during which the friends present were engaged in conversation, and in the consumption of ice-cream and cakes.

Afterwards Mr. Milberger gave a recitation in French. The Rev. Mr. Stark, of Toronto, followed with an address in English, setting before parents the importance of bringing up the children in the fear of God. Mr. Paull acted as interpreter.

Several French hymns were sung during the evening. At length the blessing was sung and our little *fete* came to an *end*.

The following evening the writer took part in the French service. After the singing of a hymn Mr. Cusin led in prayer. The writer read Isaiah xxvii., gave an address on Luke xii. 5δ , 59, "When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate," etc., led in prayer and pronounced the blessing.

The mission rooms are Nos. 3 and 4, 20 Queen Street West, (opposite Knox Church). In one of them is a box with a slit in the lid. Messrs. Cusin and Paull deserve encouragement in their good work. Therefore, and so forth, I need say no more on this point to the readers of THE CANADA PRESEVTERIAN, who, of course, are all very intelligent.

A word or two now about the Italians in Toronto- In the afternoon of the Sabbath already spoken of I attended the school for their benefit, which is kept every Sabbath at the corner of Elm and Chestnut streets. The superintendent is a Mr. Basso, Italian interpreter in the courts, a native of Genoa, who was brought up in the Romish faith. In Canada he came to the knowledge of the truth. The circumstances connected with that event are very remarkable instances of the providence of God, but I have not space here to relate them. Mr. Basso is helped hy the Rev. Mr. Stark, an old Unitarian, who has long taken a deep interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of his fellowcitizens from " the sunny south," and by several ladies and gentlemen whose names I have not learned. The object of the school is to give those who attend as scholar- some knowledge of English, and through that, of the word of God. No effort is made to proselytize in the usual sense of that word. The exercises are conducted chiefly in English. The afternoon when I visited the school, I did not count the number of Italians who attended, but there must have been about twenty. All were men, and all were respectably dressed. Mr. Basso gave out the hymn, "When He maketh up His jewels," in the singing of which he led. A lady played on the organ. The Rev. Mr. Stark led in prayer. Mr. Basso read Luke xvii. in Italian. The same chapter was read in English by the scholars in their classes. Mr. Buskin, a missionary in the Algoma district, gave an address in English. " Jesus, keen me near the cross" was sung A gentleman, whose name I do not know, closed with prayer in English. The room in which the Sabbath school is kept is very tastefully fitted up. Facing you as you go in is a large coloured portrait of King Humbert. Around it are several small Union Jacks. On the opposite wall is a large coloured picture of the royal arms of Italy. Decked with Union Jacks beside it is an engraving of a scene in the life of Columbus. At the far end is the Witness' portrait of our own Queen, with Union

"ARE YOU OPPOSED TO REVIVAL?"

We blandly assured him that we were heartily in favour of the revival of every good cause, and he didn't seem the least pleased to hear it. What he wanted was to fight somebody, and then go away and blow about what he said to the unconverted sinner who was opposed to the "meetin's."

It is only fair to say that neither this youth nor the Methodist one already referred to had any connection with the work they favoured with their presence. Around the skirts of every gathering of that kind you always find a number of cheeky fellows who want to fight for the work. As a rule they have no connection with it except such as is given by their own impertinence.

This silly desire to defend people that nobody is attacking sometimes appears in very peculiar forms. Here is a crackThe Manse, Londesboro, Ont., July 9, 1890.

" STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES."

Those whom I so call in this article are the French-Canadians and the Italians in Toronto, of whom there are several hundreds.

A year ago last January a Protestant mission to the former was established. At the head of it was one Philippe de Sailhers, formerly a trappist monk. After a while he left the city. Not to make my article too long, I pass over his movements afterwards. I shall say only that no one of whom I have enquired about him can tell me where he now is. No one has taken his place. Messrs. Cusin and Paull, who were Jacks around it There are also large coloured pictures of Joshua receiving his commission and Peter walking on the water. Around the room are several Italian cards in large letters, one of which says, "It is forbidden to use profane language in this room.' The hour of meeting is three p.m. every Sabbath afternoon. Mr. Basso and his helpers will be delighted to have a visit from any friends of their good work. The attendance of scholars is variable, but, on an average, it is twenty-five.

Mr. Basso, if he could get sufficient help, would have a night school for teaching his countrymen English. Only one hour or two in the week is not enough. Besides, the mere teaching of English is not suited to the Lord's Day. Mr. Basso has applied for help to the Public School board, but has met with a refusal. The Separate School Board has opened a night school for Italians, which is taught in connection with St. Patrick's Church.

I would commend also Mr. Basso's work to the prayers and liberality of the readers of THE CANADA PRESENTERIAN. Elder's Mills, Ont. T. F.

THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Ontario was well represented at the International Sabbath School Convention at Pittsburg, having about fifty out of the sixty-five Canadians who attended. Presbyterian Ontario had her share of the delegation Among these were such wellknown Sabbath school workers as Rev. Messrs. McFwan, Houston, Hardie, Tibb and Jackson , Elders, Kerr, McNabb, and Hossie. Nova Scotia's representation was wholly Presbyterian, the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, being the sole representative. Through the good management of Mr. Peake we rar from Lewiston to Pittsburg without change of cars Since the discovery of natural gas Puttsburg no longer merits the appellation of the Smoky City, yet there are evident traces in the general dinginess of her streets that it was no misnomer in the days gone by. It is an active, energetic city, and is surely pushing its way to the foremost rank, and steadily increasing in wealth and population. Her iron and glass works are second to none in America, and Carnegie's works at Bessemer will stand comparison with any in the world. Her court house is a magnificent building worthy of this city of millionaires, of whom there is said to be 135 in Pittsburg alone.

The hall in which we met was part of the exposition buildings and while it was admirably suited for that purpose its only advantage for convention uses was its size. Being chiefly of glass and iron it was insufferably hot and owing to its close proximity to the boiler shops it was so noisy that attempts to speak often degenerated into shouting matches. It had one other advantage. It was in close contiguity to the hall wherein the fair ladies catered to the wants of their 1,600 guests. The churches of the city shared this duty between them according to their numbers, and it speaks well for Presbyterianism that it fell to their lot two days out of the four. The arrangements for the bodily wants of the guests were all that could be desired ; they were made with skull and taste, and carried out with courtesy and kindness.

In endeavouring to epitomize the work of the convention it must be confessed that there was plenty of gas within the building as well as without The reports from the various States might have been very much curtailed, especially when they were inaudible or when they took the form of broker's advertisements.

The addresses of welcome of Gov. Beaver and H. K. Porter were both cordial and dignified. Gov. Beaver's was specially pleasing to us Presbyterians on account of his happy quotations from the Shorter Catechism, which fell sweetly on our ears from the lips of a gallant soldier, who bore marks of his country's service in the loss of one leg and his consequent use of crutches, from the governor of one of the oldest States in the Union, and from a man whose ability was evidently equal to the high position which he held. "He was glad," he " to welcome to the city and to the State a body of Christian workers who did so much to make good law abiding citizens as the Sabbath school teachers Any training which left out the principles of Christianity was a singularly deficient one, and he not only honoured but highly valued in the interests of good citizenship the work of the Sabbath schools of America, which were represented here for their special work of inculcating these principles." In the absence of S. H. Blake, the Rev. Dr. Burns was chosen to reply in behalf of Canada, which he did in that happy style characteristic of humour and are so gracefully the Doctor blended that it is at once delightful and elevating. His cor-respondent was Bishop Arndt, of Georgia, a coloured man. "It marked the progress of the times," he said, "when a negro was asked to respond for a Southern State and it was specially fitting that it should be at a Sabbath school gathering, for the Sabbath school was one of the most powerful agencies in the solution of the race question in the States. No race distinctions held in it. They held in the day school, in the hotels, in the theatre, in the cars, but not in the Sabbath schools. He further tersely emphasized the three things necessary for his brethren to obtain before they could overcome the American prejudices against colour, education, morality and a bank account. He stid that he had known the two first to fail when unsupported by the last but never in such a conjunc-He was listened to with rapt attention and loudly tion." applauded. The Rev. Dr. Potts' voice was one of the few which could be heard without effort, and I may add that it was always heard with pleasure both by his co-delegates and the convention. Friend Jacobs seemed to think that the Doctor's prayer always had a soothing effect upon the convention. for more than once it was by his earnest words that we approached the throne of grace for guidance in critical moments. The ladies had the platform on Thursday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon all but Miss Willard succumbed to

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the boiler-fiend and watted until the comparative quiet of the evening. Miss Willard spoke twice and each time her penetrating voice secured attention. What she said was as clearcut and decided as the voice in which she uttered it. The saloon interest finds no weak antagonist in this modest, determined Christian woman. In the evening Miss Hall, of Chicago, and Miss Wheelock, of Boston, spoke. The first on gathering in the children. To do so we must interest ourselves in what they are interested in, and draw them to us by sympathy and affection. Miss Wheelock spoke on primary work and how to interest the little ones. She explained her methods by briefly reviewing the quarter's lesson. If these are as attractive to the infant class as they were to the 7,000 adults whom she held entranced she may rest satisfied.

After the ladies Drs. Harper and Schanftler addressed us. The address of the former was too long for the occasion, while that of the latter was too short. He is a terse, vigorous, interesting speaker and always carries his audience with him as he speaks of city mission work.

Canada is represented on the Lesson Committee once more by the Rev. Dr. Potts and S. H. Blake. There was a strong attempt to add the name of Dr. Burns, of Halifax, as a representative of the Church in Canada, which is at least second to none in her activity and support of Sabbath school work, but this attempt failed through considerations affecting the general constitution of the committee. The Reformed Churches were more successful in their vigorous demand for representation, and after twice dividing the convention, and after the peaceloving Jacobs offered to resign to let their wishes be carried into effect, the number of the committee was increased by one Rev. Dr. Stairs, I think to thirteen and their proposed representative added.

The closing of the convention was of the usual nature and we all separated with our enthusiasm aroused and our zeal deepened for the work in which so many of the best and highest citizens are engaged. In spite of Toronto's efforts the convention of 1893 goes to St. Louis.

THE CONDITION OF AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE AND THE DUTIES OF HUSBAND AND WIFE.

I lately read an article containing some very pertinent remarks on these subjects which are contained in the following article from the Boston Household Monthly of December last, and to which I subjoin some remarks of my own. will be seen that the editor adds some very damaging statements as to American society,-so damaging as to lead us to believe that no republic can long stand (much less any true religion exist, when such a state of society is prevalent. No doubt there is a very large amount of sound Christian feeling in the American States, and a very large amount of Christian work done, and Christian mission work carried on in churches there, but if the marriage relation is loose-if families are changed constantly by divorces-if parents cannot bear and forbear with each other if fathers cannot know who are their children -if infamous lusts are carried out by divorces, and God's great laws disobeyed, or Christ's express commands violated, what must be the end of such a country? We have only to remember the end of the Roman Empire. It is hard for us to pass through life without some fam-ily differences, which will arise from varieties in tempera-ments from differences as to the way children should be brought up and treated, from the over-fondness of mothers to children-often shown to their injury,-indulging the errors of children, which ripen into irreligion and great mistakes in life, such as hasty marriages, or irreligious habits. On the other hand sometimes too great strictness exists in fathers and mothers. But more often from too great carelessness in watching the acts of children. The Sunday schools are usually good nurseries for the training of children in orderly conduct and religious views, but this training only lasts for an hour each Sabbath, whereas the home training lasts the whole day and week, and there children should be most carefully watched. No greater sin can be committed by a mother than neglect in the careful supervision of her daughter's conduct, or oy a father and mother than omitting to require strict regular home habits of life. By this I mean regularity of meals, of rising and going to rest, of attending at the wor-ship of a living God, and the Lord Jesus, who is the only true light of the world. Without Him – His solemn words, His glorious life of sacrifice, His promise of a life to come, where parents and children expect to meet in those mansions, in "His Father's House," prepared for those who are His followers, what could we do? Where could we look for consolation without this hope? Now the too prevalent fault of our American neighbours and of many European nations is their great looseness in the marriage relations. If marriage is worth anything it should be sacred, lasting and ordered of God. Look at its responsibility, being the means of bringing immortal souls into the world, in perpetuating human life from generation to generation, in causing healthy generations, in creating wise habits, in being the nucleus of nations ! How often could family quarrels, little differences at first, but raised to mountains of trouble, be allayed by immediate compromises and concessions? And, as this article says, whilst it is often hard for a wife to put up with the harshness l in a hus not if cubmitted to it may be with acts cruel hand God in prayer or overcome by kind words and acts, how often may not her glorious womanly conduct result in making him repent and turn him to kindness? To resort to divorces in ordinary cases will end in a repetition of the same thing, for it is a crime in most cases, and how does the woman or man know that a second marriage chance will be any better than the first? And what is to become of their children or that husband who may go from bad to worse There are ministers of the Gospel at times who find it hard to bear with the misconduct of wives who, whilst the minister is preaching in the most devoted way, may be by ex-ample or otherwise thwarting all his godly efforts by letting her children do things he is preaching against, such as attending midnight balls or theatres, or breaking even the rules of strict sobriety. On the other hand there are instances of ministers setting a bad family example whilst preaching very vigorously on pure home life. CHARLES DURAND.

We know that our divorce laws are scandalously lax, and yet we cannot restrain an exclamation of dismay at some of the statements recently made by the secretary of the Na-tional Divorce Reform League. In California there is a divorce for every eight marriages; in Philadelphia the divorce rate has doubled in the last ten years ; in New York the proportion of divorces has increased one-third during the past ten years; divorce in New York is allowed for but one cause, and consequently it is less frequent than in the West ; but the number of irregular connections is on the increase, and the newspapers almost daily record some infringement of the marital law. While any transfer of property must be publicly recorded to be valid, all sorts of secret marital relations may be contracted, which generally become known only in connection with some contest about property. The Di-vorce Reform League secretary says . " In New England the bigamists are said to be as many as the divorced, especially in the rural districts ; the evil is deep and great." A fine record that for the cradle of religion !

It is a well-known fact that the marriage-bond is most elastic in many of the Protestant religious denominations; perhaps one reason is the ease with which the bond can be contracted, it being simply necessary for a man and woman to call upon a minister and ask to be married. Or even to say before witnesses that they are man and wife; or, sadder instance still, for them to agree between themselves to become man and wife without witnesses.

"Lightly won, lightly lost." No wonder an irresponsible man thinks he may cast off a wife so easily acquired, and then contract anew this too ficile kind of union. No wonder that a faithless woman lends a willing ear to the first suggestion of a pew and attractive tie. A man may leave his wife and children to starve, but he goes to prison if he fails to feed his horse. And this in face of the fact that the inviolability of the family is the very keystone of the arch of state ; nay, the very corner stone of all structures of social law and order.

The fact is, the modern American Protestant method of marriage is too easy. The old way, the way still followed abroad, the way of the Church of R ime, which justly regards marriage as a most solemn state, to be entered upon with due consideration and as a permanency, is the right way.

The union of two individuals, with all their inevitable differences of habit and judgment, with all their diversities of inclination and dispositions, is the most momentous connection of life. No two men ever go into business together without carefully estimating all chances of success and failure, but two young creatures enter upon this partnership for life with no more guarantee for safety than an idea that their mutual fondness will reconcile every possible diverse condition.

It is an open question whether this improvident sort of marriage is less deplorable than that frequently contracted between a man older and less attractive than some woman who captures his fancy, or, worse still, his heart, while she consents to marry him only because the burdens of life are too great for her to bear alone. Without wishing to go on record as a sentimentalist, the opinion cannot be too strongly put that loveless marriages are open doors to unhappiness. Nothing less than a feeling more powerful than sell love can support the demands which the marriage-tie imposes upon its subjects.

Perhaps those outside an unhappy relation of this sort see more clearly than its parties where the full lies which mars the entire scheme, or makes it a hopeless failure.

Taking into consideration all masculine traits of character and all imperfections of nature, the conclusion cannot be avoided that in most cases of unhappy marriages the wife might escape a fatal termination of the almost intolerable situation by forbearance and patient silence, bravely doing every duty that can be attributed to her as the party most materially benefited by the relationship. What, then, shall we say in a case where the woman has accepted all these material benefits merely because she could do no better with her life than to unite it with that of a man whom she regards solely in the light of a buffer, to ward off from her shocks too hard for her to withstand ?

Suppose the case where such a woman, who, perhaps, has made a brave fight against the emergencies of life rather than at first marry simply for the purpose of securing a home; has lost her first freshness in the struggle for existence, for a woman cannot long retain her beauty who does not live generously and sleep sofily; she has lost, too, that freshness of spirit which has such a charm for a nan whose own illusions are things of the past. Poor soul, her strait is hard, indeed, until the man comes, who, although not the fairy prince of her youthful fancy, is willing to take upon himself all her burdens, and to stand for her in all the trials of life. He per-haps knows his generosity, but conceals any sign of such knowledge from the chivalrous spirit which at some time actuates every man in dealing with women. Feeling her comfort guaranteed, she undertakes the mirriage-vows, often without having read them (for it is only communicants of the Church of Rome and the Established Church who are likely to be familiar with the marriage service) ; she adopts the married state as a lesser evil than her present unpleasant condition, and it naturally assumes in her estimation an aspect of tem-

Suppose a case, unhappily too frequently met, where the woman's affection sustains her sense of wifely duty under all strain and stress, and the husband disregards his obligations. Shall she, wounded to the quick, proclaim her hurt, to the confusion and destruction of the family tie, widening the breach by calling strange parties into it, until it can no longer be concealed? Shall she, demanding a condition anomalous in nature, utterly destroy her own chance of living in the conventional consideration of society; an object of respectful sympathy, rather, but unshorn of many ameliorating circumstances in no sense a wrong-doer—shall she not hold open the door of return to legitimate conditions? In a word, shall she endure injury and forbear punishment, or make the wrong irretrievable by retaliation or revenge? Which is the more womanly course? The nearest that idea of the quality of mercy we ascribe to higher powers than poor humanity?

Toronto, June 30. 1800

SOME WIFELY OBLIGATIONS.

Considering the average estimation in which young men and women of ordinary intelligence hold the marriage-bond, in this country, there is cause for serious reflection on the part of any one intending to enter upon the marriage relation.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

And when a woman forgives under such provocation she gains over her mere self and her self-estimation a victory which approaches the superhuman in its self-abnegation and sacrificial spirit; she has done all a human being can do to touch the scruples of the wrong-doer and change the wrong to right.—Boston Household Monthly, Dec. 1889.

I doubt if these sentiments would meet the views of many of the strong minded American women. C. D.

pastor and people.

BETWEEN THE LIGHTS.

A little pause in life, while daylight lingers, Between the sunset and the pale moonrise, When daily labour slips from weary fingers. And soft, gray shadows veil the aching eyes.

Peace, peace—the Lord of earth and heaven knoweth The human soul in all its heat and strife; Out of His throne no stream of lethe floweth, But the clear river of elemal life.

Sorve Him in daily work and earnest living. And faith shall lift thee to His sunlit heights, Then shall a psalm of gladness and thanksgiving

Fill the calm hour that comes be ween 'h- lights. -Sunday Magazine.

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF SOLOMON.

BV MISS J. GIBSON, OTTAWA.

(Concluded)

The great event in the religious life of the nation was the erection of the Temple of Jehovah, the pride and glory of Israel. To Solomon was given the honour of building the "House of the Lord." At the beginning of his reign Solomon, in obedience to the charge of his father, resolved to undertake this sacred task. The people, realizing the importance of having one religious centre in the kingdom, heartily co-operated with the king. The materials were gathered together and immense levies of men were sent to work in the quarries and the forests of Lebanon. All the stone was prepared in the quarry so that there would be "neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." Thus " Like some tall palm, the noiseless fabric sprung." The interior was lined with cedar, carved with figures of palm-trees, flowers and cherubim, and all overlaid with pure gold. Both Jews and Genules were engaged in building the temple. The superintendent of all the fine work was Hiram, the son of an Israelite and a Gentile. He was " skilful to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen and in crimson." All the things of brass, including the two magnificent pillars, Jachin and Boaz, which were at the entrance of the porch, were cast " in the plain of Jordan," "in the clay ground between Succoth and Garthan." The temple was about twice the size of the tabernacle and of the same general plan. Compared with any of the religious buildings of the surrounding nations, the architecture of the temple might seem insignificant. The exterior was strikingly plain, but the value of the materials employed exceeds anything told us of contemporary temples. Reverence for the God of Israel was marked throughout the entire building. In the Holy of Holies "the pure spiri, uality of Jehovah was sublimely indicated by the absence of any symbol of His presence." The temple occupied seven years in building. For the first time since the Ex idus the months and years are recorded. Great were the preparations for the dedication of the temple. It was the time for the national Feast of Tabernacles, and the two solemnities were joined. From the utmost extremities of the kingdom the people flocked. Two great processions advanced towards the capital amidst loud and universal rejoicings. Reverently the priests carried the ark into the dark room where the golden cherubim alone waited to receive it. The king in grand state, followed by his officers and attendants, entered the court and took his seat on the brazen scaffold which was erected for the special occasion. As the priests came out the inult-tude of musicians and singers burst forth into the joylul refrain, "For He is good, and His mercy endureth forever." At the same instant the symbol of the Divine presence was recognized. "The house was filled with a cloud," " for the giory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." At this supreme moment Solomon arose and blessed the whole congregation of Israel standing before him. He then went forward to the altar, and kneeling down, with his hands stretched forth unto heaven, gave utterance to one of the most sublime prayers that ever ascended to God. The numerous ceremonies connected with the consecration of the sanctuary to God were performed by Solomon himself. The priests are only mentioned as being the bearers of the ark. Solomon on this occasion united the two offices of priest and king. We can but faintly imagine what a sacred joy the temple, thus dedicated to God, must have been to all the Jews. Year by year as they thronged to Jerusalem at the great feasts, they would rejoice in the ever-increasing beauty of the Holy City, and their hearts would be stirred with loyal and patriotic emotions. The splendid ritual of the temple service would quicken their religious feelings and send them home rejoicing in the worship of the true God, the Jehovah of their fathers. Side by side with the material prosperity and religious zeal of the nation, there was also a corresponding advance in literary development. As frequently illustrated in history, a period of peace in a nation's history is always favourable to culture, and intercourse with foreign countries widens the intellectual range. So it was in the reign of Solomon. There was a distinct rise of historical and poetical literature, to which Solomon contributed largel. "He spake three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five." Most of his songs were lost, but in his Song of Songs we

have a beautiful example of his poetical style. He left no region of knowledge unexplored. "He spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon to the moss that springs out of the wall," and also "of beasts and of fowl and of creeping things and of fishes." The wave of poetical feeling, begun in David's reign, was carried onward in Solomon's time, and many poets and singers arose in Israel. Historians also began to keep regular chronicles of the kingdom.

But there is a darker side to the picture. Solomon, the representative of the splendours of monarchy, was to be the cause of its ruin and downfall. To gratify his passion for luxury he forced labour and cruel burdens on the people. Their time and work and money were extorted in order that he might carry out his expensive projects.

"It came to pass when Solomon was old that his wives turned away his heart after other gods." He who in his early piety built the "House of the Lord," "in his latter days' built altars for strange gods. Polygamy was one of his fatal errors. These "strange wives" from Moab, Ammon Edom, Prœucia turned away his heart," and influenced him to set up an idolatrous worship. This demoralization of the pure and spiritual religion of Jehovah did not tend to make the king increase in favour with his subjects. Already clouds were looming up over the horizon of a glad and peaceful reign. It would seem that in his latter days Solomon was more of a despot than ever. "The heavy yoke," "the grievous service," "the chastisement of whips," could not be submitted to without rebellion. The end of Solomon's reign is disappointing and sad. The seeds of disruption were already sown, and the people were ripening for revolt. Though this was the period of Israel's highest glory, it was also the beginning of its sad decline. The history of the divided kingdom in the following reign is but the outburst of the storm of rebeilion which had been indicated by the gathering clouds of discontent in the latter days of Solomon. Israel, God's chosen people, were scattered never again to be united under an earthly king. The promise, "Thy kingdom shall be established forever," given to David so recently eemed entirely frustrated. But the nation has still the hope of a glorious future, when David's Greater Son shall reign over the once again united kingdom, and the glorious words of prophecy shall be fulfilled ; Thus saith the Lord God ; Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be go ie, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land : and I will make them one nation, in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one King shall be King to them all : and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. ' (Ezek. xxxvii, 15-22.)

BEING HAPPY.

It is by no means impossible to imagine a world where existence would be constant suffering, the conditions now brought about by disease the normal ones, the body such that every sense should be an avenue for pain, and every nerve a string to vibrate with agony. We might be as painfully conscious of all the involuntary working of the vital organs as we are now blissfully unconscious of it; every breath might give us a twinge, and every beat of the heart thrill us with anguish. But so attractive is mere existence made that we always think of an animal's life as joyous; and the higher the creature the more intense we suppose the joy to be. Not unnaturally, then, it is assumed that God meant human life to be accompanied with the greatest pleasure; and the search for happiness has a perfectly reasonable basis.

The animals to which we attribute the greatest enjoyment are not such as the sponge or the oyster, but those like the birds or butterflies. Not indolence and sluggishness, but tireless activity is the ideal of pleasure, and the pleasure is thought of as proportioned to the action in the allotted sphere. We find no evidence of cravings destined to remain ungratified; and even pain appears as a merciful warning from wrong courses. So it is ordered of God that happiness comes in the discharge of duty; our unsatisfied longings only prompt us to seek that which can fill them; and the frequent disappointments and vexations only tell us that we are wandering from the right path and warn us against going further astray. The wants of the humblest human being can be met by nothing less than God; they point to a blessedness that is higher than happiness, and is itself only a prophecy of future bliss. Whatever the man of the world may gain, whatever Christians may lack, the one must remain in darkness that can be felt, the others have in their dwellings the true Light. The question how to be happy is no new one. Centuries ago men were seeking an answer to it; some found it, as they thought, in deadening the heart until there should be an utter indifference to pleasure and to pain; others, in the enjoyment of everything that could gratify the lower nature. The philosophers that tried the one course cut a sorry figure in history, the ruler of the world at that period had everything that he desired, and the men of his day represented him as by common consent the most wretched of men. It was at that time that a despised sect, in an obscure province, without comfirts and in peril of their lives, found the coveted secret, and lived and died happy because of the love of a Saviour in whose name they were telling others the same secret. How much improvement on their method has the world been able to offer since then ?-Golden Rule.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following statistics for the United States and British American provinces were presented to the Sixth International Convention, by Mr. E. Payson Porter, Statistical secretary :

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Connecticut	1,112	19,284	140 999	169 283
Delaware	217	2,913	22,700	25 619
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HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

It is impossible to carry on the work of the Lord without money. There are various branches of that work which would suffer materially were Christians to withdraw their aid. The Home and Foreign missionary must be supplied with the means of subsistence, the pastor must have his hire, and the various benevolent operations of the Church can be carried on only by the contributions of God's people. But the important question with the Church is, "How shall this money be obtained ?" Various are the modes by which this money is made to drop out of the hands of the people into the treasury of the Lord. Fairs, festivals, suppers, concerts and numerous other questionable means are made use of to accomplish the desired end. The argument generally advanced in support of the above modes is that they bring aid from such as are outside of the Church, and which would otherwise not be received, and in this way the world is inveigled into supporting the cause of Christ. This certainly is questionable work. It is getting money by delusion, and it is doubtful whether ith favour upon any of these modes. If we were a missionary on home or foreign ground we should feel very badly were we aware of the fact that the money sent for our support had been squeezed out of the geople at an oyster supper or church festival. Besides, this is not by any means benevolence. It is nothing more than bartering. So much money for so much supper, or so much for a chance at the fish pond, and the profit is given to the Lord. How different this is from the injunction, "Let each man give as the Lord hath prospered him," and how can the expression, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver " be applied to such benevolence? The only proper way for the churches to raise money to carry on the various branches of the Lord's work is by voluntary contributions on the part of the members. The money may come in slowly at first, but when once the people understand fully that this is the way the money is to be raised, it will be done, and with more ease than by the other questionable modes. It may require training to bring people to that point, but what grander work can be done by our ministers than to teach men and women to give gracefully and freely? It is the only true way to raise money for sacred purposes. Let it be thrown directly into the treasury of the Lord, and in such proportion as the Lord hath prospered us, and let it never be measured by the size of the oyster stew or the dish of ice cream.—Mid-Continent.

Our young Folks.

FOR YOU.

I have some good advice for you, My merry little man. 'Tis this: where'er your lot is cast Oh, do the best you can t And find the good in everything, No matter what or where ; And don't be always looking for The hardest things to bear.

Oh, do not stand with idle hands, And wait for something grand, While precious moments slip away Like grains of shining sand ! But do the duty nearest you, And do it faithfully, For stepping stones to greater things These little deeds shall be.

In this big world of ours, my boy, There's work for all to do, Just measure by the golden rule That which is set for you : And try it with the square of troth. And with the line of right In every act and thought of yours, Oh, keep your honour bright !

A DREADED TASK.

A task never grows smaller or lighter by sitting down and lamenting that it must be done, and there is an old maxim that teaches us that a thing "once begun is half done."

A farmer friend of mine has a boy of fourteen years, named Billy, who is like a good many other boys of my acquaintance. His heart is heavy, and a cloud immediately overspreads his face when he is asked to make himself useful.

"Billy," said Mr. H. one day when I was out at his farm. " why don't you go to work on that little patch of potatoes?

"Awe," whined Billy, "there's so many of tators I'll never get them hoed."

"You won't if you don't begin soon."

"I hate to begin."

"How are you ever going to do the work if you don't begin ?'

"Well, I'll begin pretty soon."

His father walked away, and I heard Billy exclaim in a tone that indicated great mental distress : " Plague on them gld taters ! It makes me sick to think of them !

"Why do you think about them, then ?" I said laughingly. " I've got to," he replied dolefully, with a sorrowful shake of the head. " I've been thinking about them ever since I got up this morning."

"How long, now, Billy, will it really take you to hoe them ? '

"Well, at least an hour."

"And you have been distressed about it ever since you got up ? "

"Well, I hate to hoe taters."

"And you've been up a little more than five hours?"

"Well, I I-," Bill began to grin, took up his hoe, and said, "I never thought of that !"

And the potatoes were hoed in just forty minutes. He doubles a task who dreads it.

NOT THE TOOL BUT THE WORKMAN.

We all know the story of Paganini, the great violinist. who in his early days, before his name was known, stepped out before an audience to make one of his first ventures after fame. Before beginning, as he was handling his instrument rather awkwardly, he snapped a string, and a moment after another. Sympathising with the nervousness of the untried aspirant for their favour, the people waited quietly, when, drawing his bow again, a quick, jangling sound showed a third string broken. And so it went on until there was but one left, the rustle in the house, meantime, of mingled pity and ridicule growing louder and louder. Then, at last, suddenly straightening himself up, the youthful genius swept his bow across the maimed violin, drawing forth such exquisite melody that every murmur sank instantly into silence, while his hearers listened entranced. Into your hands and mine, dear young people, God has put an instrument with which he invites us to join in the chorus of praise which is ascending to him from all quarters of the globe. We very often grumble that it is not larger and finer, not of this make or that, not a cornet instead of a harp ; we declare that it is useless to attempt to bring music from anything so clumsy or so insignificant. Let us in future remember Paganini-remember that it is not the instrument, bu the player who has most to do with the performance. Perhaps you are ready to say, " Paganini ! How many Paganinis are there ?" And I answer, "In God's great orchestra just as many as have the will to be." You, whoever you are-and it may be that you are not very gilted and are beset with many difficulties and commonplaces and discouragementsstill, you may, under the teaching of the wonderful Master send forth such strains of harmony day by day that the angels will praise God at the sound, and poor sinners travelling the downward road to death will stop to listen to it.

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of your strings wilfully. You need them all; you cannot afford to do without one jot of the beauty and compass of your instrument. If Paganini could discourse such sweet music on one string, what could he not have done on his full number? The boy who is in hot pursuit of a "good time" when he ought to be at his books, the girl who stuffs her mind with vanities, the man, woman, or child who wraps in a napkin and buries away any talent or smallest fraction of a talent, is marring that part of the symphony which the great Director has given him in charge.

WHO CAN BEST BE SPARED.

Young men, the first question your employers ask themselves when it is thought necessary to economize in the matter of salaries is, "Who can best be spared ?" It is the barnacles, the shirks, the makeshifts, somebody's good-for-nothing. Young men, please remember that these are not the ones who are called for when responsible positions are to be filled. Would you like to gauge your own future for a position of prominence? Would you like to know the probabilities of your getting such a position ? Enquire within ! What are you doing to make yourself valuable in the position you now occupy? If you are doing with your might what your hands find to do, the chances are ten to one that you soon become so valuable in that position that you cannot be spared from it . and then, singular to relate, will be the very time when you are sought out for promotion for a better place.

A BOYS ENEMY.

Once upon a time-to tell when and where would be a breach of confidence-a bright-eyed, well ted, well-housed boy told me that he "believed it was easier for a fellow to really amount to something if he had a rather tough time of it, than for us fellows who have everything so outrageously easy right straight along." My boy is not the first one who has found Ease and Soft-living hard giants to fight ; very sleepy, slow giants they are, but hard fellows to kill. Yet, does it require very much more grit and grace to fight them than to fight unthrift, ignorance and hideous unromantic poverty?

WHAT SMOKING DOES FOR BOYS.

A medical man, struck with the large number of boys under fifteen years of age whom he observed smoking, was led to enquire into the effect the habit had upon the general health. He took for his purpose thirty-eight aged from nine to fifteen, and carefully examined them. In twenty-seven he discovered injurious traces of the habit. In twenty-two there were various disorders of the circulation and digestion, palpitation of the heart and more or less taste for strong drink. In twelve there were frequent bleedings of the nose, ten had distarbed sleep and twelve had slight ulceration of the mucous membrane of the mouth, which disappeared on ceasing the use of tobacco for some days. The doctor treated them all for weakness, but with little effect until the smoking was discontinued, when health and strength were restored.

HOLD FAST, BOYS.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to swear, lie, or speak harshly, or use an improper word.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to punch, strike, scratch, steal, or do any improper act.

Hold on to your foot when you are on the point of kicking, running off from study, or pursuing the path of error, shame or crime.

Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited, or imposed upon, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to your heart when evil associates seek your company, and invite you to join in their mirth, games and revelry.

MIX THEM WITH BRAINS.

It is told of the famous painter, Opie, that when asked what he mixed his colours with, to obtain such beautiful tints, he answered, "With brains, sir."

This is the secret of success in everything, whether it is painting or patching, or piling wood. The boy who mixes his efforts " with brains " when he is weeding the garden, or driving the cows, or going on an errand, or selling goods in a store, will be the efficient boy, the one who is thought of first when people are looking for a "nice, smart boy" to do good work for good pay. And the girl who brings her brains into service when she is minding baby or dusting the room or washing the dishes, will be the one whom mother calls "her comfort," whom little brothers and sisters run to in their troubles, who finds work easier and pleasanter every day. There is a listless, indifferent way of working which seems sometimes to answer the purpose just as well, but it never does the worker any good. It would seem a foolish thing, would it not, when one has work to do, so to do it as to fail to get any benefit from it one's self? The dishes may be washed without breakage, or the weeds all pulled out of the garden, but if there has been no thought given to the work, the worker is none the better for it, though the employer or the parent may be. Boys and girls, what you want to do for vourselves is to make character. You want to build up aright the real boy or girl who lives in your body, at least as fast as the body itself is built up. And the way to develop character is to put brains into your work, to give yourself heartily to the duty at hand, whether it is work or play. Are not those the best playfellows who put brains into their play ?

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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GOLDEN TEXT-Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. Luke xv. 18.

INTRODUCTORY.

The parable of the prodigal son was spoken to the same . udience that listened to the two that precede it. This parable is one of sim-ple and touching beauty and pathos and has called forth the admi-ration o. every ace since first it was uttered. It has higher and better claims to our reverence and regard. It is much more than a beautiful, picture skilfully drawn, of in incident that moves the human heart. It unfolds the spuit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and con-veys to mind and heart a knowledge of God's saving truth. No won-der that the parable of the Frodigal Son has such a charm. It reveals the heart of the Infinite Father. the heart of the Infinite Father.

1. The Wanderer. - The members of the fumily mentioned in the parable that stand out promis ently are the father and the sons. The elder son was the heir to the larger portion of goods that belonged to the father. His personal interest in the home and its belongings was such that he was content to stay. He showed no desire to leave and try his fortune elsewhere. It was otherwise with his younger He was tired of the monotony and regularity of home life brother. His father's rule was irksome : he wants to go abroad and see the world, to join in its amusements and share in its pleasures. He preworld, to join in its amusements and share in its pleasures. He pre-sents the request to his father that his share of the paternal estate might be given him. With this the father complies. After a brief delay the prodigal having collected the share his father had given him takes his departure. The prodigal leaves home behind him and goes into a far country. Now he thinks he is free from his father's advice and control and he can do as he likes. He falls deeper and deeper into evil ways. The means his father had given him do not last long, because he made a sad misuse of them : he wasted his substance with riotous living. There is no difficulty in finding out who are meant by the several persons of the parable. The Father is God. The elder brother represents the Jewish nation and the younger the The elder brother represents the Jewish nation and the younger the Gentiles. The Prodigal Son also represents the career of the sinner and how strikingly he represents the downward course of trans-gression. At home he had all needful comfort and freedom. Ilis ants were provided for and he had his father's love to watch over him and his wisdom to instruct him. He longed to be his own mas-ter, the evil propensities of his nature were gaining ascendancy over ter, the evil propensities of his nature were gaining ascendancy over him. He went into the far country to be, as he thought, away from God. After the first step his descent was rapid. He rioted in evil and sinful ways. What his father had given him was soon spent. The noble faculties of the soul God-given are enfeebled and wasted by sin and sinful pleasures, opportunities were wasted, and the pro-dical is unsurged to meet the hitting. His course was ever more by sin and sinful pleasures, opportunities were wasted, and the pro-digal is unprepared to meet the luture. His course was ever more rapidly downward. All his means for procuring what he considered enjoyment were gone, "he had spent all." Then came a famme "and he began to be in want." By sin the soul is bereft of its support. The world has neither ambitions nor pleasures to satisfy the longings of the hungry soul. How dreary and desolate its condition when first it comes to realize this. For the poor prodigal there is a lower depth of degradation still. He has no friends in the far country to help and comfort him in his distress. He joins a citizen, one who has his home there. This citizen sends him into his fields to freed This citizen sends him into his fields to feed has his home there. swine. Those who heard the parable would readily understand how far the prodigal had fallen. No Jew would voluntarily understand how for the prodigal had fallen. unclean. His work was as ill-paid as it was degrading. "He would fain have filled his belly with the basks that the swine did eat, and no man gave unto him." The husks here mentioned are the pods of the kharub tree. "IIe who would not feed on the bread of angels petitions in hunger for husks of swine."

II. The Wanderer's Return. - The lessen now shows in the 11. The Wanderer's Return. - The lessen now shows in the clearest manner the nature of true repentance. The first step men-tioned is that the prodigal "came to hinself." Selfishness and sin had overborne his true self. Heart, mind and conscience were awakened; to their voice he listens. He contrasts his present miser-able and degraded state with the condition of things at home. His thoughts now turn homeward to his father. The sinner under the enlightening power of the Holv Snith realizes the awful nature well thoughts now turn homeward to his father. The sinner under the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit realizes the awful nature as well as the misery of sin, and resolves to have done with it. The prodi-gal forms a good resolution. He determines to go back to his father and confess his sin, acknowledge his unworthiness and to ask for the humblest place in the household. So under the power of conviction the awakened soul resolves to leave off wilful sinning and turn to God. Repentance involves the forsaking of sin, deep heart-felt sor-row for having sinned, the acknowledgement of unworthiness, and the row for having sinned, the acknowledgment of unworthiness, and the desire to be forgiven.

desire to be forgiven. III. The Penitent's Welcome. The prodigal did not content himself with forming good resolutions, and doing as so many often do, continuing in his evil ways and in his misery. "He arose and went." He left the far country and all its evils behind him. While the poor prodigal foot-sore, travel-stained and in rags is on his way back, his father sees him " when he was yet a great way off, and had compassion and ran, and fell on his neck and kissed him.' All this before the prodigal had uttered a word. How expressive of the boundless mercy and forgiving love of the Heavenly Father ! While the sinner is turning to God the divine mercy and compassion go forth to meet him. He is received in the embrace of the divine love, and the kiss of peace and reconciliation is given. As a part of true repentance there must be confession of sin. This a duty which the prodigal, though conscious of his father's forgiveness, cannot omit. He said all he had resolved to say with the exception of " make He said all he had resolved to say with the exception of "make me as one of thy hired servants." Now that he had been restored to his place in the father's heart and home it was no longer necesto his place in the lather's heart and nome it was no longer neces-sary. He was conscious of the higher blessing of sonship, he will not therefore ask for the lower one of servitude. Then the father gives orders for a fitting celebration of the produgal's return. The filthy rags are to be replaced by the best robe, a ring was to be placed on his hand and shoes on his feet. The spiritual signifi-cance of the is understood to be the clothung of the rementant significance of this is understood to be the clothing of the repentant sinner with the robe of Christ's rightcousness, the signet-ring the seal of adoption by the Holy Spirit, and the shoes all needed qualification for his henceforth walking in the paths of rightcousness in the spirit of new obedience. The joy occasioned by the prodigal's return was to be celebrated by a sumptious feast. All in the household were to share in the joy So as in the two previous parables we are taught that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

But, then, the other half of my sermon is to warn you against Paganini's example. Do not, I beg you, as he, confident in his genius, is suspected of having done, break off any

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS,

Those that live in the far country are without Christ, without God and without hope in the world.

Riotous living ever leasts to soul hunger, misery and degradation. The way of transgressors is hard.

There is no way out of the far country but by genuine repentance.

The Infinite Father yearns compassionately for the return of His erring children. He is waiting to be gracious.

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I T is high time that the man who never goes to church was heard from on the sin of clerical holidays. He usually puts in his work about this time of year.

S OME of our exchanges are advocating the plan of joining congregations together for worship during the hot season on the ground that union saves money. How economical some people are when money has to be spent for religious purposes. We didn't hear much about economy when the elections were going on a few weeks ago. The number of protests that are being filed does not seem to indicate a strong desire for economy in that direction. Any one of them may cost two or three thousand dollars. Good pulpit supply may be had for ten dollars per Sabbath. But we won't say any more.

`HERE are comparatively few resting places in Canada in which there may not be religious service held on Sabbath as regularly as in the centres of population. There is not a steamboat in the Dominion, certainly not one in Ontario, on which one service or probably two would not be welcomed. Every respectable summer hotel arranges or tries to arrange at least one service for guests. Tourists, as a rule, want worship on Sabbath. Many of them are active members of their churches at home and naturally they prefer to have at least one service. Usually there are two or three clergymen in every collection of tourists and they are always expected to conduct religious exercises of some kind. A minister never appears to much worse advantage than when he seems less anxious to have a religious service in a summer hotel or on a steamboat than many of the other tourists. The plea that he is travelling for the benefit of his health is of no force except in the case of an invalid. Worship promotes health.

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What will be done in the matter? We don't care to prophesy; but if our Scotch brethren have degenerated to the English level they will do nothing. The sound will shield the unsound, the evangelical will pat the rationalistic on the back, and say that "they trust they will not go too far;" and all will live together in that form of peace which is not peace, but treachery to God and His truth. The scribes and priests of Israel are now linked in unhallowed confederacies in which there is unbounded toleration for error; at the rate at which they are now advancing those same confederacies will soon have no tolerance for orthodoxy. Even now the sneers and sarcasms at the old faith are more than self-respecting and truth-loving men ought to bear. Yet behind the ruling cliques there are hosts of plain, godly men, who will be heard of before very long.

Whatever we may think about Spurgeon's judgment and temper, all must admire his courage. He is as fearless as Elijah. In an age that has its full share of trimmers it is refreshing to see a man of such genuine courage.

not do preventative work that can be done and ought to be done in every town and village in the Province?

Some years ago one of our ministers was asked to conduct service at one of the watering places on the Lower St. Lawrence. The congregation was largely composed of clergymen, lawyers, judges, merchants and other representative men usually found in such places. Contrary to the usual custom, the preacher selected a highly evangelistic sermon, one that would have suited admirably for a revival meeting, and delivered it with much pathos and power. The effect, we are told, was marked, and the congregation was much pleased and no doubt profitted. In return for the advice so frequently given by our clerical friends as to how a newspaper should be conducted, we would take the liberty of advising ministers who preach in summer hotels, on board steamboats and in all other places where tourists congregate, to take the richest Gospel sermons they have. It is a huge mistake to suppose that tourist congregations want a sermon on the beauties of nature or something of that kind. It is also a mistake to suppose that the representative men one meets in those places are anxious to hear a very elaborate argument on some phase of modern infidelity. They don't want anything of the kind. The richest Gospel sermons should be preached during vacation.

HE infamous Louisiana Lottery Bill goes to the people for a final decision. The governor vetoed the Bill but an appeal to the courts is being made on the ground that an amendment to the constitution can be submitted to the people without being sent to the governor. If the appeal is held good the matter goes over to the next legislature. If the appeal is quashed then the amendment will be submitted as ordered. In any event the matter is now in the hands of the electors of the State but whether that is an improvement or not depends entirely on what kind of people the electors of Louisiana are. In any self-governed country nearly everything is in the hands of the people but still bad laws are often passed and bad men are often sent to Parliament. In Canada the people govern themselves but there is no end of complaining about the badness of our politics and politicians. Such complaints have no foundation in common sense. The people are the source of power. Parliament is simply the people condensed. Representatives are sometimes better than their constituencies but never worse than a majority of them. We shall soon see whether the people of Louisiana are any better than the rascals who rule them.

THE Interior has this to say about Professor Goldwin Smith's statement that Americans hate England :---

An article which has been dignified by reproduction asserts that while Americans do not hate Englishmen individually, they do hate the British as a nation. That is untrue, and mischievous as well. Americans, with individual exceptions, take more pleasure in the power and success of the British Empire than they do in the prosperity of any other nation, excepting their own. British rule has been rough in rough times, but, taking it all in all, it has been by far the most beneficent empire in the history of man; and its rule now, wherever it extends, is the rule of justice and good will and liberty and Christianity. To say that Americans hate such a power is to say that Americans are yet barbarians. It is not perfect; it has most embarrassing problems, as in Ireland and India, but it grapples them with courage, with a very large display of wisdom and with entirely good intentions. We have had our scores against England, but we have settled them in full.

The exact truth on the question most likely is that the Roman Catholic Irish as a class, and an odd man here and there not an Irish Catholic, hate England, but the great majority of the American people have no such feeling. The *Interior* is no doubt correct in saying that, considered as a whole, the American people take more pleasure in the prosperity of the British Empire than in that of any country in the world excepting their own. It would say little for them if they did not.

Pass to the choir. The example of ministerial indecorum naturally corrupts the singers. They regard themselves as performers and the service as a performance. As soon as their duties are discharged, sometimes while they are proceeding, their by-play is noticeable and annoying. When the sermon their by-play is noticeable and annoying. When the sermon is reached the curtains of the choir-loft are closely drawn. The soprano places a box of caramels in her lap, draws a novel from her pocket, and regales her palate and her mind at the The organist scribbles notes to the contralto. same time. The basso closes his eyes and nods assent to the minister in the wrong places. Meantime, the tenor slips out and speeds away to an adjacent saloon to wet his whistle. All are alert, however, when the last hymn is reached, and the curtains are drawn back to display the choir once more. True, the basso's hair is unkempt, the soprano is chewing suspiciously, as though she had not had quite time to dispose satisfactorily of that last caramel; but the organist is seated decorously at the key-board ; the contralto stands demurely in her place ; while the tenor displays an amount of white shirt front which is calculated to mislead observers into imagining he means to make a clean breast of his evil doings.

Better a thousand times over to have no singing at all than have the Sabbath profaned and the House of God desecrated in that way. Canadian congregations cannot watch too closely the beginnings of such scandalous practices.

MODERATORS' ADDRESSES.

THE Jubilee Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church met in Rosemary Street Church, Belfast, on the evening of the 7th inst. There is a family likeness in Presbyterian procedure all over the world. The retiring Moderator opens with a sermon suitable to the occasion, and it is generally looked forward to with much interest. The Rev. William Clarke, B. A., preached the opening sermon from Luke xvi. 5, " How much owest thou unto my Lord?" After presenting a view of the mutufl dependence of mankind in all the social relationships of life as a stepping stone we may arrive at a greater, deeper sense of our overwhelming obligations to God for what we have and are, he asked his hearers to look into the Book of God containing the record of what we owe to Him as men, without regard to saints or sinners, and then as men saved by grace. The numerous blessings of providence and grace were presented with great clearness and eloquent fervour.

There is one thing in which the Presbyterian Assemblies of Great Britain differ from those on this continent. The Moderators are in the habit of delivering extended inaugural and closing addresses. In this respect our Assemblies do not follow their example. On the whole, this is perhaps well. It is doubtful if after an elaborate opening sermon the members would be in a mood to listen with the requisite degree of patience and sympathy to a no less elaborate and carefully prepared address on general subjects. It is certain that in the closing hours of our Assembly when a majority of the commissioners have gone, and the few that remain to the end are anxious to depart, a lengthy address, however eloquent and wise, from the chairman would fail to produce the impression the speaker designed. And yet, most of these addresses by the distinguished Moderators in Scotland and Ireland can be read with interest, though we would hesitate to recommend the adoption of a similar tax on the time and energies of our own Moderators and those whose duty it would be to listen to their elaborate addresses.

Various topics of timely interest were touched upon in the addresses delivered by the retiring and newly-elected Moderators of the Irish Assembly. Mr. Clarke started out with expressions of gratitude for the preservation of peace and harmony that had pervaded their church life during the year. This was naturally suggested by the storm raised in the Free Church by the Dods-Bruce controversy and the Revision debates in the American Church. As yet, at all events, the calm of the Irish Church is undisturbed by the presence of the ne:rer criticism. So far as appears it has neither exponent nor sympathizer. There can be no mistaking the outgoing Moderator's views concerning broad theology :—

IMING at impracticable reforms even earnest A men sometimes forget reforms quite within their reach. One of the facts brought out clearly by the Prison Reform Commission is that juvenile crime is mainly caused by the education boys get on the street at night. Now it may not be possible to get prohibition in this country for years to come but is there anything impossible about keeping boys from gathering in crowds on the street corners on Sabbath afternoons and on every evening in the week. Drunkenness is the principal cause of crime in grown people but the experts are almost unanimous in saying that street loafing makes a majority of the boy criminals. No one will say that the prevention of street loafing is beyond the power of existing laws. Nobody will ask whether the duty of dispersing the young scamps who congregate on the street corners on Sabbath afternoons belongs to the Dominion or Provincial Governments. Why

A CLERGYMAN, writing on "Bad manners in Church," gives the following description of the conduct of the choir and minister:--

To begin with the minister. Mark how often he is restless and inattentive when not himself directly engaged in leading the service. Who has not seen him leave the pulpit after entering it, and skip down to confer with this or that church officer? While seated and awaiting his "turn," he nods to various familiars in the pews. During the parts of the service rendered by the choir he busies himself in turning the pages of the hymn-book or fumbling with the paper on the sidetable. If a brother clergyman sits beside him, he chats with him while the service of song proceeds. If the other clergyman offers prayers, his eyes are wide open and wandering. What an utter lack of reverence! What an object-lesson in bad manners, visible and demoralizing to the entire assembly 1

All the brethren, he says, are found walking straightly and strongly in the good old ways of the sound doctrines in which our fathers journeyed to glory and to God; and not one of them is known to me who is not ready, should occasion arise, "to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." They are not hankering after novelty, which seems to be the fashionable fad of the hour; and it is to the credit of their soberness of mind and soundness of judgment that they have not been injuriously affected by the miasmatic heretical doctrines that are impregnating the atmosphere of some other ecclesiastical communions. . . I think I may venture to aver that there is not a Church of the Presbyterian family sounder in the faith or more zealously active in all departments of Christian work than our own little Irish Church.

If untouched hitherto by commotions that have agitated other churches, Mr. Clarke does not ignore the possibility of questions of a grave nature forcing themselves on the attention of the Irish Church. In view of this the ex-Moderator says :--

We see the Presbyterian Churches of other lands and the Anglican agitated by violent theological controversies in which some of the fundamental doctrines of our holy religion are denied or even scouted—aye, and in which the Bible itself, which contains these doctrines and is the only infallible rule of our faith and practice, is roughly handled by sacrilegious hands, and its divine inspiration, as well as its claims to be accepted as the Word of God, called in question. While we rejoice in the tranquility we enjoy, it behoveth us to remember that he who thinketh he standeth is bound to take heed lest he fall. The surging waves of heated theological controversies are sure to reach us sooner or later, and when they recede they will not leave us as they found us. Like men who have discernment of the signs of the times, and know what Israel ought to do, we should be busy in setting our house in order, so that when the day of trial comes it may find us steadfast, immovable and abounding in the work of the Lord.

The progress made by the Irish Presbyterians comes in for a share of attention. Mr. Clarke justly claims for his Church that though endowed with but comparatively little wealth, it is in the van of the Presbyterian Churches in the United Kingdom in the matter of contributions for the support of ordinances and the maintenance of Christian work at home and abroad. Several well-aimed and telling blows are dealt at sensational methods of endeavouring to promote congregational prosperity and carry on benevolent work by "sensuous music savouring more of the footlights and the concert-room than of the sanctuary of the Holy One," and such like. The most pacific of Irishmen are not altogether devoid of belligerent propensities. The advocates of peace at any price are seldom found among the people of that nationality. They seem to be endowed with the power to make a dexterous use of the shillelah, that is metaphorically speaking. Mr. Clarke, while expressing sympathy with the desires expressed for closer union on the part of all Irish Protestants, speaks out manfully on the folly and injustice of the assumption that all concession and sacrifice must come from those who do not admit the binding validity of Episcopalian claims to pre-eminence. The exclusiveness and narrowness now and then coming to the surface is characterized with a freedom of remark that is refreshing. Mr. Clarke has not to go far a-field to find well-defined illustrations of the unworthy spirit on which he felt it to be his duty to animadvert. A recent circular addressed to his clergy by the Archbishop of Armagh afforded a suitable text.

Other topics touched upon in the address were national education and the efforts of the Roman Catholic dignitaries to secure control of the Irish Educational System. The retiring Moderator claimed that the Presbyterians ought, in present circumstances, endeavour to obtain a fuller representation in the Imperial Parliament, holding that " without a sufficient number of true blue Presbyterian representatives, we will not be listened to by our rulers, or if listened to at all, we will be bowed out with the politely bland and courteous official salutation." He concluded his address with a reference to the numerous removals by death during the year of several of the most distinguished ministers in the Irish Church, and a few personal remarks which were very well received.

The new Moderator is the Rev. William Park, pastor of Rosemary Street Church, Belfast. He is one of the younger ministers in the Church, having been ordained in 1866. His ministerial career has been steadily onward and upward. He holds the office filled with so much efficiency by the late Rev. William Fleming Stevenson, the Assembly's Convener of Foreign Missions, and ministers to one of the most influential congregations in Belfast. His inaugural address was by no means a short one, ranging as it did over a variety of topics of present and timely interest. Like his predecessor in the chair, he is endowed with the gift of eloquence. After a wide survey of the field he closed with a few practical hints as to the method in which the business of the Assembly should be conducted. In the Irish Assembly as well as in those this side of the Atlantic there is evidently a growing impatience of long-winded and irrelevant debate. Apart from the regular and necessary business, it is evident that the chief interest of the Irish Assembly this year will be in connection with the jubilee celebration.

THE PASSION PLAY.

`HIS is the year in which the Passion Play is performed at Ober-Ammergau. If advertising is necessary to the success of spectacular and histrionic attractions the Passion Play has this time been well advertised. Long before the time for the performance had arrived tourists of an observant turn had visited the remote village, interviewed the players and villagers and gave their more or less glowing accounts all the publicity they could obtain. Men of eminence in the literary world as well as prominent churchmen found their way to the Bavarian village and became enthusiastic over what they heard and witnessed. When men like Archdeacon Farrer and William T. Stead write in glowing terms of praise of the stage performances of the unsophisticated amateurs of a remote mountain village it is no wonder that a visit to Ober-Ammergau is one of the fashionable pilgrimages of the present season. Enthusiastic admiration of the play seems to be deemed the correct thing among the cultured.

Still all who go with unprejudiced minds, and not influenced by the inconsistent vagaries of mere fashion are by no means insensible to the incongruities that force themselves on the attention of calm and impartial onlookers. The simple men and women who form the dramatic corps at Ober-Ammergau also serve in humbler capacities. The influx of strangers renders it necessary that provision be made for food and shelter, and those who occupy exalted positions on the stage find it convenient and it is to be hoped profitable to act as waiters and waitresses in the hostelries improvised for the entertainment of the guests attracted to the village by the Passion Play. These dual functions somehow do not blend harmoniously, and it may be held as excusable that some merriment is indulged in at the expense of those who take part in a drama of world-wide significance, while in the intervals they are to be found dispensing the viands peculiar to the region in which the performance takes place.

The Passion Play is a survival of conditions totally different from those of the present day. It is a remnant of mediæval times, and as such no doubt has a certain interest for the people of to-day. It is difficult to conceive of it other than as a curiosity, notwithstanding the ecstacy of admiration it has evoked from men whose heads are supposed to be level. The artistic treatment of sacred themes is a subject on which no doubt much can be said. The most sacred of all subjects connected with the adorable mystery of redemption can scarcely be regarded by any whose reverence has not been hopelessly blunted as a fit subject for histrionic representation. True, the accessories may be all that good taste and reverent feeling can suggest, the players may or may not have a proper conception of the awful sacredness of the divine mystery they are engaged in representing, still the momentous work on earth of Jesus Christ for man's redemption is not a fit subject for theatrical performance. The thought of such a thing conveys a shock to a wellbalanced religious nature.

Before the invention of printing, when education was something of which the people of Europe were profoundly ignorant, there might be a colourable excuse that the mimes and miracle-plays of those times were means of popular instruction. Even that, however, is open to question when the character of several such compositions as have survived are examined. Not to speak of the buffooneries and rude horseplay in juxtaposition with matters of deep solemnity, the frivolous and erroneous representations of scriptural events were of a kind remote from purposes of moral and spiritual instruction. It required loftier and more direct means to bring the popular mind into sympathy with divine truth. It can hardly be claimed that the mediæval stage, over which the Church had control, was one of the forces that helped to produce the Reformation. What the moral and spiritual value of the decennial performance of the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau is it may be difficult to determine. In minds familiar with the great facts represented and having a reverential apprehension of their significance there may be a proper conception of the higher meaning and purpose of the events pourtrayed; at the same time it will be difficult to exclude the fact that the whole thing as thus presented is neither more nor less than a spectacular illusion. Many of the sightseers no doubt witness the Passion Play with much the same feeling as they might listen to an opera of Gounod or Wagner, or go to see one of the stage productions of a modern popular playwright. Theatrical performances with sacred events for their subjects are not calculated to deepen in the popular mind that reverence for spiritual things in which many at the present time are sadly deficient.

Books and Magazines.

DOROTHY'S VOCATION. By Evelyn Everett Green. (Edinburgh and London : Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier.)—This neat little volume contains a good story, well, directly and clearly told, by the authoress of "Oliver Langton's Word." It is a tale of social life in which all but one of the members of the family, the heroine of the story, had the conventional idea about poor relations and country cousins. The hero, much to the chagrin of the others, turns out to be an accomplished, philanthropic and well-to-do young man, who weds the one girl of the family, who from the first discerned his worth though she knew nothing then of his wealth.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. (New York : Macmillan & Co.)—The July number of this finely-illustrated monthly is more than usually in eresting. For frontispiece a full-page portrait of H. R. H. Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, who, along with Lady Wolverton, writes on "The Needlework Guild." Eton College comes in for literary and artistic treatment. Its history, athletics and educational functions are described by competent writers. Lewis Morris contributes St. Cecilia, a poem of some length and much merit. Lord Dunraven's residence, "Adare Manor," is described and illustrated. "Overland from India," by Sir Donald Wallace, is a good piece of graphic writing, and the "Art of Silhouetting" is entertaining. William Morris' story progresses in interest and attractiveness.

WALDO, By N. D. Bagwell. (Toronto : William Briggs.)-There are various ways of combating infidelity. The author of this work has in his own way possibly done more to show the cold, harsh, repellant nature of unbelief than if he had written a learned and argumentative treatise. The work is in the shape of a tale that has in it considerable elements of power. In a family where several of its members were hard and skeptical, one was a preacher of the Gospel. The children of one of the brothers were at his death confided to the care of other two, the boy was entrusted to the preacher and the girl to the one who was a skeptic. Under the loving care of the preacher the boy grew up and early came under strong religious impressions, devoting himself subsequently to the service of Christ in the Gospel. The unsatisfactory nature of unbelief is brought out in striking contrast when the soul is confronted with the trying and stern realities of life and death. The scene of the story is laid in New Orleans. The delineation of character is strong and distinct.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM ILLUSTRATED. By Rev. T. L. Wilkinson. (Toronto : William Briggs.)-The ingenious author of a century ago was rather fond of crowding his title-page with a number of details of what the reader might expect from the perusal of his work. Though the old custom is far from being artistic it nevertheless had its uses. Mr. Wilkinson, though he has studied brevity in the treatise itself, has expanded its title-page. As however it is explanatory, it might be well to reproduce it here, as it will enable the reader to form an idea of the purpose and value of the work. "Christian Baptism Illustrated and greatly simplified by means of a number of ingenious charts and diagrams. The researches of years are thus placed within the easy grasp of all with great clearness and precision. A remarkably unique arrangement." A perusal of the work, which as might be expected, is polemic in its character, will lead the reader to conclude that what is here claimed for the author has been successfully accomplished. It is a valuable contribution to the literature of the Baptist controversy.

THE PROVINCIAL LETTERS. Moral Teachings of the Jesuit Fathers opposed to the Church of Rome and Latin Vulgate. By Blaise Pascal. (Toronto : William Briggs.)-Wide as has been the reputation of this classic work this is the first Canadian edition that has appeared. It is carefully and clearly printed and is an attractive volume. For Canadian readers its appearance is timely. Much as has of late been written on the doctrines and policy of the Society of Jesus, Pascal's Letters are not yet left in the shade. It is still the best and most complete work on a subject that has lost none of its interest. The "Provincial Letters" has become more than a merely French classic. It is one of the works of genius that holds its place in universal literature, as well as in the narrower sphere of polemics. The profound and subtle dialectic of its author is unique. The work is introduced in a brief preface of which the following is the closing sentence : The present race of Jesuits in this Dominion are the legalized and professed representatives of the proscribed society, in property, teaching and practice ; this antidotal and admirable volume is respectfully dedicated to the cultivated intellect and ever-brightening intelligence of our national community. A well-written Life of the Author enhances the popular value of the work.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW. By John Monro Gibson, M.A., D.D., London. (Toronto : Willard Tract Depository.)-Whatever Dr. J. Monro Gibson undertakes to do he does it well. ' The Expositor's Bible " is a splendid series. Men distinguished for their scholarship and prominence in various branches of the Christian Church have been called on to contribute to this great and important work. It is under the editorial supervision of W. Robertson Nicholl, M.A., LL.D. If some of the contributors may not be regarded as strictly orthodox, no suspicion can in this respect attach to Dr. Gibson. His work is enriched by his fine appreciation of evangelical truth. The clear, massive and strong style characteristic of all his writings is well marked in this volume. It is not a dry, formal commentary on the first Gospel, but a methodical exposition of the life and work of Jesus Christ, as will be seen from the following enumeration of the contents : The Coming of Christ, His Reception, His Herald, His Baptism, His Temptation, Beginning of His Galilean Ministry, The Gospel of the Kingdom, The Signs of the Kingdom, The King's Ambassadors, The Shadow of the Cross, The Parables of the Kingdom, The Crisis in Galilee, The New Departure, Last Words at Capernaum, Last Days in Perea, To Jerusalem, Conflict in the Temple, The Prophecy on the Mount, The Great Atonement Day, The Third Day, The Gospel for all the Nations through "All the Days." His object has evidently been to bring out into clear light the truth contained in the Word, and in this he has been remarkably successful. It is a work that is scholarly without pedantry, and is replete with what in old days was termed the "Marrow of the Gospel." It will be regarded as valuable and useful, and be highly prized by all into whose hands it may come.

Cooice Literature.

A FOOL'S TASK.

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It was a terrible shock when people heard that Sydney had been tobbed near Garside Wood. Frewston was almost free from crime. Burglary and highway robbery were looked upon as the misfortunes of remote places, and it never entered the minds of the inhabitants that such calamities could visit them.

Then there was the rumour started, nobody new how or where, that it was not a real robbery but a pretended one, and that Sydney was himself the real culprit. Amos Pulp was one of the first to suggest it. But worse followed. The robbery became associated with

Nat Pepsley's disappearance. Nat, in his rambling fashion, had said something about Sydney Bastow and a robbery of fifteen hundred pounds; he had even mentioned Garside Wood. The person who gave this information had taken no notice of Nat's talk, and had forgotten it until the robbery really happened, for Nat was known to be a great romancer if he could find a listener

Frewston was aroused, and a thorough search was made at last for the missing one.

Nat was found in the snow, not far from the bridge which crossed Lazy Beck. He must have been dead for some days His neck was broken ; and it looked as it he had fallen from a tree, and then the snow had covered hun, and kept hun from sight until the thorough search was made.

CHAPTER V.

AN OFTEN VERDICI

Mrs. Ventnor's sense of duty began to manifest itself in a very dogmatic manner when she heard the news, which seemed to rush about like something mad, and which exaggerated simple facts and supplied missing links in the chain of information. She assumed at once that Sydney had been guilty of unspeakable crimes, and that henceforth he ought to be put away from the affectionate regard of all his former friends, if the subject had not been so serious, it would have been amusing to hear the lady speak about the esteem in which she had always held Sydney : she even said to Alice,-

'I have sometimes fancied that he cared more for you than his position justified, but when I thought he was respectable and upright I never felt the least resentment against him; I did not, Alice. He is a Bastow, and your grandmother was a Bastow ; I am a Borchife myself, and should be sorry to say that any well-conducted Bastow is not good enough for any Borchife in the world. I cannot tell you how much I feet this disgrave. We shall all feel it, but I think it is paiming me more than any one. I am putting him away from my heart entirely, and the wrench is dreadful. Why, Alice, he might possibly have been your ---

Mrs. Ventnor was not able to much the sentence ; the vision of past possibilities was too dreadful for words.

A faint blush passed over the features of Alice when she listened to her mother, and then, in a calm tone, she replied, -

"I think we had better say nothing about this subject until we know the particulars. We have heard half-a-dozen contradictory rumours, which cannot all be true. Perhaps they are all false."

But, Alice -* Fortunately there was a visitor announced, and the con-

versation was interrupted. When we have perfect faith in the honour of our friends, we grieve in our confidence if circumstances place them in doubtful positions, and what looks like evidence is against

them. Sydney had been robbed or he had not : either alternative was a misfortune, but, as Alice knew, the greater misfortune was not to have been robbed. But the possibility of that was never seriously entertained in her mind.

Then this talk about Nat Pepsley having said something concerning the robbery a day or two before it happened -that was bewildering. He mentioned the place and sum. Nat s violent death was another strange circumstance.

There was enough to fill Alice's heart with sadness, though her belief in Sydney's integrity did not waver.

Fred was out of the way at this time. He had been sent unexpectedly to France by the firm, to inspect some new machinery, and he returned to I rewston on Christmas eve, when the whole place was agitated as no inhabitant could remember it to have been agitated before.

It was a rare time for the Parkhorse. Men who never entered a public-house under ordinary circumstances dropped in to hear the latest news; and women who generally held public houses in abhorrence were glad to hear what had been said, and allowed their husbands to go an t have a glass of something, without favouring them with the usual tirade against drink shops and loafers.

An inquest was held over Nat Pepsley, and, by the coroner's direction, an open verdict was returned. This open verdict was a mysterious something which tilled public with awe, and it was discussed at the Packhorse with interest which increased as the drink was consumed. The most important witness at the coroner's inquiry was a boy called Frowden -a very quiet boy, and almost the only one in Frewston who did not join in the tricks which had been played upon Nat. He had white hair and pink eyes, and he was fond of all kinds of pets. Nat Pepsley had often caught birds for him. Frowden was teased by the boys, and that circumstance had helped to cement the friendship between him and Nat. His name was Richard, but everybody called him "Dicky," except the boys, and they called him "Dickybird." Dicky said that on the morning of the day on which Nat disappeared he had seen him not far from the school Nat was going to the woods, and Dicky wanted to go with him, but had to go to school instead. Nat said something about fifteen hundred pounds being a good deal of money. Doky agreed with him. Then Nat said something about robbery being very wrong. Daky agreed with that Incoherent remarks were then made about the Twisted Slope, near Garside Wood, and about Sydney Bastow; but Dirky thought Nat was rambling a bit in his mind, as he did sometimes.

When the robbery took place, however, and it was at the bottom of Twisted Slope, and fifteen hundred pounds was the sum taken, and Sydney Bastow was the victim. Dicky remem-bered everything that Nat had said to him, and he told his mother, who speedily told her neighbours, so that in an incredibly short time it was known throughout Frewston.

Dicky was carefully questioned by the coroner, but his testimony never wavered. Nat had said that to him every word of it, and the reason why Dicky had not mentioned it sooner was that Nat often said funny things to him. But he did not think Nat had ever said anything to him about robberies before. He did not know where the information came from. It was nearly school time, and he was afraid of being late, so he did not stand more than a minute or two.

Well you have been carrying on during my absence," said Fred Borchiffe to Mr. Anderson Bastow, one of the partners, a long-headed man, who was said to know more about the ins and outs of the business than any other member of the firm. He was usually called Mr. Anderson, as it was found necessary to use Christian names largely where so many Bas tows and Borcliffes were together.

It is a very disagreeable affair," replied Mr. Anderson. " If it had been anybody but Sydney, I should have suspected foul play. I do not mean that fair play accounts for what has happened, but if anybody but Sydney had been robbed, I should have thought it was a trick. There has been dirty work somewhere, and I am sorry for Sydney, because people will talk "

Then Fred asked for the particulars, and Mr. Anderson told him all that was known. "What will be done?" Fred asked.

"The police have it in hand," was the reply. "The strange part of the affair is that an idiot son of Silas Pepsley knew something about the robbery beforehand." "That is strange !" Fred exclaimed.

Then Mr. Anderson told him about Dicky Frowden's evidence, and Fred was deeply interested in it.

It is strange that so much should be known, and no more," said Fred. Then he began to talk about the machinery which he had seen in France, and the two became absorbed in matters of business.

This interview took place at the mill, and when Fred left he turned his footsteps towards his own home, a pleasant house on the way to Ferndene. It was the place which old John Bastow built for himself when he left the cottage in which he lived until his fortune was secured. Fred had a housekeeper, who had known him from childhood, a silent old woman, called Levick.

I red looked with longing eyes towards I erndene, and for a moment he was undecided whether to go there or not, but with reluctance he entered his own door, saying to hunself, "I must take time to think."

Mrs. Levick might be silent with most people, and it was sometimes said that if a still tongue makes a wise head, she ought to beat Solomon himself; but she was communicative enough to her master, and it was evident that she had a great deal to tell him, for before he had been many minutes in the house she was repeating to him all she had heard about the strange events which had happened while he was in France.

Sydney Bastow did not care to have the trouble and responsibility of a house, but he lodged with an old couple whose home he had shared since his boyhood. Moses Hellewell, with whom Sydney lodged, was a clerk at the mill; he might have been superannuated long before, but he had always asked to be kept on , his heart was in his work, and he could not bear the thought of being separated from it. Sydney had been a boy under him in the office, but Moses was never jeal ous of his lodger's prosperity.

"One is made for this, and another is made for that," Moses said . " and Sydney is made for topping us all. L.t us be thankful it is him and not some folks."

Nancy, his wife, was as proud of Sydney as her husband was ; and in all Frewston there was nobody who had a better opinion of him than the two old people with whom he lived.

It was a sad blow to them when a promising career seemed blighted by an untoward accident, which had plainful associations that caused people to shake their heads and say, as Amos Pulp had often said, that high climbing and far falling went together.

The police inspector who went to enquire into the case had a long interview with Sydney, and was disappointed at not receiving more information about the robbery. Sy lney sud he could scarcely remember anything which hill hippenel; the horse fell, and he was pitched out of the trap and stanned. Fortunately, there was plenty of snow on the ground, or the effect would have been more serious.

"That is a gloomy corner," said the inspector "Yes, it is gloomy," replied Sydney; "but the horse I had with me is very sure-footed He went down as if he was

shot."

"He was thrown down," replied the inspector.

"Thrown down?"

Yes, a cord of some kind was stretched across the road a few inches from the ground. I have seen the places on the trees where it was fastened, and there are marks on the horse where he struck it."

There was a long silence after this statement, and the inspector soon after took his departure. Outside the village was joined by a rough-looking man who had been making If agreeable at the Packhorse. hunse

Susan Midgebout snicked a great deal of tobacco in those days, and acknowledged that Frewston reminded her of Leeds and Manchester, it was becoming lively, and there was something to talk about. Ann Gowden's hair seemed bewitched, and it came loose more frequently than ever. Eunice Kirk, however, appeared to think that as most things were unset tled it was her duty to hold fast by her favourite system of rigid neatness, so she went about tidier than her oldest friend had ever seen her before, and she gave utterance to sharper criticisms and more crushing rejoinders as wild talk became wilder and vague rumours became vaguer. Silas and Betty Pepsley received many visits and much condolence. Perhaps the women who expressed most sorrow for Nat's untimely end were those who had previously said it would be a good thing if his parents were relieved of the burden of his support. Betty put her left hand over her mouth and looked bewildered; but Silas thrust both his hands into his pockets and, shaking his head, remarked, -

If th' meat's bad it's bad, and more sauce doesn't mend it. Put your talk in one scale and a graveyard in the other. Then where are you?"

The gossips arrived at the conclusion that some people receive consolation very badly.

Business continued good at the Packhorse, and Amos Pulp received more gratuitous drinks than ever. He said it reminded him of Christmas in the good old times. He had made a song about Nat Pepsley, and sang it to a very melan choly tune, and the customers were never tired of hearing it. The song was based on the idea that Nat had been murdered, and was very valuable on that account, because there was no evidence in favour of the opinion, and the song supplied the missing link.

But the hero of the time was Dicky Frowden. If Dicky had been allowed to attend the Packhorse he might have had drink enough to swim in, as Amos Pulp said, who was inclined to sneer at the popularity of a boy, especially a boy without poetic gifts. In Dicky's absence, Siah Frowden, the boy's f ther, became an important person for the first time in his life.

George Cawlishaw felt himself at a disadvantage. Why did not Nat tell him about the robbery, instead of a birdkeeping, mouse-catching simpleton like Dicky Frowden. George could break a nail with his teeth, and on that account had often tasted the sweets of popular attention, it was only natural, therefore, that he should become morose when he found himself passed by in the turmoil and interest of the allpervading theme. It was whispered among the boys that Nat's ghost haunted Garside Wood, that henceforth it would be impossible for them to play in their old favourite spot, where they had gathered bluebells, nuts, and acorns. George sneered at this, and declared that he would visit the place oftener than ever. His companions looked sceptical, so in a boastful manner he started for the wood, and promised to bring the ghost back with him.

The rough man, called Norton, who had the interview with Inspector Thorn, of the county constabulary, was also fond of prowling about Garside Wood.

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'That bag must have weighed the best part of a hundredweight," he said, "considering how much silver there was with the gold. You cannot put a hundredweight in your eye, and hide it with a pair of spectacles. Thorn thinks this young swell who was robbed is all straight and square. If so, where did the bag go to? No carriage or cart left Frewston that night, or entered it either, except the young's swell's gig. If he is straight and square, either the money was divided among a lot, who walked off with it, or it was hidden some-where. I cannot hear about a party being seen on the roads; there were odd ones hear and there, as usual, but no parties. and they generally stick pretty closely together. It is a bit queer the young swell had no grown with him. Gave up tak-ing the groom a month or two since." Norton went to the bottom of Twisted Slope, as he had

often done before, and he examined the trees on both sides.

"That horse was thrown," he said. "A fellow would hardly do that for a blind. Of course, the snow made it easy falling, but a fellow would hardly do it for a blind, he might have killed the horse or broken his own neck. No, the proper way is to get your friends to stop you, and the your hands behind you, and tear your clothes, as if you had struggled your hardest. That's the proper game, but this looks different. Somebody in Frewston must have done it, or that idiot could not have known anything about it. His father seems all right, and his mother too"

Norton strolled back into the wood. Before he reached the bridge which crossed Lazy Beck he saw a boy standing near the place where Nat Pepsley's body had been found. Norton stood perfectly still, and watched the boy, who was gazing intently at the top of an ivy-covered trunk.

The boy was George Cawlishaw, and he was carrying out the threat which he had made in a spirit of brava-lo to his companions. If they had seen him they would have fancied that he expected to find Nat's ghost at the top of the tree. But George saw some robins, and they appeared to be dead. and he was scheming to get them, that he might show them to the boys, and boast that he had fetched them down from the very tree off which Nat had fallen.

George found the best place for clumbing, and in a few minutes he had reached the robins, which he threw down upon the snow below. Then he threw several other articles, and carefully descended. When he regained the solid earth

Any news, Norton?" the inspector asked

"Plenty of talk," replied Norton, " but not much in it, This Sydney Bastow seems well liked. A monthing feel called Pulp, dozs not care for him, but Pulp is a Jackiss. I fancy Mr. Fred Borcliffe has no love for Mr. Sydney Bastow; some love affair, I hear.'

The rough-looking man was a detective.

CHAPTER VI.

THE DRAUGHT-BOARD.

It was fortunate that Christmas holidays lasted a week at Frewston, for if the people had been expected to work while the excitement was at its height there would certainly have been accidents among the machinery. Everybody who could possibly get out of doors went to see the funeral of Nat Pensley, and many expostulations were addressed to George Cawlishaw and his companions about the crucity of tormenting those whom God had afficied. A subscription was also started to pay the expenses of the funeral and provide a monument which might be crected over Nat's grave.

he found a rough-looking man examining the things.

" Them's mine," said George.

" If I had a pipe and tobacco I should not keep them at the top of a tree," replied the man.

"That was Nat Pepsley's pipe," George replied, "I've seen him with it many a time, and that was his barca, and that was his birdlime, and he must have limed the twigs which caught these robins ; and they're all mine because live found them."

"I see," replied Norton ; " that part of the mystery is explained. Nat was up there liming twigs and going to have a quiet smoke. A fit came on, and down he comes. Was there anything else up there?"

George shook his head, and held out his hands for the treasures.

But Norton was examining the foot of the trunk, where the ivy clustered very thickly on one side. He removed the snow, and found that behind the ivy there was a hole. It was too narrow for him to pass, but he looked inside, and noticed that light entered it through a smaller opening above.

(To be Continued.)

TO THE CRICKET.

Didst thou not tease and fret me to and fro, Sweet spirit of this summer circled field, With that quict using of thing, the mould not

With that quiet voice of thine, that would not yield Its meaning, though 1 mused and sought it so 7 But now 1 am content to let it go, To lie at length and watch the swallows pass,

As blithe and restful as the quiet grass; Content only to listen, and to know

That years shall turn and summers yet shall shine, And I shall lie beneath these swaying trees, Solution to the state of t

Still listening thus ; haply at last to seize And render in some happier verse divine

That friendly, homely, haunting speech of thine, That perfect utterance of content and ease.

CANON LIDDON ON MISSIONS.

Across the triumphs and the failures of well-nigh nineteen centuries, the spiritual car still catches the accents of the charge on the mountain in Galilee , and, as we listen, we note that neither length of time nor change of circumstance has impaired their solemn and enduring force. It is a precept which, if it ever had binding 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 ambas-salors of a charity which knows no distinctions between the claimants on its bounty, and no frontiers 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 mmost 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 inward peacepeace between the soul and its God, peace between the soul's various powers and faculties-he can not but ask the question. " Do I not owe it to the millions who have no part in these priceless blessings that I should do what I can myself, or through others, to extend to them a share in this since of the Universal Father which is the joy and consolation of my life? Can 1 possibly neglect the com-mand to make disciples of all nations ?"-Spirit of Missions.

SCENE IN A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

An extraordinary scene in a lunatic asylum is thus described by the Paris correspondent of the Daily News, (London): -- There is nothing, mad doctors say, more unusual than for lunatics who are together to act on a common impulse. Last Sunday, however, six inmates of the Bict 're Asylum were so irritated and oppressed by the sultry weather preceding the hailstorm as to take an identical course in letting off their nervous excitement. The outbreak took place in the refectory, where a lunatic who has often had to be kept in a padded room complained that a new keeper had deprived him of a portion of food to which he was entitled. The complaint viss well founded. As the dish was being fetched the madman lost patience and dashed the plate before him against the wall opposite. Five others followed his example, and then ran to pitch everything they could lay their hands upon out of the windows. M. Pinon, the Governor, was called, compulsion of a violent kind never being suffered unless by his order. As he entered the refectory a dish was broken on his head, and he and a keeper who was with him had difficulty in escaping with their lives. The mad people tore down the iron bars which formed a partition between their part of the hall and a section where other patients were dining. They then got to the keepers' rooms, and, seizing knives and razors, went to cut the throats of those who denied them their liberty. Troops were summoned from the fort, and arrived as the mutineers had got possession of the kitchens and courtyard. When twenty soldiers with fixed hayonets entered the latter there was a sudden collapse. The six ringleaders dropped their knives and razors, begged pardon, and submitted quietly to be taken to their cells. Nearly all the keepers were seriously injured. One, Fourmer, was beaten with a chair and his arm broken in two places. A madman named Jolly rifled a desk of banknotes, all of which he ate.

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THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

LETTER FROM SAN FERNANDO, TRINIDAD. Miss Graham writes : Mr. and Mrs. Grant and family left for New York on the 31st ult., and are now, I suppose, in Nova Scotia. Ere this reaches you, you will doubtless have heard of the pleasant surprise given Mr. Grant a few evenings before his departure. As we neared the beautiful house of Mr. T. Serju, where the gathering was held, I could not help wishing that the Church at home-just the missionary part of it, I mean-could for a moment view the scene before us, for I am sure they would feel that in supporting a mission among the East Indians in Trinidad they had " cast bread upon the waters," which already was returning to them, and will doubtless continue to do so " many days " hence. The house has a charming site. In front is a garden which when further cultivated will charm all lovers of tropical flowers and foliage ; behind it are beautiful palms through which you have a splendid view of the harbour. The front of the house, which is surrounded by a gallery, was beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, and as we entered and were shown to our places at the Oriental table, a march was played on the harmonium and tea was served, but being a tea totaler I did not indulge therein, until told that it was not ordinary tea, when, always ready for something extraordinary, I was persuaded to take a cup of what they told me was real Chinese tea. But why prolong the tale, casting weak words." The address, which was read to Mr. Grant, gives you but a faint idea of the Indian people's love for Mr. Grant and their gratitude for his unselfish labours for them. It is also pleasant to notice in the address that Mrs. Grant's kindness and care for her people has not been forgotten by those to whom she has not only spoken loving words, but for whom she has faithfully done many acts of kindness. Having enjoyed their pleasant home for six months, I expect to find the six months that Mr. and Mrs. Grant will be absent very long indeed for I have not the contented disposition of my companion at Princestown, and do not like being alone. She-Miss A -came down on the Saturday that our friends left us, and did her best to comfort me, but I have not seen her since. As Saturday is the only day we can get away we do not see each other as often as we would like. Our school has been very well attended since the beginning of the year. In April the average was 151, and in May 169, so you see it is getting better all the time. In January, Mr. Grant succeeded in getting over twenty children from Toruba estate, but lately several of them have been sent to work in the cane fields, so you see how difficult it is to get the estate children to school. The children in town attend more regularly, for by continual coasing we can "gather them in." Last Sunday, after Sabbath school, I walked to Union Hall estate about two miles distant, taking with me a number of Sabbath school papers which I distributed to the children who seemed delighted with them, although many of them could not read. Quite a number of the children on this estate come to our school, and next morning I was delighted to see two new children who on Sunday had promised to come to school if I gave them papers. I also visited the hospital, but only found one or two who could understand English. In Mr. Grant's district there are a larger number of Indians who speak English than in any other part of the mission field, so I generally get along very well with the young people, although, of course, I often met many older ones who cannot understand me, nor I them.

THE SANTHALS OF INDIA.

The Santhals occupy a small hilly portion of India called Santhalistan, about 150 miles northwest of Calcutta. They have descended from the aboriginies of the country. According to tradition they lived in the Punjaub long before the Hindus entered India, but were gradually driven back by them to their present location.

They are of darker complexion and stronger build than the Hindus, and are divided into twelve tribes, each of which is subdivided into twelve families. They live in villages presided over by a chief and four other officers, besides two priests. One of the officers looks after the morals and etiquette of the young, and of the old, too, when necessary. Courting is not allowed without his knowledge and consent. If he sees an unmarried young couple engaged in conversation he asks the young man whether he will marry the young woman. If he says "yes," he is brought before the court, and his father must treat to a drink ; if he says "no," the officer thrashes him well with a stick, and says . "You have no business to talk to that girl if you do not want to marry her."

They do not intermarry in the same tribe. If the elder brother dies leaving widow, children, property, they all fall to the brother next younger. If a man is the youngest of ten sons, with nine married brothers, and the nine should all die, the youngest of the ten sons is liable to be saddled with nine widows and all their numerous children. An old bachelor is despised by both sexes. He is classed next to a thief or a witch, and is termed "no man."

In the marriage ceremony, instead of using a ring, the bridegroom puts five horizontal streaks of red paint on the forehead of his happy bride. She is then slowered with rice and other grain before the people sit down to partake of the wedding supper. She cares more for weight and number of ornaments than for fine workmanship and costly material. She is happy with about five pounds of brass bangles on each ankle. She is not married in childhood as are the Hindu girls, and she stands higher in the family circle. Polygamy is not exactly prohibited, but is unpopular and rare.

The Santhals worship many gods, which are spirits, and may inhabit for purposes of worship a bit of stone picked up on the mountains. They sacrifice fowls and goats and make other offerings to malignant spirits, so as to keep them on good terms, and thus prevent many evils.

Like the Hindus, the Santhals burn the human body after death, but they have some peculiar customs of their own. A live fowl is fastened and burnt with the corpse. From the breast of the corpse a bone is removed and preserved for the most solemn rite of all. A portion of this bone is taken home by the friends of the dead. A small piece of it is thrown into their sacred river in the belief that it will thus pass on to heaven, where it will become the living man from whose body it was taken.

One of the first missionaries among them had his coat eaten by white ants the first night, and had to renew his journey without a coat next morning.

It was a difficult matter to acquire the Santhal language, as it is hard to pronounce and has twenty-seven tenses. After over a year of hard work and earnest prayer three boys embraced Christianity and were baptized as the first converts. One of the later converts was a man forty years old. After an absence of three or four days he returned to the missionaries and reported that all the people where he lived wanted to become Christians. In great surprise the missionary replied, "Why, we have not preached to them." " But I have preached to them," the convert replied, with beaming face. And it was so. He had been home and had not given man or woman in his village any peace until they had heard the good word of salvation by faith in Jesus. Many of them approached the missionary with weeping eyes and said : Yes, sir, we want to become Christians, because these excellent things this man has told us never reached our ears before." Within a month that man brought several villages to Christ. Eighty-five of the converts were baptized in one day, their chief standing by in perfect amazement at what he saw and heard. They were organized into a church, and immediately set about the work of building a house of worship. One old man said : " If I should go to heaven and had never been instrumental in bringing any one else to Christ, I would go into a corner and not be able to look at Jesus Christ or any of you." Thus those poor "ignorant savages," as they were called, began to experience the saving power of divine grace, and confessed the necessity of showing their faith by working for their precious Saviour ; for, as one says, "It is not the deep mysteries that save, but Jesus Himself."

The missionaries gave the people medicine for their bodies as well as Gospel truth for their souls. A Santhal once told Mr. Boerresen that he had "very great pains in his stomach." Mr. Boerresen gave the man a double dose of Pain-Killer. After taking it the man remarked that it was "awfully strong," and added, "By the bye, I am not the sick person, it is my son at home."

A Mr. Campbell, writing amid those scenes of ignorance and heathenism, says: "What a terrible thing idolatry is ' If all the believers in the Christian Church could, by any possibility, be brought for one month to India, what a mighty change we might expect to see in it ' What a deeper interest they would take in mission work in the future ! How is it that the claims of the heathen lie so lightly on God's redeemed people? How is it that the command of the Saviour to carry the Gospel to every creature is so lightly regarded? The millions of India are perishing for lack of the knowledge of Christ. How long is the bread of life to be denied them? How long are they to be allowed to wander, groping in thick darkness, seeing no light?

JOSEPH RABINOWITCH'S WORK.

In a letter received by Dr. Alison, of the Church of Scotland Jewish Mission, Mr. Rabinowitch tells of the extraordinary interest shown by the Jews of Kischineff in the services conducted by him at Easter. The quiet reverence of their demeanour, so different from their manner in their own synagogues, is as notable as the crowding to hear. He says :

Now I am able to share with you the great joy which our Lord gave us here during these days past. You have already learned from my letters that after my return from England I observed among the Jews of our country a more lively yearning toward Christ. But in the past Feast of Passover it revealed itself in a wonderful way. Both Jews and Christians are astonished by the movement they have seen during this time here. I preached Christ three days together—Good Friday, Easter Eve, and Easter day, and every day there flowed numberless crowds of Jews into our meetinghouse to hear my sermons about Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, according to the Scriptures. Besides the house, the pavement round the windows has been filled with Jews. Nevertheless the stillness and veneration were exemplary. It is for me very difficult to picture to you in detail all the sweet moments which the Lord has granted me and those who believe in Him, when we have seen hundreds of Jews now, in the nineteenth century, talking together of all these things which happened, like the two disciples going to Emmaus. "Marvellous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well" (Ps. cxxxix. 14). Will you remember me and the word trusted me by our Lord, in your daily prayers, that the Word of the Lord should be sounded out, far from Kischeneff and Bessarabia, in every part of Russia, that Israel may be enriched by the Holy Ghost in faith and in all knowledge.

I thank you for your interesting information about your school at Beyrout (referring to the fact that the Girls' Schoul there is crowded to its utmost capacity, as is also the case at other stations). Oh what a pleasure it would be for my soul if, by the mercy of God, I could see again the Holy Land, Palestine-preaching there to the Jews, Jesus the King of the Jews. With God nothing is impossible.

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregations of Innerkip and Ratho have extended a call to Rev. W. A. Cook.

THE Presbyterians of Kirkheld and Balsover have given a call to Rev. Mr. Galway, from near London.

THE Rev. Dr. Moment, of Brooklyn, N.Y., preached in the Preshyterian Church, Orono, Sunday morning week.

THR Rev. Mr. Hosie, just out from Scotland, takes charge of the Presbyterian Church at Dominion Uny, Man., this summer.

THE Rev. R. Haddow, of Milton, and Miss Haddow, have gone in a month's visit to the home of their parents at Dalhousie, New Brunswick.

THE Rev. William Meikle, late of Oakville, is now residing at 25 Oxford Street, Foronto. Communications concerning pulpit supply will reach him at that address

THE Rev. G. Dempster, of Hull, who is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, has left on a hole hay. During a part of the time he will supply the Presbyterian Church at Metis, Qaebee

THE Building Committee of the Lucknow Presbyterian Church recently presented the contractor, Mr Robert Patterson, with an ad dress and gold headed cane in appreciation of his work.

THE London Advertiser says . Large congregations filled the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning and evening. Both services were strong alike as to meaching and as to the general service.

THE Rev. J. Crombie occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on a recent Sunday, Rev. Mr. McDonald being at Appleton and Ashton to preach that charge vacant according to Presbyterial appointment.

THE Rev. H. R. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian Church, Corn wall on the Hudson, is home in Woodstock on his vacation Key. J. J. Elliott, who is supplying the pulpit in Cornwall during the pastor's absence, will return to Toronto September 1

THE Blenheim News says The Rev. W Larquharson, B.A., preached two sermons here on Sunday which hore evidence of careful thought and deep spirituality Both were listened to with rapt attention, and the truths which they conveyed were received with pleasure

At Tilbury Centre last week the induction of Rev. Neil Shaw in the Presbyterian Church was attended by Rev. Messis. McRobbie, Walker, Manson, Battisby, Farquharson, Nattress, Fleming, Larkin and others. A lawn social was held in the evening on the grounds of Mr. J. S. Richardson.

An auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Camilla on Tuesday, June 10, by the president of the Orangeville Presbyterial, Mrs. R. Fowher, the following officers being elected : Mrs. G. Ballantyne, president : Miss L. Henry, secretary ; Miss C. Henry, treasurer.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton has ready for the press a new work on seculatism, which will contain a thorough exposite of that new fangled system of infidelity. Dr. Sexton is now in Canada and is open to engagements to supply vacant pulpits during the summer months. Address "St. Catharines."

ON Sunday week Rev. R. Johnston, of Landsay, preached in Woodville, the occasion being the resignation of the pastorate by Rev. Alexander Ross. This worthy divine has long earned the esteem and respect of the people of Woodville, and his retirement from the pastorate is deeply registied.

THE Rev. P. Wright preached an eloquent and interesting sermon to the Orangemen at Portage la Prairie on Sunday morning week. He took for his text Galatians v. 1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." The choir sang in good style.

MESSRS, John Shaw, Walter Ainsley and George Eadie were ordained to the office of ruling elder in Calvin Presbyteman Church, Montreal, by the pastor, Kev. Dr. Smyth Twenty four new mem bers were added to the Church at the last Communion. The church building is to be enlarged this summer, as it is now too small for the requirements of the congregation.

A YOUNG son of Rev. Mr. Mowat, Presbyterian minister of Mer-ritton, was struck by the engine of the Niagara Central train last week, and was seriously, and what turned out to be fatally, injured about the head. He was taken to his home and a physician sum-moned, but all was unavailing. His parents have the heartfelt sym pathy in this sore trial and bereavement of all who know them.

THE Meaford Mirror says, Rev. J. H. Hilts preached very acceptably in the Meaford Presbyterian Church last Sabhath evening week. He took for his text the words : "He saved otners ; Humself He cannot save." Mr. Hills is a close reasoner, and, notwith-standing his age, a vigorous and el quent speaker. He is an author of some note, having written two tooks which are very popular.

THE College Street, Toronto, Presbyterian Church Sun hay school annual picnic was held at Rosebank, near Port Union, last week, Between 500 and ice children were present, accompanied by Mr. John Samuelson, the superintendent, and the Rev. Alex Gilray, pac-tor of the church and a number of their teachers and friends. A pleasant time was spent, games and boating being among the chief pleasures of the afternoon.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of Know Church, Galt, the following resolution was unanimosily car-tied : Moved by Mr. Cant, seconded by Mr. Fraser, "That the Board of Managers tender the pastor their hearty congratulations on notice or assungers remore the partor merrinearity congratulations on his recently-conferred degree, and hone he may be long spared to enjoy the honour." The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the above to the pastor. Dr. Jackson wrote a grateful acknow-ledgment to the Board of Managers

MR. LEWI C. PFARE, secretary, writes Members of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle in Canada will builtless be delighted to know that their honoured secrectary. Miss Kimhall, has signified to me her intention to be present at the Canadian Chau-tauqua on July 31, Recognition Day. I trust she will be greeted by large number of Canadian members, whose intercourse with her has " been heretofore solely by mail. A UNION meeting of the two Presbyterian congregations of Perth A UNION meeting of the two Presupterian congregations of Petith was held in Knox Church, July 2. Considering the unfavourable weather, the attendance was good. Dr. Fraser, graduate of the Woman's Medical College, Kingston, addressed the meeting, and thrilled her audience by her z al and eloquence. Her heart is evi denily in her intended work of carrying the Gospel and the healing art to the down-trouden women of distant India. THE Vancouver World says. The Orangemen attended divine worship in a to ly to the I are Presbyterian Charch yesterday after noon. They assemble I in the Dann Miller block, marching to the church in regalia. The attendance was not so large as was expected. Rev. J. M. M. Leod pre-chesian el quent ser non on the here this and objects of the or let. This year the anniversary of the Reule of the Boyne was celebrated in New Westminster. In Knox Church, Galt, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour was organized on Monday evening week, the pastor in Induction and organized on the strong occurs of the chair and organized on the chair. The following officers were elected. Rev. Alexander Iackeon, Ph.D., hon, press. Miss Agnes Cant, president ; Mr. R. R. Robertson, vice president ; Mr. W. G. Burnett, recording secretary; Mr. W. Alexander, corresponding secretary; Miss M. J.

Adams, treasurer. The election of these officers is for three months. There were ninetcen active members enrolled.

FLOWER Sunday was recently observed in the Presbyterian Church, Smithville. The church was very tastefully decorated by the young ladies of the Sabbath school under the guidance of their superintendent and vice-superintendent, Messrs, W. H. Morgan and A. Sabiah. The insure function of the state of the school J. A. Schnick. The singing was furnished by the children of the Sab-bath school, under the leadership of Mr. Isaac Copeland Rev Wm. Cruickshanks, pastor of the church, preached to the children from Song of Solomon v. 16, "This is My beloved and this is My friend."

DR. FRASFR, graduate of the Woman's Medical College, King ston, addressed the congregation of Oliver's Ferry, of which leev. Neil Campbell, B A., is pastor, July S. The church was well tilled with an attentive audience, who listened eagerly to the soul thrifting words of this lady who intends devoting her life to caring for the bodies and souls of her less-favoured sisters in In-Ita. The collec tion, which was handed over to the treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of that place, was a most evident mark of the generosity of the people.

THR Owen Sound 2ime- says . A very interesting lecture was given in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, recently, by the Key, Hugh McKay, one of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church to the Indians in the North West. Mr. McKay is a tall, enthusiastic Canadian Highlander, who bears on his bronzed face the sums of his missionary life. He had not spoken five minutes till all were in sympathy with him and his work. He has thoroughly identified himself with the Indian cause. He suffers in their sufferings and rejoices in their successer

THE anniversary services of Chalmers Church, Flesherton, were conducted by the Rev. A. Wilson, of Charleston (who was pistor of this charge for over nine years), on the first Sabbath of July. The sermons were very interesting and delivered with Mr. Wilson's old sermons were very interesting that of the evening. The congregatime real and fire, especially that of the evening. The congrega-tions were large at both services. On the Monday evening following a very successful fruit festival was held on the lawn surrounding the church. Mr. Wilson again addressed the large company on the grounds, and appropriate music was furnished by the choir. The Rev. Mr. Limes, pastor, is absent on his holidays. Rev. Mr. Young, of Toronto, is supplying the pulpit in his absence.

MR. MALCHEFF, a native of Macedonia, delivered a lecture recently in the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, to a very fair audi He described his country and surrounding countries wro couracy. Their customs, manners and religion were fully ence. much accuracy. explained. A graphic picture was drawn of their marriages and funerals. He also gave an example of the music of his country, told of his conversion, his coming to America, determination with which he persistently pursued his studies in spite of all obstacles and diffi culties. He illustrated the difficulties met by a foreigner in learning the English language. He had a number of curiosities to exhibit. All thoroughly enjoyed the address, and were instructed and benetited.

THE Damfries Reformer says: Last Sabbath evening the Rev. William Robertson, M.A. of Chesterheld, preached in the Central Church, Galt, from Romans xii, 12. The sermon was one of great power and beauty, embodying the rich experience and the ripe scholarship for which Mr. Robertson is well known. All who heard it must have enjoyed it much. Mr. Dickson left on Monday for Ocean Grove, via. New York, where he will spend his holidays. He is accompanic by Rev. Edward Cockbarn, M.A., of Paris, Dur ing his absence the pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. Archibalt Blair, B.A., of Nottagawana, who was so highly thought of last summer while preaching in Central Church. Mr. Blair will preach two Sabbaths. The other two Sabbaths the Session will make the best arrangement for possible. They hope to be able to secure Dr. Caven or Dr. McLaren.

THE Whithy Chronicle last week gives the valedictory address of Rev. Dr. McClelland to the congregations of Ashburn and Uuca. In an introductory paragraph it says. The Rev. Dr. McClelland who for upwards of six years has had charge of the Presbyterian congre-gation of Ashburn and Utica is, we regret to announce, about to sever his connections with them and retire for a time from active work. The reverend Doctor is a severe sufferer from a nervous athliction which completely debars his taking an active part in the ministry. He has been a most zealons worker both in the pulpit and in private life and his congregation deeply regret his withdrawal. His ministrations at Ashburn and Utica have been blessed in the highest degree, and he leaves a happy and contented people and two tiourishing congregations. The reverend Doctor was a power in this Presbytery, and his pulpit utterances were marked by a depth of thought and a breadth of liberality that gave them a decided prominence. We join with both congregations in expressing our regrets at his retiremen

THE Rev. T. Goldsmith, of Toronto, who is now supplying the pulpit of St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church. Montreal, during the abience of the Rev. Dr. Campbell, its passor, who is visting Scot-land, preached on Sabbath week from the text 1 Corinthians vin. 1, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." The *Britness* says : The reverend gentleman, who has a very pleasing address, said that the literal realing of the text was. "Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up." Knowledge, apart from the other qualities from which runn a make characteristic state. THE Rev. T. Goldsmith, of Toronto, who is now supplying the buildeth up," Knowledge, apart from the other qualities from which spring up a noble character, is like a soap habile, beautiful to look at for a snort time, but very evanescent, soon bursting, leaving noth ing tangible benind. On the other hand, "love," love t, God and to our fellowmen, builds up an edifice that will emtinue through the never ending ages, because it is founded on the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ, Himself the God of Love. The reverend gentleman developed his text by snowing how far a mere head knowledge of Divine things came short of leading its possessor into the right ways of practical godliness. Knowledge, in itself a good thing, was of very little real use except when guided by the deeper sentiments of truth and right-cousness. With the heart right with God, knowledge uses its soap-bubble quality of evanescence and, aided by love, build-up a structure which is lasting as well as beautiful. The reverend genileman then pressed home on his hearers the necessity of getting their hearts tirst filled with the love of God, then the more knowledge they acquired the better equipped they would be for performing their duty to God

fort and consolation, who has promised to be a husband to the widow, and father to the fatherless. And resolved, further, that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Tallach, and a copy inserted in the session records.

At a meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Embro, in January, 1859, the propriety of creating some worthy memorial of the late Rev. Donald McKenzie, for thirty-eight years the esteemed and revered pastor of the congregation, was suggested by his successor, the Rev. Gustavus Munro. With great unanimity this suggestion was the Rev. Gastavus Munto. With great unanimity this suggestion was at once acted upon ; and after some discussion as to the form the memorial should assume, it was concluded that a granite monument erected over the grave would prove the most acceptable to the friends generally. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions throughout the congregation, and to issue circulars to many friends living now outside the congregation, but who at one time were under the faithful ministry of Mr. McKenrie. The response was liberal and the comnuttee were prompt in letting the contract, but in consequence of some delay on the part of the builders in Scotland the monument was not in position before the beginning of last week. However, it is now completed and reflects much credit on the committee, contractor, milders and all concerned. It is constructed from gray granite from base to apex and is very massive and elegant in form. Everything is in good taste and will doubtless give much satisfaction to all the friends who have contributed to its erection. Much more satisfac-tion, however, is rendered by the more enduring monument of solid work done for the Master during so protracted a pastorate. One fact alone is a grand and enduring monument of a successful ministry, that fact being that no other single congregation in the Dominion has fur nished so many students for the ministry, one of these being the dis tinguished missionary, Dr. G. L. McKay, of Formosa Our colleges are never without one or more students for the ministry from this congregation.

PRESEVIERY OF TORONIO. This Presbytery met on the Sth inst, Rev. Walter Amos, Moderator pro tem. Agreeable to application made, the interim Session of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, were appointed to act in the meantime as assessors to the new Session. key Janues Little, formerly of Bowmanville, and latterly a resident within the bounds of this Presbytery, having lately received a call from congregation in Richmond, Va., U.S., application was made on his behalf for a Presbyterial certificate and a certificate was induce to be forwarded to him. Extract minutes were read from the General Assembly, granting leave to Revs R. Wallace, W. Meikle and A. Wilson to retire from the active duties of the ministry According also to said minutes, Mr. Wallace has his name placed on the list of beneficiaries of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund ; Mr. Meikle is to have the same benefit on his reaching the age of seventy years, and in view of his faithful service in the ministry for forty years. Wilson's petition for the like benefit is referred to the favourable con-sideration of the committee on said Fund. It was moved thereafter and agreed to that his name be placed anew on the Presbytery roll. It was then reported by Rev. J. M. Cameron that he had met with the congregation of Chester and moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev John Leishman, minister of Angus and New L well, in the Presbytery of Barrie. The call on being examined was found to be signed by ten members and concurred m by fifteen adherents. A guarantee for \$500 as stipend was also read Messrs. Alderman E. A. Macdonald, R. Marshall and C. A. Mackinnon, who appeared as commissioners, were duly heard. It was then moved by Mr. Meikle, and agreed to, that the conduct of Mr Cameron in this matter be approved of, that the call be also sistained, and that the same be ordered to be transmitted, together with rela-tive documents, to the Presbytery of Barrie. Mr. Cameron was entrusted with the drawing up of reasons for translation and he was also appointed to act as representative of this Preslatery in prosecu and appointed to de the representative of this freeshytery in proceed ting the call before the Presbytery aforesaid. Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake, was heard in regard to his labours among the North American Indians, as also in regard to some of the fruits resulting therefrom, and the Presbytery thanked him for his interesting address. The Moderator and the Clerk were appointed a committee to assign subjects for summer exercises to students residing within the bounds. The Presbytery called for reports as to attendance on the lare General Assembly, when it was ascertained from reports made that nearly all Avenuity, which it was accretatined from reports made that nearly all the commissioners appointed had attended the diets of said Assembly and taken part in the business thereof. Mr. H. E. A. Reid, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, Mr. C. A. Campbell, a graduate of Queen's College, transferred from the Presbytery of Lindsay, and Mr. N. H. Russell, B.A., a graduate of Manitoba College, transferred from the Presbytery of Winnipeg; all these were taken on public pro-bationary trials, and were duly licensed to preach the Cospel. It was the remoted by Ber. L. Caruptenel the back methods for bationary trials, and were due necessar to precent the congress, it was then reported by Rev. J. Carmichael that he had met with the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Vaughan, etc., and had moder-ated in a call which was given unanimously in layour of Rev. C. A. Campbell, now a probationer. The call was found to be signed by eighty-six members and concurred in by twenty-four adherents. A guarantee for stipend was read promising \$700 per annum together with a manse and glebe Messrs. D. Flder, R. McLean and T. Matthieson appeared as commissioners and were duly heard in support of the call. It was then moved by Dr. McLaten and agreed to, That the Presbytery while noting the irregularity in calling Mr. Campbell before he had been licensed as a preacher of the Gospel, agrees, on all the circumstances of the case, to sustain the call and put it into Mr. Campbell's hands. On this being done, Mr. Camphell declated his acceptance of the call and thereafter it was agreed to meet in the church aforesaid on the 2nd inst., for the purpose of heating a trial sermon from Mr. Campbell and if satisfied therewith to proceed with the other steps for his ordination and induction : to proceed with the other steps for his ordination and induction ; the Moderator to preside, Rev. R. M. Hamilton to preach, Rev. J. Carmichael to deliver the charge, and Rev. J. G. Stuart to address the congregation. Agreeably to applications made, leave was given to the *interim* Moderators of the Sessions of West and Oakville churches to moderate in calls from said churches. Rev. John Sten house, M.A., underwent trials for ordination, all of which trials were concluding applications of the course is the more the stere cordially sustained, and within the church at Dovercourt in the evening he was duly invested with office as a missionary to labour spec tally among the congregation there. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached, Rev. Dr. Parsons delivered the charge, and Rev. Walter Reid addressed the people. The next ordinary meeting of Preshy tery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday

and their fellowmen.

THE following resolution was passed at the first meeting of session and congregation held in the Presbyterian Church, Dresden: We the members of Dresden and Knox Church Session, as well as mem bers of the congregation, desire to record our deep sense of the loss sustained by us, and the Church generally, in the death of the loss sustained by us, and the Church generally, in the death of the Rev. T. Tallach, M.A., late pistor of this congregation. We recognized in Mr. Tallach a man of sterling integrity, deep piety, large sympa-thy and generous to a fault. P ssessed of a well-cultivated minit and a preacher of well-defined views of Scripture, his whole aim was by faithful presentation of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus, to the a faithful presentation of the truin, as it is in Christ Jecus, to the edifying and conversion of sinners- as a pastor vigilant in his care of the flock of Gord, and unitring in his efforts to promise the cause of Christianity. We would also bear grateful testimony to the fruit of his labours in this congregation, during a pastorate of over eight years, so that it may be said of him. " That he being dead, yet speaketh." But while lamenting his removal by an all-wise and uncr-ring Father we rejoice in the hope that having fought the good light, having kept the faith, and finished his course, he now enjoys the crown of richleousness, which the Lord, the inchronus Iudee, shall crown of rightcousness, which the Lord, the rightcous Judge, shall give to all who love his appearing. And lastly we desire to tender our heatfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and fatherless child, in this their hour of trial, commending them to the God of all com-

of September, at 10 a.m. -R. MONTRATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRRNBYTERY OF SAUGERN. - This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harriston, on July S. Mr. Baikie's term of other having expired, Mr. Stewart was appointed Moderator for the next six months, and took the chair. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution anent the death of the Rev. Mr. Park. The Precipitery passed a resolution of sympathy for Messrs. Morrison and Bickell in their affliction. It was agreed that Cotswold he supplied by Mr. Mitchell student, for the next three months. Mr. Peter D. Mur, Fordwich, was examined with a view to enter college. The Clerk was instructed to certify him as qualified to enter as a second year's student in the literary department of the Presbyterian College, Mont real. Papers on "Prison Reform" were read, also a petition to be signed on behalf of the Presbytery. The Moderator and the Clerk were authorized to sign the petition and transmit it to the proper parties. Mr. Thomas Galloway, of Uxbridge, having visited and delivered several lectures in the congregations of the Preshy tery, was most heartily recommended to the contidence of the birchiten elsewhere, with the prayer that he may be helped of God in his noble efforts to accomplish good for the cause of Christ The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Forest, September 9 next, at ten a.m.—S. YOUNO, Pres. Clerk.

PRESENTERY OF HAMILTON. This Presbytery met on July Arrangements were made for meeting the Augmentation deficit af \$153 The commissioners to the General Assembly reported dili-gence. Mr. Peatchell tendered his resignation of North Pelham and gence. Mr. Peatchell tendered his resignation of worth a call for key. Well.indport, it will be considered on August 4. A call for key. W. Robertson, M.A., from Cayuga, etc., was sustained; he was granted time to consider. A call to Dr. Campbell, of Collingwood, (as sustained and transmitted Mr. O. T. Mather, of Simcoe, was recommized as a student intending the ministry. Mr. E. R. Hutt Laws LAINT. recognized as a student intending the ministry. Mr. E. R. Hut obtained time to consider the call from Ingersoll. JOHN LAING, Pres Ciark.

PRESEVIERY OF STRAIFORD, -- This Presbytery met in Strat-ford on the Sthanst., Rev. A. Grant, Moderator. Mr. Grant's term of office having expired, Rev. J. W. Cameron, of North Mornington, was appointed Moderator for the next six month. Reports from com-nus-ioners to Assembly were received. Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Ganan-oque, and Rev. Mr. Chrystal being present were invited to corres-pond with the Presbytery. The committees appointed to prepare minutes anent the removal of Messrs, Chrystal and Gordon reported is follows. The Presbytery in parting with the Rev. George Chrys-ral desire to express their regret. In losing one who has been with us ral desire to express their regret in losing one who has been with us these six years and during which we have found him a genial and warm hearted brother, ever ready to onlige, and prompt in the dis warm-hearted brother, ever ready to onlige, and prompt in the dis-charge of all Presbyterial duties, also regular in his attendance upon all the church courts, taking a deep interest in matters pertaining to the prosperity of the cause of Christ. The Presbytery pray that tool in His good Providence may soon open up for him a field of use fulness, where he may long be spared to serve the Church faithfully In paring with our venerable and much respected brother, Rev. D. Gordon, of Harrington, the Presbytery of Strafford wishes to put on record its deep regret that owing to ill health and advancing years be has been under the necessity of resigning his charge. His many he has been under the necessity of resigning his charge. His many years of devoted and realous labour in the Master's cause have been honoured of God in bringing forth important fruit. His ingenuous ness and kindliness of heart have bound him very closely to his brethren of the Presbytery, and their prayer is that the truth preached by him, and which has been so much blessed to others, will be to him in his declining years a source of unceasing comfort and joy, as he looks forward to that home to which loving friends have been cal'ed Mr. Turnhull introduced Mr. W. A. McLean, of St. Mary's, who desires to enter upon a course of study with a view of entering the construction of the second second study with a view of entering the ministry. It was agreed to receive the application and certify Mr. McLean to the Senate of Knox College. Leave was given to Mr. Hamilton to moderate in a call at Avonton and Carlingford. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m. on the Sth September next, at Millbank, when a public conference will be held in the evening at which a paper on "Systematic Giving" will be tead. -A. F. Tutty, *Proc. Clerk.* F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

PRISBYTERY OF ORANGEVITTE. This Presbytery met at Orangevile on July S. Mr. Crang's term as Moderator having ex-pitted, Mr. Ori was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. R. M. Cioll, of the Hamilton Presbytery, being present, was asked to sit with the Presbytery. Mr McClelland submitted the report of the committee appointed to prepare a minute anent Mr. Smith's resignation as follows. The Presbytery desire to express their regret at the resignation of Rev. R. B. Smith of the pastoral charge of Rosemont and Mansfield, and also to record their appre-ciation of the ardinous and self-denying labour which Mr Smith has given to the Church in this field, and cordially pray that he may be ciation of the ardnows and self-denying labour which Mr Smith has given to the Church in this field, and cordially pray that he may be guided by the Great Head of the Church to a suitable field of use fulness. The report was received and adopted. The Presbytery considered Mr. McNeil's resignation of the pastoral charge of Osprey congregation. Mr. Sinclair appeared on behalf of the cun gregation and stated that the people were sorry that Mr. McNeil had tendered his resenation, and would be very old if the cuild the Osprey congregation. Mr. Sinctair appeared on ochain of the Cult gregation and stated that the people were sorry that Mr. McNeil had tendered his resignation, and would be very glad if he cueld be induced to remain. Mr. McNeil pressed his resignation, which the Presbytery very reluctantly accepted, to take effect on the 27th inst. The following are the Conveners of the Standing Committees appointed for the ensuing year. Home Missions-Rev. T. J. Mc-Clelland ; Foreign Missions--Rev. & Fowlie ; Augmentation Fund --Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B.; Finance - Mr. A. Steele, M.A., Orangeville ; Temperance--Rev. S. S. Graig ; Colleges--Rev. J. W. Orr ; Widows and Orphaus' Fund--Rev. D. McColl ; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund--Rev. G. Ballantyne ; French Evangelization--Rev. D. McLeod, B.A.; Sabbath Schools Rev., W. A. Stewart, M.A.; Sabbath Observance--Rev. A. Hudson ; State of Religion--Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.A.; to Superintend and Evanine Students--Rev. D. C. Hossack. The Presbytery agreed to certify Mr. Crawford Tate to Knox College, and recommended that he receive the status of a second year's student in the prepara-tory course. Rev. L. C. Lines was appointed interum Modervor of the Osprey Session, and to declare the pulpit vacant. Messrs. Craig. Convener ; Emes iand Stewart were appointed a committee the Ospicy Session, and to occare the puppi vacant. Messis, Craig, Convener; Emes iand Stewart were appointed a contmittee to consider the propriety of a re-attangement of the fields of Os-prey, Maple Valley and Singhampton Next meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville, September 9, at half-past ten a m H CK074ER, Pros. Clock.

PRESEVTERV OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within Knox Church, Fara, on the Sth of July. Rev. James Lutle was appointed Moderator for the ensuing half year and presided. The following minute anent the late Rev. J. Ferguson was submitted by Nr. Lin-ton and adopted : Whereas it has pleased God in His providence to remove from us the Rev. John Ferguson, M.A., B.D., by death, the Presbytery of Bruce desires to place on record its appreciation of hum as a man, as a scholar and as a minister of Jesus Christ. Mr. Fer as a man, as a scholar and as a minister of Jesus Christ. Mr. Fer-guon was reserved and retiring in his manner. The letter he was known the more he was appreciated. Those who knew him hest loved him most. He was gentle yet firm in dealing with others. He was not atraid to advocate an unpopular cause if he believed it were his duty to do so. He never sought publicity for his own sake, yet was always willing to let his light shine before men, if thereby he could glorify his Father in heaven. His scholarship was accurate as well as extensive. In his college course he took the foremost place ; and in arts and divinity gained many scholarships and pures. He habit of close systematic study which he formed early in hife, he kere in to the last. Few men have thought out more carefully the truths shannhs and ille i of Christianity and fewer still could present them so clearly to others. He was conservative in his religious views, thoroughly Calvinistic in Jactrine and evangelistic in his style of preaching. The best monu Inctrine and evangelistic in his style of preaching. ment of his ministry is the flourishing church which has grown up unler his pastoral care. From being ten years ago a weak and dis organized congregation, Geneva Church, Chesley, has become one of inclanized confregation, Geneva United, Chestey, has been one of the largest and most prosperous in the Presbytery. Of him it may be written, "Illessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may test from their la bours and their works do follow them." As a Presbytery we feel our loss ; and we extend to Mrs. Ferguson our heartfelt sympathy in thiher sad bereavement, and commend her to Him who has promised to be a Husband to the widow and a Reluge to the afflicted. We to be a Hushand to the widow and a Reluge to the allicited. We also desire to express our sympathy for Geneva Church, Chesley, to their sad loss, and hope that God, in His providence, will soon send them another shepherd, who may be equally blessed in his labours amongs them. The Rev D. H. McLennan, Thessalon, was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. Andrew's, Sault Ste. Marice, and leave to moderate in a call was granted. Standing committees for the year were appointed, with the Allowing Conveners. Home Mission, Rev A. Tolnue : Finance, Rev J. Moore. State of Religion, Rev. Dr. James : Salibath Schools, MA J. C. Lekford ; Temperance, Rev J. Johnston ; Statistics, Rev. A. K. Linton : Superintendence of Students, Rev, D. McKenrie : Schemes of the Church. Rev I. Mal Students, Rev. D. McKenrie : Schemes of the Church, Rev. J. Mal

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colm; Sabhath Observance, Rev. J. Gilles. Leave was granted to moderate in a call to Geneva Church, Chesley. Rev. A. Findlay was authorized to examine and hear the discourses of the students labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery with a view to certification to college. On application the congregation of Thessalon were granted leave to borrow on mortgage on their church building \$175 to consolidate the debt. The Presbytery resolved to meet at Port Elgin on September 16, at 7.30 p.m., for conference on the State of Religion, and at nine a.m. on the 17th, for ordinary business. – JAMES GOURLAY, Pro. Clark.

PRE-BYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met on the 1st and and of July in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. There was laid on the table and read a communication from the Presbytery of London, intimating that with the view of re-arranging the field in and around Alba Craig and Carlisle that Presbytery invited a deputation from the Sarma Presbytery to cooperate with them in the matter. On motion of Rev. Dr. Thompson, it was agreed to intimate to the Presbytery of London, that this court will be ready to meet by deputa-Presbytery of London, that this court will be ready to meet by deputa-tion that of the Presbytery of London in *re* the arrangement of the held indicated in their communication, and will do all in their power to arrive at any verdict satisfactory to all parties concerned leaving the times and places of meeting to the London Presbytery, said deputation to consist of Keys. Dr. Toompson, Cuthlettson, Currie, Pritchard and Mr. Gordon, elder. The Presbytery then proceeded to take up Key. J. K. Joinston's resignation of his charge at Alvin ston and Napier, tabled at a former meeting. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson infimated that he had duly cited parties to appear. Competend, and Messrs. McDiarmid, of the Alvinston congregation, Messrs. Hutton and Calvert, Mainer, and Mr. Bowlin, New Mr. Iobnston appeared and Calvert, Napier, and Mr. Bowlby. Rev. Mr. Johnston appeared for humself. These were heard in the above order. It appeared that the atmost harmony existed between Rev. Mr. Johnston and his con gregation, but that the wideness of the field and state of the roads gregation, but that the wideness of the hem and state of the toxics compelled Mr. Johnston to desire a change After consideration it was agreed, an motion of Rev. Mr Currie, that the resignation lie on the table, and in the meantime appoint a deputation, consisting of Revs. Messrs. Graham, Cuthbertson, Beamer and Currie, and Mr. Gordon to take into consideration the re-arrangement of the field around Alvinston and Napier, and report at next regular meeting. around Alvinston and Napier, and report at next regular meeting. The Presbytery then took up the consideration of Rev. J. A. Mc Donald's resignation of his charge of Brigden and Bear Creek. There was laid on the table and read, from Bear Creek, a communication intimating their appreciation of Mr. McDonald's services and their highest respect for him personally. Mr. McBean, elder, was heard m support of the paper, and Rev. Mr. McDonald addressed the court adhering to his resignation. After consideration if was agreed, on motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, that the Presbytery accept with deep sympathy and regret Rev. Mr. McDonald's resignation, the same to take effect on the 4th of August next ; that the Rev. Mr. Beamer to reach on the tenth and declare the church vacant, and act Beamer preach on the tenth and declare the church vacant, and act as unterim Moderator of Session thereafter. Rev. Mr. Tibb was appointed with Mr. Beamer to take over-sight of the pulpit supply. The next meeting of Preshytery was appointed to be held on the third Tuesday in September, at two p m., in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy. Standing committees were appointed for the year as follows . Home Missions--Revs Currie and Anderson with their elders. Colleges-Revs. Dr. Thompson, Hume and Graham, with Mr. Ross, elder. Statistics-Revs. Pritchard, Anderson and Mr. McPhersen. Temperance - Revs Leitch, McKibbin and Graham with their elders. Temperance - Kevs Letten, McKibbin and Graham with their elders. Finance--Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, Messrs. George Leys and F. Blaikie. State of Religion Revs. J S. Lochead and McLennan, and Mr. Laughlin, elder. Sabbath schoolk--Revs. Tibb, Jordan and Beamer. Examination of Students- Revs. Dr. Thompson, Anderson and Tibb, and Messrs. Gordon, Lewis and McBean. Rev. Dr. Thompson, on behalf of the committee appontel to visit Corunna, Mooretown, etc., reported progress there, indicating that in both places churches were behalt of the committee appontel to visit Corunna. hkely to be erected during the summer. The Presbytery recom-mended the further oversight of these places to the same committee to report from time to time. Leave was granted to the congregation of Mandaumin to have a call moderated in if necessary, before next ordinary meeting. Delegates to the General Assembly reported in reference to the proceedings at that court. The reports were received. The meeting was closed with the benediction. -G. CUTHERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

By appointment of the General Assembly, Sabhath, July 27, 15 the day for the annual collection on behalf of the French Fvangeliration Scheme of the Church in all our congregations and mission stations.

A copy of the annual report has been mailed to every minister and missionary and to every Sabbath school superintendent addressed to the minister's care. The sum of \$70,000 is this year required for the several departments of the work, or about forty per cent. in excess of the total receipts of last year. It is hoped that an increased amount will be got from every congregation in the Church, and that ministers and student missionaries will personally see that the claims of the Scheme are presented to their people, and the collec-tion taken either on the 27th inst. or the Sabbath following. The enlargement of the girls' school at Pointe-aux. Trembles is being pushed forward so as to be ready for the opening of next session in October.

All contributions should be forwarded to Kev. Dr. Warden, 198 St. James Street, Montreal, from whom copies of the annual report can be had, as also circulars of Coligny College, Ottawa, for the education of young ladies.

OBITUARY.

JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON.

On the 24th of June the Presbyterian congregation of Chelsea, Quebec, lost one of its brightest and most useful young men by the sud len and unexpected removal of John Alexander Cameron, one mulles of the of the managing mech of the managing committee of the Church. Mr. Cameron had been drawing stones all Monday and Tuesday from the edge of Mr. Church's bush near the manse, to underpin one of his outbuildings. After tea on Tuesday he took his youngest hoy Colin with him to draw the last load, and as he came near the manse, thinking that a storm was approaching, he stopped and left the child in the care of Key Rohert Hughes, the pastor, until his return. He reached the bash, loaded on the stones, and was within about fifty yards of the manse on his return journey, when he and his horses were struck by highling and instantly killed. His funeral took place on Friday, the 27th, to the new conterty, followed by a procession of more than a mile in length. Many floral tributes were sent in, inclusi-ing a heautiful floral pillow from his fellow members of the manag-ing committee. On the following Sabhath evening a largely-attended memorial service was conducted by the pastor, and Rev Mr Dempter, who was minister of Chelsea for five years. The whole com-munity feel that they have lost a true Christian, a friend of the poor and needy, a zealous temperance worker and indeed a genu-ine philanthropist His sorrowing father, mother, young wile and three children have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community, where prayers are that they may be kept and supported under their severe trial by Him who has promised never to put more on His people than they are able to bear, and that grace may be given them to say, "Even so, Father, for so it hath seemed good in Thy sight."

British and Foreign.

DR. MACLAREN's church at Manchester has 542 members.

MR. SPORGFON's fifty-sixth burthday celebration at his orphanage brought \$9,000 to its rands.

SEVEN dissenters have been banished or imprisoned in Russia for denouncing the worship of pictures.

THE English Presbyterian congregation at Ruthin, worshipping-in the town hall, are about to build a church.

FIFE Rev. R. H. Shaw, of Second Island Magee, has resigned his charge owing to advancing years and failing health.

At North Dalwich in early morning service was held in connec tion with the cutting of the first sod for a new church there.

DR. A. C. MURPHY's new "Musical Hymnal" was announced to be issued during the sittings of the Irish General Assembly

A NEW church is about to be crected at Thornhebank, of which Rev. John Charleson, missionary, will be ordained first minister.

PROFESSOR WALLS, of Belfast, is to occupy Mr. Finlay Gra ham's pulpit at Oban during August, and perhaps also on the two last Sabbaths of July.

MR. McLRNN, of the Gaelic Church, Govan, is regaining strength in Australia, and hopes to resume his work at home before the end of the year.

THE Manuals of Normanby, who is a clergyman, goes to San Remoin November and will take the chaptaincy of the church there for six months.

PROFESSOR LINDAY, of Glasgow, was one of the preachers at the opening of the school church at Disbury, crected by the With ington congregation.

DR. M'KENVIE, of Fermitosh, where he has been parish minister for nearly half a century, has resigned his charge; he is an ex-Moderator of Assembly.

In Haddington Free Church Presbytery Mr. Matthew submitted report from a committee upon a proposal to revive a scheme of Presbyterial visitation.

A DAUGHIER of Archbishop Tait besides, it is said, in a very humble way in one of the slums of Lambeth, acting as a nurse of the sick and attending the infirm.

MRS. MOORHOUSE, wife of the Bishop of Manchester, gave an impressive address at the opening of a sale of work in aid of the zenana mission of the Anglican Church,

DR. NORMAN L. WALKER, of Dysart, who has almost quite recovered from his illness, intends to leave for America at the end of August : he has been granted a four months' holiday.

An analysis of the communicants in Banifshire, submitted in For As analysis of the communents in parisine, submitted in For-dyce Presbytery, gives a total for the Church of Scotland of 11,110. Free Church, 4,518; and United Presbyterian, 1,077. THE Rev. Walter Tait, of Perth, wishes to have a column in the census paper which would give every householder the opportunity

of saying whether he is for or against disestablishment.

DUNIOLIER United Presbyterian congregation, disappointed by Mr. M*Millan's acceptance of the call to Naim, has given a unani mous call to Key. Alex. Whyte, assistant to Dr. Wallace, of Glas gow.

THE authors of "Lux Mundi" assentioned last week in conclave at the house of Rev. J. R. Illingworth dear Abingdon. Their book has reached an eighth edition and they are contemplating a popular issue.

THE Key, & Juney's new volume "The Indian Mission of the Presbyterian Church, is inscribed to the memory of Dr. Wm. Flem-ing Stevenson, an I contains excellent portraits of the founders of the mission.

THE Rev. J. Smith Moffat, assistant commissioner for the Bechuanaland proctectorate, the son and hographer of Dr. Moffat, has been made a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

THE Rev. E. Topping Doane died on May 15 at Honolulu. He , was formerly a missionary in the Carolina Islands, and in 1887 was carried off by the Spanish Government to the Philippine Islands and imprisoned.

THE Secular Hall in Ingram street, Glasgow, the meeting-place of the freethinkers of that city, has been acquired by the working-men's evangebatic association and was opened last week by Sir Michael Connal.

Titl forenoon services on a recent Sunday in St. Michael's parish church, Crieff, were conducted by Rev Feter Cameron, a native of the town, who is a curate in the Anglican Church. He observed the usual Presbyterian form.

A COLLECTION of the works of the king of Sweden in four vol-umes is about to be issued at Stockholm. Eighteen of the public speeches of king Oscar are in Swedish, one in French, one in Eng lish and four in Norwegian.

THE Rev. Andrew Irving, at the celebration of the centenary of Gattmore Church and of his own ministerial semi-jubilee, has been presented with a purse containing 225 sovereigns, and pulpit robes, as well as a silver salver for his wife.

PROFESSOR LINDSAY presided at the ordination in St. Matthew's, Glasgow, of Rev. R. M. Gray to the pastorate of the Bombay con-gregation. A letter from Dr. Stalker bore emphatic testimony to the abilities and the energy of Mr. Gray while his assistant.

DR. GRIMM, a German Protestant clergyman at Riga, has been sentenced to ten years' exile in Siberia for insulting the Greek Church in his sermons. The German witnesses in his behalf were not per-mitted to testify on the ground that they were prejudiced.

MR. JAMES LOVE, organist and choirmaster in Falkirk parish church, is engaged on a volume on the composets and sources of Scottish Church music. It will include an account of the principal collections of psalmody published in Scotlan I from 1700 to the pres

ent time.

DK GEORGE ROBSON, of Inverness, has been presented by his fellow currens with an illuminated address and silver bowl in honour of the decree of D.D. conferred upon him by Glasgow senatus, and in grateful appreciation of his labours among the blind in the north ern counties.

DK LAWS, of Livingstonia, has been suffering from a severe attack of fever, and Dr. Einslie, who, along with his wife and daughter, was coming home on furlough at the close of five years' service, says he may find it to be his duty to remain in Africa while Dr. Laws comes home to recruit

OF Mr. Blair, of Cambuslang, it is said that when pastor of St. Columba Church his house in Glasgow went by the name of the Argyll Clerical Hotel, owing to his warm-hearted hispitality to High land ministers. Mr. Blair has edited several volumes of Gaelie poems, and is himself the composer of various fugitive pieces.

THE Rev. R. Urquhart, of the Free Church, Oldmeldrum, boasts that more prizes in the Biblical section of the welfare of youth com-petition have come to his congregation than to all the congrega-tions in Edinburch Presbytery put together. Old Meldium has car-ried off exactly the same number as fell to the whole of the con-gregations in the great Presbytery of Glasgow, from which of the con-gregations in the great Presbytery of Glasgow, from which of the con-, competitors went forward.

SALE IN

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

BRAMBLES,-One cup of sugar, one lemon, one egg, one cup of raisins chopped ; top and bottom pie crust.

RASEBBRRY PYRAMID. -Crush a pint of rip," aspberries with a pint of sugar ; beat the whites of our eggs ; mix all together until it stands in a pyramid.

BERRY CAKE .- One cup sugar, two thirds of a cup butter, two leggs, one cup milk, one half teaspoon ful soda, one teaspoonful cream tartar, enough thour to hold berries, or as stiff as ordinary cake.

VELVET CREAM. - Soak one half box gelatine in a cup of cold water, scald one quart milk, beat the yolks of five eggs with ten tablespoonfuls sugar, Add all to milk and boil, beat whites to frothand stir in when cool ; add two tablespoonfuls wine and one of vanifla. Four into moulds and set away to freeze.

HOW TO SERVE PINEAPPLES. In their native ctime pineapples are prepared for the table as follows. After peeling them and digging out the eyes in the usual manner, take a strong silver fork and, beginning at the stem end, break off the pincapple in pieces from around the core. This is much superior to the common way of slicing the pineapples across, which leaves a piece of the hard core on each slice.

PINEAPPLE SHERBET, -Prepare one large or two small pineapples by first peeling, removing all the eyes, and then chopping it linely. Cover it with a pint of fine sugar and six gills of water; heat half of the water first, and dissolve in it one tablespoonful of crinkly gelatine or half that quantity of the powdered kind. Stir this well and then freeze.

COMPOSE OF CHERRIES. - Take a quart of early red cherries; boil three-quarters of a pound of sugar until it candies, drop the cherries into the syrup, let stand five minutes, then return to the fire, let boil gently until clear, take out the cherries with a skimmer, lay them in a dish, add a small teacup of red currant juice to the syrup, boil until very thick, pour over the cherries when nearly cold.

RASPBERRY SPONGE. -Cover half a box of gelatine with a half cup of cold water and soak for twenty minutes; then pour over a pint of boiling water and add half a teacup of sugar ; stir until dissolved, and add a pint of raspberry juice ; strain in a tin pan; set on ice until thick, when add the stilly-beaten whites of four eggs; pour into a mould to harden. Serve with vanilla sauce.

RASPBERRY AND CURBANT JELLY .- Put a quart of raspherries into a punt of currant juice, let them boil slowly together until the raspberries are broken up; then strain out the fruit through a sieve. Return the juice to the preserving kettle, boil for a quarter of an hour, and to each pint measured before boiling allow three quarters of a pound of sugar. Boil gently, skimming as required for half an hour, or until the jelly will set. If a very sweet jelly is desired rather more sugar can be used.

A FAVOURITE VEGETABLE DISH .- One-third pound salt pork, one-half peck green peas, six or eight new potatoes, one-half dozen onions, two heads lettuce, a sprig of parsley ; time required for cooking, three hours. Boil the pork for one hour in one quart of water, then add peas, and cook one hour more, when the onions and potatoes can be added. In blicen minutes add parsley and lettuce. The lettuce must be washed carefully and tied together. Just before serving drop in a piece of batter the size of an egg, salt and pepper to suit the taste, and serve separately. The lettuce makes a most delicious dish of greens.

HAM OMFLET. Six eggs, one tablespoonful of flour made smooth, in a little milk, two thirds of a cupful of very finely chopped fried ham, all lean. Beat the yolks thoroughly, add the flour and milk and the ham, and, lastly, the whites beaten to a stiff froth. Beat all together and pour into a hot an I well-buttered spider Shake gently while the omelet is cooking a rich golden brown on the bottom. When nearly done set the spider in a hot oven until the omelet has began to brown on top. Double over carefully and serve immediately on a hot platter. If preferred without ham use salt to taste. A very pretty omelet is made by reserving t three whites and placing them, beaten stiff, on one half the omelet when partly cooked, and then doubling the other half over them.







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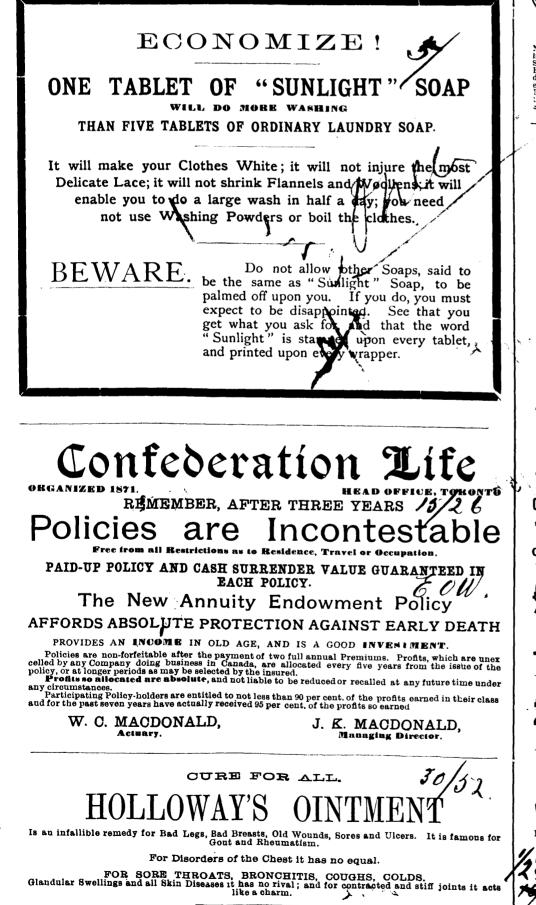
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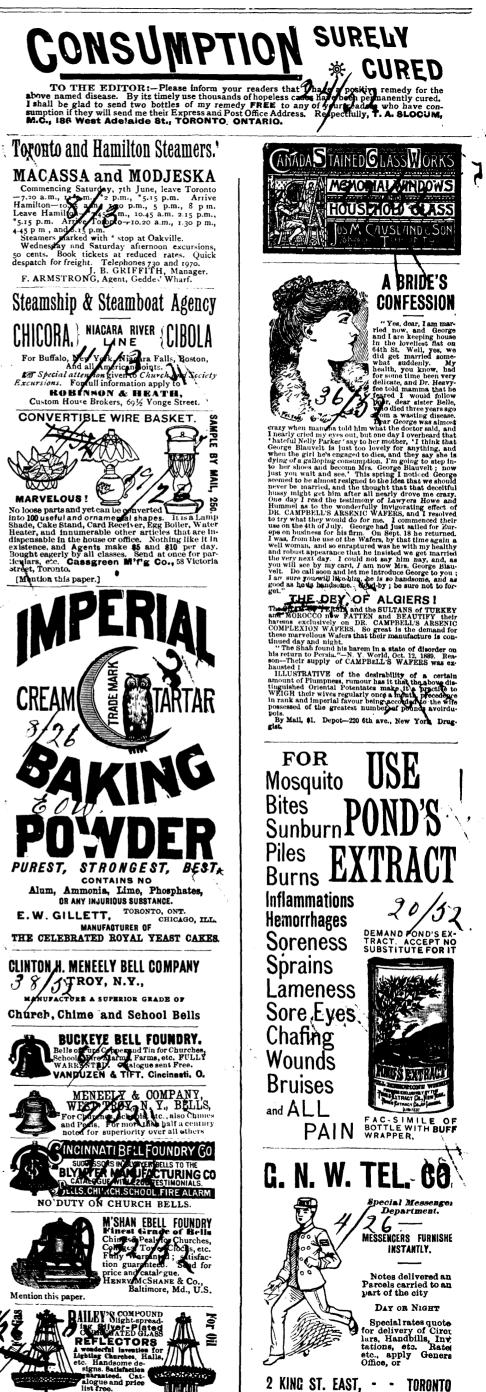
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