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A fine catsup can be made of cucumbers. Chop fine four good-sized onions, peel and take out the seed of three dozen ripe cucumbers and put in the bowl with the onlons and chop; drain off the water and put in preserve jars. Heat a quart of vinegar, adding a scant teaspoonful of cayenne pepper, a tablespoonful of salt, and one of ground cloves; when just warm, turn over the chopped cucumbers so the jars are full, seal, and put in a cool place. Try it on fish.

A RELISHABLE BREAD PUDDING.

To be at its best, bread pudding must be carefully made. Take about four slices of stale bread, or its equivalent in fragments, remove all the crust, and pour about two cupfuls of boiling milk over them. Beat this thoroughly, until it is free from lumps, add one well-beaten egg, then stir again until the mixture is like thick cream. Add a little nutmeg, vanilla or other flavoring. Butter a pan, pour in the pudding, and bake in a quick oven. It should be put into the oven about fifteen minutes before serving, as it is sent to the table immediately upon being done. It will have risen into a very light and delicate loaf, which is extremely relishable. It may be served with bard sauce, or any dressing which is most

TOMATO CATSUP.

Tomato catsup is a favorite relish. Put one peck of ripe tomatoes and one quart of onions in a porcelain kettle and boil until a soft mash. Then press through a coarse sieve, add to it one quart of vinegar, one ounce of salt, one ounce of mace, one tablespoonful each of black pepper, cayenne pepper and ground cloves, and five pints of sugar. Return to the fire and boil several bours, stirring frequently. Bottle and seal.

A catsup generally used in the South is made with a peck of green tomatoes and a half peck of onions. Chop and put in a porcelain kettle with three ounces of mustard seed, one ounce of salt, one ounce of cloves, one ounce of allspice, half a pint of mixed mustard, one ounce of black pepper, lone ounce of celery seed, and a pound of brown sugar. Cover with vinegar and place on the fire and boil slowly two hours; strain through a sieve, bottle and seal.

DELICIOUS TUSCAN PUDDING.

Make a boiled custard with one pint of milk, sweetened with half a cup of sugar, holled and poured on three beaten eggs. Return the mixture to the saucepan and stir until it thickens, but do not let it curdle as it will if it boils for more than a second. When cool add one pint of cream, half a cup of sugar, a quarter of a box of gelatine, dissolved and strained, half a teaspoonful of vanilla, a quarter of a teaspoonful of essence of lemon, twenty drops of extract of bitter almond. Put in a mould with smooth sides and pack in ice and salt. The proportion is two quarts of broken ice to one of coarse salt, well mixed. In an hour remove the mould, and after wiping it carefully uncover it, and with a knife scrape the frozen cream from the sides. Reat it thoroughly, as this makes the texture fine and smooth. If it is nearly frozen add half a pound of sweet almonds, blanched and chopped fine, half a pound of candled ginger, cut in small pieces, and half a pound of citron prepared in the same way.



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Rotes of the Week.

The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for sick children was lately opened by Her Royal Highness, Princess Beatrice. The building is to cost about \$200,000.00. While going through it she presented each of the nurses with a silver commemorative badge.

The news, which we have not seen in our American exchanges comes to us from across the sea that, at the last meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Dr. A. T. Pierson received his certificate, disjoining him from the Presbytery, with a view to joining the Congregational Association of New York and Brooklyn.

From a book recently published on "Punch and His Contributors" it appears that many ladies have been among the illustrators and writers for that famous weekly. Miss Georgina Bowers drew for ten years for Punch, and among other lady contributors are such names as Mrs. Rimer, Miss Fraser, Miss Maud Lambourne, and many others well-known.

Rev. Professor Hastie, D.D., recently appointed to the Divinity Chair in Glasgow University, was introduced to the students by Principal Caird, in the Bute Hall, in the presence of a large audience which included the Rev. Donald MacLeod, Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, Professor Story, and other members of the Senatus.

It is not often that men have the grace or courage to refuse the degree of D.D., especially when presented by a famous university. It has lately been done, however, by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev. John Sheepshanks, for a reason which, taken with others, shows how well he was entitled to it. It was on the ground that," the money required to pay the necessary fees (about \$350) might be put to better use in his diocese." The Bishop of Norwich is a most sensible man.

The Presbyterian young men of the city of londonderry are engaging in a volunteer effort to aid the Foreign Mission which proves that the rising generation in Ireland are not only not behind their fathers but are taking a step in advance. They have divided the city into districts, and have made a special canvass and collection, with the result that they have raised nearly £250. This is not a mere spasmodic effort. They mean to keep it up year by year, and a san earnest have undertaken to guarantee £200 a year to a missionary.

The Presbyterian, of London, England, of date ith inst., comes to us enlarged, and enters upon enew departure which will no doubt add to the efulness and, at the same time, attractiveness of the paper. It proposes to represent more fully in hture Scottish Presbyterianism in all its branches, step which has evoked hearty approval from reresentative men and promises of support from all. Public questions will be discussed as before free hom a partisan spirit. High class fiction will obtain place in its columns, and it has in contemplation, that should surely find a place from time to time nevery Presbyterian paper, for the sake of the young as they are growing up, "a series of short uticles dealing with the history and principles of Presbyterianism, intended specially for the youth the congregations of the church." We wish our ansatlantic Presbyterian contemporary all sucess in this new departure.

Up to the 15th inst., one hundred and forty-six students have been entered on the Manitoba College roll. More continue to arrive, however, and a few more may still be expected, so that the total will be slightly larger by Christmas. Fifty-three, an unusually large number, are enrolled for the first time. Doubtless many of these will not take a full course, there are always a considerable number who take a short course of one or two sessions. The quality of the classes is quite up to the average, and there is every prospect of a successful year's work.

The Mid-Continent comparing the giving of the Presbyterian Church (North) in the U.S. in 1895 with what it was at the time of the union twenty-five years ago, says: "The amount of contributions recommended by the General Assembly for the work of the Foreign Mission Board alone, for 1895, about equalled the total contributions to all the Boards in 1870." For all the Boards there have been contributed in twenty-five years nearly \$50,000,000, and for miscellaneous benevolence, and congregational support \$300,000,000. In tracing this vast stream of benevolence and mighty force for good to its source it says, and let the words be noted and sink deep into the heart of our own Church: "To the Home Missionary force, we may trace the geographic and numerical expansion of the united church."

The current number of Queen's University Journal extends a welcome to Professor Dale, who succeeds to the chair of Latin at Queen's, which was left vacant by the resignation of Professor Fletcher, who succeeded Mr. Dale in Toronto University. Mr. Dale was a class-mate of Professor Fletcher during their college life, and, like him, distinguished himself as a student. It has a high reputation as a classical scholar, a successful teacher, a liberal and broad-minded man who has the students' interests at heart. "Though he has been but a short time among us," the Journal says, "he has already won for himself the respect and esteem of his class, and we feel confident that, under his management, the study of Latin literature will continue to be one of the most popular among the different studies of our university course."

The conduct of one of the lawyers for the defence in the Holmes trial, which was lately closed by the finding of him guilty of murder in the first degree will, it may be hoped, meet with swift and condign punishment. It appears that this lawyer, Shoemaker by name, actually suborned a witness by the payment of \$20 to testify falsely on behalf of the accused. To the full, clear and instant exposure of his guilt in open court, the villain had hardly a word to say. Next in guiltiness to the doer of such deeds as Holmes is accused of, is the man who for money, or a professional triumph, or for any reason, would attempt by any unfair means whatever to baulk justice, to screen guilt and let such a monster as Holmes loose on society. The moral obtuseness and utter depravity of the man who could be guilty of such conduct, ought to drive him forever from the ranks of the profession, to meet with universal abhorrence and cover him with disgrace

It has for some time been well-known that Mr. Gladstone, who is in several respects the most wonderful man of his day, has been engaged in the work of preparing a new edition of Baker's Analogy, which will shortly make its appearance in two volumes. In the current number of the Nineteenth Century appears the first of two papers from his pen on this immortal work, which may be regarded as the first fruits of the coming volumes "His pen," says a writer in the Presbyterian (London), "has lost none of its cunning by increasing years. He is as keen a controversialist as ever, and in some respects more vigorous than in his earlier writings. His reply to the critics who are

held by some to have demolished Butler's Analogy, is a close piece of reasoning. Though defending Butler from his modern critics, he frankly admits that his work, faithfully adjusted as it was to the needs of his own day, is inadequate to the needs of ours: yet it stands as one of the most powerful works of Christian apologetics in the language."

In 1837 the split took place in the Presbyterian Church in the United States by which it became divided into what was popularly know as the Old School and the New School. In 1870 they became again united and this being the semi-jubilee year of that union it is naturally a year when the now happily united church takes a backward and also a forward look. There are many aspects of a church's life and work which cannot be tabulated and set down in figures. Others can inso far. Referring to the advance in organization and numerical strength, The Mid-Continent, of St. Louis, gives this illustration:

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The whole Church will be deeply interested in the announcement which we have the pleasure of making that "From Far Formosa," the work to which Rev. John A. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, has given so much loving labour, and which contains the narrative of the experiences and work in Formosa of our honoured missionary there, Rev. Dr. Mackay, was published in New York on Tuesday the 19th, and is by this time in Toronto. It is very fully illustrated, and a friend who has seen an advance copy says of it, that " it looks exceedingly well." It is unnecessary we know yet nevertheless we do bespeak for it, a warm reception. We know of no missionary work of our day which has to a greater extent illustrated the same apostolic zeal, courage and consecration to one great and holy purpose, or which has received in a more striking degree evidences of the divine blessing in the success which has crowned it. The story of this work for Christ in far Formosa will be read with interest by all everywhere who have a missionary spirit, and with greatly intensified interest by young and old in our own Church, to whom the name of Dr. Mackay is a household word, and whose privilege it has been to see his face and hear his burning

The following cutting from the British Weekly, we think it is, will make to many nothing less than a revelation, as to the state of feeling in the Episcopal Church in Britain, on a subject which deservedly engages much anxious attention amongst ourselves, a state of feeling which, owing to the power and influence of that church, is fraught with the greatest danger to religion and morals, and the well-being of the whole Empire in every way:

"At the Church Congress recently in Norwich, England, one speaker recommended 'golf and lawn-tennis as very suitable occupations on Sunday afternoons.' Another advocated the opening on that day of museums and picture-galleries, saying 'it would give the young people an opportunity for respectable courting.' Some Scottish Episcopalians have just declared in Edinburgh for the Continental Sunday—that is, Mass in the morning, followed by recreations and sports in the afternoon, ending up with a ball at night." The writer adds, "Really these High Churchites, in their desire to get away from Puritanism as far as possible, are losing their heads altogether. The Continentals themselves are nowise proud of their Sunday, many lock wistfully towards the comparative rest and peace we enjoy here. All tired people need the complete rest. All people, tired or not, need respite and pause for worship and the things of the soul. As a faculty withers and dies if not exercised, so would spiritual religion suffer atrophy without a full observance of the Lord's Day. But the observance mast be spiritual, holy, happy, and on New Testament lines."

Our Contributors.

CONCERNING A WORSE THAN USELESS TRIBE

BY KNOXONIAN.

In the preface to his great book, Principal Fairbairn says that the criticism which neither ends in construction, nor makes construction easier has no scientific character, and no function. These may not be his exact words but they express the idea accurately enough for popular purposes. Put in the concrete form, the learned Principal's theory is that a critic who does not construct anything himself, nor help others in construction, is a useless kind of a biped. The making of that discovery did not require the profound icarning and splendid ability of the Principal of Mansfield College. Some of us who are not Principals, and never will be Principals of anything, found that out long ago. A critic who does nothing useful himself, and who never helps any other person to do anything useful, is often worse than useless. Quite frequently he is a downright nuisance.

Still it may not be quite correct to say that a critic of that kind has no function. His function may be to show that he is a fool. If he kept his mouth shut people might take him for a man of sense. Taking him for a man of sense, they might assign some work to him that only a sensible man can do. Serious mistakes may be obviated by the revelation which this kind of a critic makes of himself. The function of showing oneself a fool may not be particularly dignified nor inspiring, but it may be overruled for good.

The function of another critic may be to show that he is an ass. If he indulged in no criticism people might take him for a philosopher. We have it on good authority that there is no substitute for wisdom, but that silence comes nearer it than anything else. If a critic said nothing, and contented himself with merely looking wiser than even Solomon looked in his best days, people might mistake him for a second edition of Solomon enlarged and greatly improved. But the man said something intended for criticism, and by so doing classified himself. His function was to show the class he belonged to and he did it.

The function of a third critic may be to prove that he is a perambulating vinegar cask. He is on bad terms with everybody and finds fault with everything. Strictly speaking he does not criticise; he merely sparls.

Some critics criticise merely to show that they are there. They rise in the church courts, or at public meetings, or in the public papers mainly to keep themselves in evidence. If they did not keep themselves in evidence the human family might forget all abou, them. Critics of that kind are comparatively harmless. As soon as they have put themselves fairly in evidence

they usually subside.

There is a good deal of criticism in the Ontario part of the Presbyterian Church just now, and the subjects handled are Theological education, the raw material out of which a good theological professor can be made and the finished product got ready for the chair. Whether the criticism will be of any use or not depends entirely on the result. If it proves constructive and puts two good professors into Knox College, it will be of great value to the Church. If it neither constructs, nor helps those who are constructing, it may be worse than useless. The policy that puts the nomination of professors in the hands of Presbyteries is on its trial, and, truth to say, the outlook is not specially encouraging at present.

Parliament is the place in which you see useful and useless criticism in full play. One member rises and slashes away at a bill, finds fault with it on general principles but sits down without suggesting any improvement. Another points out what he

considers weak or bad clauses, suggests improvements, amends some clauses, strikes out others and thus helps to construct what he considers a much better measure. Two or three members of constructive ability do that and the result often is a good act of parliament.

The two kinds of criticism, the useful and the mere snarl, are ever present in the church courts. The useful never, or very rarely, finds fault without suggesting improvement, the useless simply snaris. We have occasionally heard a man of good constructive ability point out defects in a measure, and candidly confess he could not suggest anything better, but he almost invariably asked those around him if they could not suggest an improvement. That, however, is a vastly different thing from mere fault finding for the sake of finding

Have you gone into the criticism business? How do you propose to carry it on? Do you mean to work at it in a way that will lead to the construction of something useful, or help others who are trying to do something useful, or do you mean to do nothing more than snarl?

ANOTHER REJOINDER TO REV. R. P. MACKAY.

BY REV. CHARLES W. GORDON, B.A.

Even when he goes to war Mr. Mackay bears himself with true Highland courtesy, but I hope indeed it is not war at all.

Let me at the outset set myself right with Mr. Mackay on two personal matters. First.—If Mr. Mackay reads again my words upon the point to which he refers, he will see that they can not fairly be made to carry the charge of " insincerity " which he finds in them, though he is kind enough to relieve me of "intention" in the charge. My words simply state a certain tendency of mind in Mr. Mackay which makes it easy for him to fall into the error of accepting a private letter of the convener of the Home Mission Committee for a decision of that committee. "Insincerity" cannot in my mind be associated with the name of Mr. Mackay.

And second.-Mr. Mackay should not have used the expression "antagonizing the Church's efforts to obey the Lord's command" in discussing the question we have in hand. That is a serious charge to make; so serious that one wonders if Mr. Mackay realizes its full nature. If Mr. Mackay says "I do not apply these words to Mr. Gordon in particular," the answer is "What place have they then in this letter?" for I fancy Highland courage forbids that Mr. Mackay should strike at another over my back. Perhaps I should not have noticed the charge, serious thought it is, and rubbed in though it is by a little homily, were it not that it bears upon a matter of far more importance than that I should have some burt, more or less, done to my feelings; which, after all, is a matter of comparatively small moment I judge to you Mr. Editor or to your readers. And the matter of importance is this, that when men set forth methods of work they must expect and must allow full and free criticism of these methods. There are who cannot distinguish between a work and a method of doing that work, but Mr. Mackay is no: one of these, and he must allow me to discuss in the freest manner his methods or those even of the Foreign Mission Committee, without impugning my loyalty to the cause of Foreign Missions, to the Church, or to our Lord. Anything else is both hopeless and intolerable. Full discussion of methods is essential to the develop ment of a wise and liberal policy, and profitable dicussion is possible only between men who have confidence in each other's purity of motive and loyalty to the work in question.

Now I want to set down some reasons why I do not like this new method of work proposed by the Foreign Mission Committee. For it turns out that the circular has the authority of the Foreign Mission Committee and Mr. Mackay will allow that I provided for a possibility of mistake upon this point. Now this is somewhat awkward for me, for a committee is not a man, but is a thing of inconvenient and perplexing impersonality with which it is difficult to deal. I shall avoid the Foreign Mission Committee and devote myself to the circular, by which they evidence their reality and palpability, and shall venture humbly to suggest certain reasons why the scheme should not be pushed.

I. The scheme should have been presented to the Church through the General Assembly. We do not insist upon our great comittees laying the details of their plans before them, we confide these details to them, with the utmost confidence. But this scheme is too far-reaching in its effects upon our Church life at its most vital spot, viz, in the young people, to be introduced without the very fullest consideration by the Church. Then, too, in its operation, this scheme will come into touch with other important departments of work, and hence should be the result of the deliberations, not of a single committee, but of the Church as a whole, and finally the scheme involves a new principle not yet approved as in full consonance with Presbyterian polity. This aims at doing the work of the Church by what has been called "the fractional method." Instead of advancing by congregations it is proposed to advance by sections of congregations, by societies. It may be a good plan (personally I do not think so) but the point I make here is that good or bad, it has not been adopted by our Church. But some one will say: "What of the W.F.M.S.?" The principle involved in the W.F.M.S. is not the same. It is not the assigning a particular fraction of territory to a fraction of the Church, for a fraction of time, and besides there is a natural and special propriety in allowing the women of our Church to show their devotion to Him "who discovered the world's women and children" by assuming the care of all the heathen women and children found within the sphere of our Church's influence. And were it not for this very special propriety it might be difficult to find a raison d'elre for the W.F.M.S. at all. Hence, because it seriously effects the young life of our Church, because it must come into touch with other Important schemes, and because it involves a principle not yet approved by the Church, for these three reasons the scheme should have been presented to the Church upon the floor of the Assembly.

II. The scheme is of doubtful value elther to the cause of Foreign Missions, or to the Young People's Societies.

Like Calvinism this circular has its "Five Points," but unlike the Calvinistic points they will not bear examination.

(1). "The spirit of union between societies." I have already shown that, though this has a pleasant sound, it has no practical value. What union would this scheme effect between the societies, say, of Paris and Portage la Prairle. Besides this effort at union is along quite wrong lines and the very attempt constitutes one of the dangers Mr. Mackay finds imaginary. There is a very strong tendency in this age to individualism and to the consequent loosening of congregational bonds. To do our best work as a Church we must work as one body, but the first essential is that each congregation be a unit, an organism with one entrit and a aim To this end our young people must be trained to absolute loyalty to the congregation. It is our conviction that, as a rule, loyalty to our master finds best expression in the life and work of the congregation. The unifying element among congregations is the Church, not any society in the Church, and the strongest bonds the young people should be trained to recognize are those reaching down to them from the Church, through the congregation. The Christian Endeavor movement with its splendid spiritual dynamic, and its warm glow of feeling, has a specially strong cohesive tendency, and so marked is this tendency, that, at almost every convention, the utmost stress is laid upon the spirit of the motto: "For Christ and the Church," lest unity amongst the societies should be at the expense of unity between societies and their respective congregations. This union among societies for a specific work is an extremely doubtful business.

(2). "The confining of Church funds to approved schemes." The plan proposed by the committee for attaining this most worthy ends can only be successful if all the fund of the Y.P. Societies are devoted to Honan which is not proposed by the com mittee, for what is to prevent funds not so devoted from dribbling off to extra-denomi. national schemes.

(3) "Correspondence with missionaries secured." It is indeed most necessary that our young people and all other people should receive full and accurate information in regard to our foreign mission work, but uo one will say that this scheme is needed to accomplish this.

(4). "Concentration of study upon one field for one year." This is particularly bad. I could not learn all there is to know about Honan even in a year's study; but with India to know about, and Africa, and the Neglected Continent, and all the other sad dark spots of earth, I can not afford to concentrate study upon Honan for one year.

(5). "United prayer." I can't understand the view of prayer underlying this proposal. Are we asked to concentrate prayer upon a certain field for a year? Men cannot pray to order like that. Prayer is a movement of life and like all life movements is spontaneous. "You can't stop praying," as a very wise man aptly put it, "on the 31st of December."

The scheme will not do for Foreign Missions what the Committee hopes it will do, and it will do a lot of things that the Committee would rather it wouldn't.

III. The scheme was introduced to members of congregations in an unconstitutional manner. A circular proposing a new and comprehensive scheme of work on the part of the young people is sent to a lady who happens to be the secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society. With the circular comes a letter urging by strong arguments prompt and favorable action, but without any manner of consideration for the Kirk Session, or reference to its opinion much less its authority. Now if the lady happens to be judiclous, as is likely, and the young people patient to await the opinion of the Session, which is possible, and the Session with the minister at its head chances to be composed of "douce buddies" that don't mind having their business done for them by an outside authority, which is, to say the least, doubtful, then in such a combination of probabilities there may be no trouble. But I question the right of any committee to approach members of a congregation with an important proposition without first taking the Session into its confidence. Now what I have written in this letter is in the interests, first, of Foreign Mission work, which I believe will be injured by the adoption of the scheme proposed by the circular, and, secondly, in the interests of a better understanding of the relations that the various departments of our Church work hold to each other and to the life of the Church as a whole. I may have "Home Mission eyes," but just for the present I am resolutely care. ful to regard this matter not from a Home Mission point of view. For any sake let us be done with this talk of "antagonism" between departments of wo k which cannot exist apart from each other, and of which one cannot fail without disaster to the other. We are clear about that point. Then if we find men representing these departments in antagonism to each other, either these men are wrong, or they are the victims of wrong in the system under which they work. When we are convinced that the men are right men, as is my conviction with regard to Mail Mackay, we are driven to the conclusion

that the wrong is somewhere in the system. I am not going to say any of the hot things that were in my heart when I read that ugly word "antagonize," connecting me with the work that after all lies closest to all our hearts, the conquest of the world for Christ. For I think of how very far back we stand from the lines of our vanishing enemy, and of how sadly our Lord must regard us. Believe me, and Mr. Mackay will believe me, I am not pleading even for defensive warfare, which would be a plea for final extinction. But I do ask for a wisely planned campaign in which the rear will be well guarded and a clear path kept between the front and the base of operations. It was no bold dash of valor that won for England the laurels of Torres Vedras or of Waterloo. Those laurels England owes to the stay of the British soldier and the consummate generalship of the Iron Duke, whose genius was nowhere more brilliantly evident than in his care of the commisariat and transport departments and in his consummate protection of his army's rear. By all means let us advance but let it be in such manner as shall be for the destruction of our enemies rather than of ourselves. What we want is one policy about which the various departments have come to agreement, not two policies, or three, pushed independently of each other with varying success.

If our administration were after the manher proposed, the Church would cease to be a kind of happy hunting ground for the colleges, or for the various great committees, but the Church would have a Church policy, with the various departments properly adlusted, which would command the hearty loyalty of every son of the Church. This would prevent the occurence of such shameful legislation as that the Home Mission Committee was forced to adopt last spring, which calmly reduced by 25% the salaries of men who of all our laborers are the hardest Worked, the least appreciated, and the poorest paid. This, too, would make impossible the issue of such a circular as has now been issued by the Foreign Mission Committee which is intrinsically unwise and manifestly irregular, and which, in the interests both of Foreign Mission and of Church life and work generally, I venture still to think should be withdrawn. I close with very kind personal regards to Mr. Mackay.

Winnipeg.

TO VISITORS OF PALESTINE.

BY REV. J. R. BATTISBY, PH.D.

I have been asked frequently, since my return from the East, as to the propriety of visiting Palestine in the summer, rather than the spring. It is needless to say that belore my visit, I had no actual experience and had therefore no great preference as to the time of visiting the Holy Land.

But I prefer the summer for the following among many reasons, viz.:

- (1). I could secure supply for my pulpit easier in the summer than in the winter or spring.
- (2). Hotel fare is lower in the summer than in the winter, as they are not crowded by any means.
- (3). Dragomen have not so much to do in the summer, as in the winter, and are easier to bargain with.
- (4). The weather is so steady, and the Rround so dry that you can sleep anywhere.
- (5). One does not require to take heavy clothing with him in the summer, which he must do in the winter, and hence he can go with far less baggage, which is a most important consideration. The less he takes the better.

If any of our ministers or laymen intend making the trip, I would most cordially recommend two Dragomen with whom I tavelled when in Palestine, viz.: Mr. Domina and Mr. Khaddar.

The former is a man of great experience, aving been a Dragoman for twenty-five bears. The latter is a fine intelligent young

man, thoroughly acquainted with the country and places of scriptural interest, and also of large experience. I could trust these men anywhere, and can speak in the highest terms of their courtesy and kindness.

If any of our brethren intend taking this, journey, these men, either of them or both, will meet them at Jaffa and pass them through the custom house without any trouble, and this is no small matter. All tourists must take a passport with them, which they obtain by applying to the Government at Ottawa.

There are just two very hot places in the summer season, viz., Jericho and Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee. You are not long in either place, and as I stood it well, so can others.

Chatham.

THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE.*

There seems to have been laid on Dr. Parker the necessity of completing his great homiletic work in twenty seven volumes, else the attempt would not have been made to crowd seventeen books of the New Testament into a single volume of 459 pages.

As is to be expected, the contents are fragmentary and various. For four of the epistles there is only an annotated text, viz., 2nd, Thessalonians; 2nd and 3rd John, and Jude. Then, for three others, Philippians, 2nd Timothy and Philemon, there is but one discourse, each, on a special short passage. There are seven discourses on Hebrews and four on Revelation. "Handfuls of purpose" finds a place at the close of Colossians. These various limits exclude the treatment of difficult points, but they do not hide the author's characteristics. These appear in the titles of sermons, as "The Gospel for Christians"; "The Apostolic Album"; "Euperistatos," and in the special features of treatment that mark the earlier volumes. The same freshness of expression and originality of thought are found here also. But the practical value of the book will be found to lie in stimulus, suggestion, and practical application of truth to the affairs of daily life rather than exposition of the Word.

The People's Bible, now complete, is a wondrous production as the work of one man. It is a permanent enrichment of theological literature and will make the Word of God more practical to thousands, while indicating its pre-eminent richness and power.

The close and prolonged study required to produce it has served to deepen and intensify Dr. Parker's conviction of the truthfulness and transcendent supremacy of this book above all others. It is certainly encouraging and re-assuring to read these words written at the close of this great undertaking:

"I close my book amongst the fastthickening shadows of the nineteenth century. I believe that the new century cannot do, and will not attempt to do without the Bible. . . . Other books are as trees planted and trimmed and pruned with periodical care; but the Bible belongs to the forestry of thought, event, direction and sovereignty which human hands never planted - a church built and aisled and lighted in a way beyond the ways of man. . . . In my judgment the only preaching that can do profound and lasting good must be Biblical. Such preaching cannot be monotonous nor disappointing to men who sincerely wish to commune with God, and obey His will.

... To me the Bible is a divine revelation—a revelation of God, Providence, Sin, Atonement, Faith, Immortality. . . . The reading (of it) has made me an unquestioning and grateful believer in the plenary inspiration, the divine authority and the infinite sufficiency of Holy Scripture, and, therefore, I can the more earnestly and definitely encourage others to impose upon themselves the sacred task. I know that the Bible is

*"The People's Bible." Discourses upon Holy Scripture. By Joseph Parker, D.D. Vol. XXVII. Ephesians—Revelations. 8vo. Pp. 459. [Funk & Wagnalls, New York and Toronto.]

inspired. It addresses itself to every aspect and every necessity of my nature; it is my own biography; I seem to read it in some other world. We are old friends; the breathing of Eternity is in us both, and we have happened together, toward mutual joy in this rough shore of time. I never know how great a Book it is until I try to do without it; then the heart aches; then the eyes are put out with the great tears of grief; then the house is no house of mine; then life sinks under an infinite load of weariness."

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.

This Christian organization having for its object the winning of boys to Christ and enlisting them loyally in his service and as members of His Church, is making rapid advances throughout the Dominion, having in six months increased from 75 companies and 2,639 boys to 120 companies and 5,000 boys at the present time.

The first annual returns from companies are now being received by the Secretary and in almost every case the officers and pastors testify to the good that is being done; repsrting a general improvement in the conduct of the boys and a very gratifying number of additions to the roll of the churches from their ranks.

The Boys' Brigade embraces all denominations; each company being wholly controlled and officered by the Church or Christian association with which it is connected; but there is a central office or headquarters where the companies are enrolled and whence are issued the printed forms, pamphlets, etc., that are used by the companies; and where all information may be obtained with regard to the objects of the Brigade and the best way to organize and manage a company. From the headquarters also an influence is exerted upon all the officers of companies by way of encouraging and helping them to maintain a high standard of efficiency in their companies and especially to keep steadily before their minds the true object and high ideal of the Boys' Brigade; where this is done, the results, as a rule, are satisfactory and friends are raised up to help the work; where this is not done it is not surprising that the results are unsatisfactory and the Brigade is discredited before the public. Officers should therefore feel, not only their responsibility for their own individual company but remember that the public will judge the Brigade as a whole by what they see in the local company, The Secretary devotes his whole time to the work, which is rapidly increasing in volume; he is at present visiting all the companies in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec; and holding meetings with a view to interest the public more fully and to secure subscribers to the headquarters fund. Office and printing expenses have to be met and the work is hampered by want of money. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and receipts issued for the same by Mr. T. W. Nisbet, Brigade Secretary, Headquarters office, Sarnia, Ont. All contributions will also be acknowledged in The Boys' Brigade Gazette.

"There is an intense need amongst boys of Christian help and guidance;" in The Brigade boys are brought into very close touch with their officers who are thus able to understand their needs and to supply the want. Will not all fathers and mothers, and all Christian Endeavourers help on this great and hopeful work for the boys of our land?

We would call the attention of Sunday School Christmas Committees to a Christmas service containing eight very beautiful carols, responsive reading, etc., most suitably arranged for an interesting Christmas Anniversary. The music is bright and joyous and of a grade which will be easily learned by all. Wm. A. Pond & Co., publishers, 25 Union Square, N.Y.

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Teacher and Scholar.

BY REV. W. A. J. MARTIN, TORONTO.

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GOLDEN TEXT.—I Sam. xvii: 47. MEMORY VERSES.—45-47. CATECHISM.—Q. 28-30.

There is no means of ascertaining with exactness the length of time which elapsed between the secret anointing of David at Bethlehem, and this, the occasion of his being brought prominent ly before the public notice. In the natural workings of God's providence David has been brought Saul's court to exercise his skill in music for driving away the evil spirit from the Lord which had come upon the King. Just previous to his contest with Golisth, however, he had returned to his father's house and resumed the care of his father's flocks. Probably the activity and excitement incident to war had given Saul temporary respite from his evil spirit, so rendering David's presence with him unnecessary. The story of which our lesson forms the centrepiece is so well known that it is not necessary to detail it. Try to imagine the armies of Israel and Philestine arrayed upon hillsides over against each other, with the valley between. See the soldiers being marshalled for battle, then hark! What is this we hear? A voice like thunder challenging any of the champions of Israel to settle the issue between the armies by a single combat, and closing with the most insulting defiance of Israel and Israel's God. Surely Saul, the giant King of Israel, will accept the challenge. But no! neither Saul nor any of his army is willing to face all but certain death at the hand of the redoubtable Goliath of Gath. Stay, however! here comes a ruddy stripling before King Saul with the quiet offer to go and fight the Philistine. It seems absurd, but it Israel's only chance of escape. Therefore Saul tries the lad, and when he discovers the spirit the young champion is possessed of even he is constrained to say, "Go, and God be with you." His own tried armor is fitted to the youth, but proves too cumbersome and is laid aside! And now the two champions stand face to face, and we are ready to witness the contest.

I. The Champions—Never was there a

greater contrast between men! The Philistine, about half as tall again as the tallest man in Israel, broad and strong in proportion, covered from head to foot with the best of armor, armed in the most approved manner with weapons each of which is a burden to an ordinary man, and an expert in the matter of fighting! While Israel's champion is a beardless lad not yet fully grown, his clothing the simple dress of the shepherd, his shepherd's crook in one hand and an ordinary sling in the other with five smooth stones in his scrip. The contest seems a most unequal one. Hear the giant laugh in derision at such a champion! See the look of disdain on his face ! Hear the scornful and blasphemous words which fall from his lips as he gets ready to wipe David out of existence with one blow of his mighty sword! Goliath is confident; his strength has never failed him, he has dashed in pieces many a mighty warrior; he will have no difficulty with this boy who comes against him as though he were only a dog to be warded off from a flock of sheep. But the other champion is not daunted, upon his face there is calm trust and cofident assurance depicted. He is fighting the battle of Jehovah, that Jehovah who never changes, that Jehovah who gave His servant the victory over fierce beasts of the forest, when it was only the life of a lamb which was at stake. Jehovah will not forsake him now when it is the welfare of His chosen peo-ple which is at stake, nay more, when it is His own honor which is at stake, for hear the blas-phemer, cursing Jehovah and His servant by the Philistines' gods! So they approach each other, the giant, disdaining to let down the visor of his helmet, striding forward to crush his opponent at a blow, and David slipping one stone into his sling, and as he whirls it around his head, breaking into a run to meet his foe. Surely the lad rushes to his death, a martyr in a noble cause! Wait, however, till we see

II. The Contest.—Goliath's battle-cry is curses by ms gods, David's "The battle is the Lord's." Short and sharp is the fight. Goliath's confidence is his undoing: for forth from the shep-herd's sling flies one of the smooth stones straight at the open visor of the giant. Crash it sinks into the exposed forehead; down drops the cumberous spear, weak grow the mighty knees and Philistia's champion lies prone upon the ground. Then light-footed David is upon him in a moment, that mighty sword which has sent to death many a warrior is whirled aloft in the stripling's hands and down it comes upon its owner's neck with such force as to sever the head, and Goliath is dead. Along with their champion die the Philistines' courage and confidence, and they flee with Israel in pursuit. What a mighty victory! What does the story mean for us? There are so many fights which it may be used to illustrate that one scarce knows what to select. In a sense every child of God is called to be a champion for God and to fight for the deliverance of God's purchased possession. "The battle is the Lord's" taken into a heart of faith will secure victory for us over giant Self and giant Sin, even as it did for David over Goliath, or the lesson may be used to illustrate the struggle between Christianity and the great giants of falsehood, superstition and infidelity, which is being waged to-day. The covenant David, Jesus Christ, is our leader. The victory is certain, for God is with us. The victory will be complete with plenty to spare. David had left four smooth stones unused. Let us thank God and take courage. Victory is assured, even though to

the eye of sense the contest seems hopeless.

(xxvi. 1.2).

Pastor and People.

GOOD AND ILL.

The wild bee sucks from bitter thyme
A savory, lucious honey,
And gathers sweets from noisome marsh
As well as bowers sucny.
The oyster in her silent home
Conceals a grievance cruel,
Till from her painful cross and wound
Is wrought a precious jewel!

The leaves assailed by blighting blast
With hectic flush are tainted,
Yet gorgeously in aftermath
The forest kings are painted;
And Winter gives a biting kiss
From chilling lips and hoary,
Yet clothes the palace and the wood
With wondrous, matchless glory!

The gathering clouds confront the sun
With threatening storm and thunder
That spoil our day—but rainbow comes,
A beauty and a wonder!
And base-born smoke, soaring to heaven,
Obscures the blue so tender,
Yet lies at feet of dying day
A wreathed, crimson splendor!

The opal's luster is a flaw
Of fissure and refraction,
The ruby's glow a cosmic throe
In sudden, fierce contraction;
And what is good and what is il
Lies far beyond our knowing,
And what is fair and what is foul
Seems only in the showing!

And we in life's perplexities
May spare our pain and guessing,
Since bees and bivalves teach us how
From evil to gain blessing;
Lo! in the very train of ill,
Hope's visions are attending,
And days that spring in leaden gloom
Have oft a golden ending!

—Congregationalist.

Written for THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.

A SACRED TRUST.

BY JOHN BURTON, B.D.

"Watch ve. and keep them, until ve weigh them before the chief of the priests, and the Levites, and the princes of the Fathers' houses of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the House of the Lord." These are the words with which Ezra (viii. 29) committed to the chief of the priests the silver and the gold and the vessels designed for the service of the Lord in the temple at Jerusalem. The journey was long and perilous; at least four months would be spent skirting the Syrian desert and descending to Jerusalem. Nor was the way safe, save as "the hand of our God is upon all them that seek Him." So to these twelve was entrusted the treasure, to be kept truly until, the journey accomplished, the trust should end in the chambers of the House of the Lord.

The ascended Christ "gave gifts unto men" as he led captivity captive; and those gifts with which he enriched his church are given " for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ; till we all attain unto the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God; until, in short, the Saviour's prayer be realized, that his disciples manifest the unity which he himself has manifested as between the Father and the Son. Plainly we have not yet reached that consummation, nor arrived with our trust to "the chambers of the house of the Lord." As Ezra and his companions, we are on the journey; and the charge he gave to his pilgrim priests may be legitimately applied to our Presbyterian congregations, entrusted as they are with certain treasures to be watchfully retained and conveyed till "the unity of the faith" is reached at Jerusalem the heavenly, in the chambers of the House of the Lord. It is my purpose to indicate some of these trusts, for if what is known as Presbyterianism has no special trust, its manifest duty would be to stand aside and yield its place. Trusts, however, we believe firmly it has.

The Confession of Faith is an historic document which to be thoroughly understood requires a knowledge of struggles and controversies that in the forms then assumed have passed away. For the general reader such enquiries are neither profitable

nor possible; nor is it desirable that the endless controversies that gather around Calvinism be considered; in the days of the Westminister divines evangelical theology was Calvinistic; Arminius would have been more than satisfied with the "moderate Calvinism" of our pulpits to-day. The church that retains the Westminster symbols claims to be but one of the evangelical churches of the land. Nevertheless there are certain trusts that may be emphasized as specially held by our Church today, among its companion pilgrims to the chambers of the House of the Lord; some broad principles which its subordinate standards enshrine, to which assent was given when adhesion was declared to the doctrine contained in the Confession, and which we may earnestly and confidently

First.-Catholicity. Calvin deplored division as one of the greatest evils that could afflict the Church of God. The Confession was a determined endeavor for unity in the faith. Its spirit is eminently Catholic. Mark its definition of the visible church: "The visible church consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true (i.e., the Christian) religion together with their children" (xxv. I, 2-4; xxvi. 1). No intimation that succession in an Episcopate is needed to make its organization regular or valid; no setting up of a special form of ordinance as a barrier to its full communion; no insertion of rules enjoining, eg., "buying of one another," thus emphasizing the dividing line; but a full recognition as brethren of all throughout the world that " are united to Jesus Christ their head by His spirit, and by faith have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection and glory." I am not contending that there is no narrowness, bigotry and many other ugly things among us. I am simply presenting some marked principles to which we ministers gave our assent as we recognized the teaching of Scripture voiced in the subordinate standard.

Secondly.—The Scriptures are emphasized as the foundation covenant of the Church, "unto which nothing is at any time to be added " (i. 5-7, xxxi. 4; xxv. 5). Over all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits is "the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture." As a Church we may have erred in interpretation. "All synods or councils since the apostle's times may err, and many have erred." Our testimony at all times may not have been free from the baser admixture," the purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error," but ever before us we have set as our arbiter and guide "the Word of God." And as all Scripture testifies of Christ, the exaltation of Scripture is the exaltation of Christ. We hear frequently in what are known as progressive circles, "Back to the historic Christ." That has ever been the position of the Presbyterian symbols. Back to those Scriptures which testify of Him. No doubt our vision has often been obscured, imperfect, even double; but the principle remains, and thitherward we ever

Thirdly.—Stress has ever been laid on individual, personal relation to God in Christ, as alone fitting for a place among the congregation. I know it has sometimes been said: "You Presbyterians admit anybody to your fellowship." We may forebear judging more than some, in that I for one believe we are following our Master; but our testimony is plain. I shall not touch here upon the vexed question of election, but the believer and the elect are one, and of such we are told that they have "taken away from them their heart of stone, and have given unto them hearts of flesh; are renewed in their wills and by His almighty power determined to that which is good" (x. 1). A renewed and sanctified life is demanded, that emphatically, nothing more or less. Lastly, with this emphatic individuality is secured the organic unity of the whole.

Our entire system centering in the Genera Assembly is a constant reminder that "We are not divided, all one body we,"

that as "all saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head by His spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection and glory," so also they "are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification, as also in relieving each other in outward things according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be

extended unto all those who in every place

call upon the name of the Lord Jesus "

Here are four golden principles enshrined in the Confession that have been weighed out to us for offerings in the house of our God. Catholicity; Supremacy of Christ as in the Scriptures set forth; Individual responsibility; Corporate Unity. Are we earning as we journey, the final "Well done?" With what joy the faithful custodian of Ezra's company would empty out his rich treasure upon the temple floor and rejoice as the scales gave evidence of a trust faithfully kept. What shame and confusion if amid the general rejoicing "Tekel—found wanting," should be recorded. Ah, the banishment and outer darkness.

In thus emphasizing, certain principles woven into the very texture of our Presbyterian polity I am not seeking to draw invidious comparisons, I am prepared to substantiate the statement that they are so thoroughly inseparable from our constitution that we may safely claim them as special deposits and to present them as incentives to a more decided conviction that we have as a distinct branch of the Christian Church distinct witnessing to bear. May our congregations all more thoroughly appreciate their trust, and realize, amid the distractions of this closing century, that they have a great work to do.

THE PREACHER AND THE TIMES.

But you ask me, Must not a preacher keep abreast of the times? Yes, just as the angel did. He tells them nothing new in science, gives them no lecture on contemporaneous history, nor does he go back into the past and tell them of sins their fathers committed. He is fully up to the times as regards the sins of the people to whom he speaks. And thus, while you beware of usurping the places of editor and professor, claiming to be a preacher, beware also of wasting breath on heresies which are dead and sins which are passed away. Do not spend your time denouncing the worship of Jupiter, nor learnedly refute the errors of the Manichæans, but talk to the people of the sins they are committing and the temptation which assail them. If you will deal honestly and faithfully with all the forms of sin found among your people, holding up ever the atoning blood as the great remedy for sin, and Jesus as the great exemplar in righteousness, you will find you will have more than enough whereon to speak without retailing the news of the day. Besides never forget that it is of little consequence to your hearers if they are told of a false theory of molecular attraction; and if they do not know when distinguished men die, or famous cities burn, or ships sink; but is of vital, eternal moment that their theory of the way of salvation should be true and that they should know that Jesus Christ died to save sinners.—T. T. Eaton, D. D., in the Homiletic Review.

Arbitration has had a more prominent place in international politics than most of us are aware of. We see the statement that, since 1816, there have been one hundred and twelve arbitrations between the European nations, the United States, and the states of Central and South America. Thirty times the United States has so settled its difficulties.

A GREAT COMMANDMENT: DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MORROW.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow. -Matt

This is one of the passages that Mr. Robert Ingersoll reads and pronounces it folly. But is it not rather one of the wisest sentences ever uttered? The original means, "Take no anxious thought," or, in the language of every-day life, "Don't worry." Christ applies it to the future, to food and drink and shelter and raiment. He saw clearly that the anxiety about the evils of to-morrow, that never come upon us causes a million-fold more suftering and death than the evils that come. He saw that multitudes perish of worry about the hunger and thirst and exposure that never come, for every one that actually dies of real hunger, thirst and exposure. Christ show ed His infinite wisdom in avoiding the supreme folly of Mr. Ingersoll, and saying, "Don't worry," instead of saying, "Don't perish of hunger, or thirst, or cold, or exposure." He at the same time showed His infinite beneficence is revealing that universal and loving providence in which every one who will "seek first the kingdom of heaven" can find sure refuge from the dread and the worry. Is there any lesson that a hurrying, worrying world so needs to learn as this one of safety and peace from the lips of Jesus? Is not this a great commandment with promise?—Extract from "Hints at the Meaning of Texts," in The Homiletic

THE BROKEN BUCKLE.

You have read in history of that hero who, when an overwhelming force was in full pursuit, and all his followers were urging him to more rapid flight, cooly dismounts ed, in order to repair a flaw in the horse's harness. Whilst busied with the broken buckle the distant cloud swept down in near er thunder; but just as the prancing hoofs and eager spears were ready to dash down upon him the flaw was mended, the clasp was fastened, the steed was mounted, and like a swooping falcon he had vanished from their view. The broken buckle would have left him on the field a dismounted and inglorious prisoner; the timely delay sent him in safety back to his bustling comrades. There is in daily life the same luckless precipitancy and the same profitable delay. The man who, from his prayerless awaken ing, bounces into the business of the day, however good his talents and great his diligence, is only galloping on a steed harnes sed with a broken buckle, and must not mar vel if, in his hottest haste or more hazardous leap, he be left inglorious in the dust; though it may occasion some little delay before hand, his neighbour is wiser who self all in order before the march begins. James Hamilton.

The Christian Register says :- " If there are religious tramps who go from church to church, there are also the well-rooted steady goers who may be found in the same church and in the same pew from Sunday to day. The minister expects to find them there just as any other part of the church furniture. He thinks of them when he writes his sermon, and when he delivers it. Their attendance at church does not depend upon barometer, thermometer, or any other weather instrument. The question whether they shall go to church does not come up to them at all. They go to church as regular-ly on Sunday as they go to their business on Monday. Nothing to their business in Monday. Nothing but positive physical in-ability can keep them at home. They have ability can keep them at home. They city, not sampled all the churches in the man of they go not merely to 'hear' this man of the church that; they are an integral part of the church itself, as much itself, as much as the foundation on which it stands or the same foundation on " it stands or the pillars that hold it up.

Bishop Sessums, of Louisiana, divine "An education which leaves out the divine is not complete; it is an injustice to our human nature. It is a very poor religion, on the other hand, which undertakes to leave our education."

Missionary World.

TRAINING FOR FOREIGN MIS-SION WORK.

The subject of systematic training for missionaries who are going to the Foreign field is one that is now attracting attention from the boards of nearly all the different churches. An experience of more than twenty years on the Foreign field has convinced me that much time is lost by new missionaries because of the lack of that preparation which might have been received before leaving the home land. For instance, some who are not habitual students lose time and find great difficulty in acquiring the language because they do not know how to apply themselves in a systematic way. Others again, get the language without much trouble, but do not know how to enter upon active work. In cases where the beginner is willing to be a learner and put himself under the tuition of one older in the work, content to fill the place of assistant until he can "go alone," there is not apt to be much loss of time in getting into work, though very much depends even here on his fitness for the various kinds of work into which he is initiated. But if he is without this paternal care on beginning his work. and either from inclination or misfortune has to start out on his own resources, he is constantly making mistakes from lack of knowledge, from doing things the wrong way or from trying different kinds of work. Much of this might be avoided by a special course of training before going to the field.

Having settled the importance of this duty, the next point that comes up, is the kind of training needed. There is use for so many and varied kinds of knowledge on the Foreign field, that one can not have too great a "diversity of gifts" to satisfy all demands. There are some things, however, which may be emphasized as almost essential for successful work. Spiritual qualifications are taken for granted in the case of one who feels the call to the Foreign field, and stand high over all others of practical knowledge. First of all in importance is a thorough acquaintance with the Word of God, and the ability to explain its ordinary meaning. This is emphatically our "Book of Authority" in all things which we teach, and a great part of the Foreign missionary's work is to guide and instruct the native Christians in their investigations into the written Word. How can this be done in any satisfactory way unless the teacher has been himself carefully and thoroughly in-

Another important branch of knowledge is connected with medicine and the treatment of simple diseases, as well as experience in nursing the sick. It often happens that one is far away from a regular physician and has to depend on himself in case of sickness occuring in his own household, to say nothing of the endless amount of good to be accomplished among the natives by a limited supply of simple remedles with the knowledge to use them judiciously. It often falls to the lot of a missionary to nurse those associated with him in the work through cases of severe and protracted illness, and a little experience or training in this line will save valuable lives to the work.

Of course to those who expect to engage in teaching, a reasonable amount of experience is almost a necessity, and it hardly seems fair to take preclous time on the field to get the experience which should be gain ed before leaving home.

In addition to what has been mentioned, any practical training in the way of manual work suited to the sphere of man or woman, will not come amiss. If one's lot is cast in the interior, far away from the ordinary source of supply, his ingenuity is taxed to the utmost in furnishing some of the most common things of life. In such cases there seems to be no kind of knowledge which does not come into play. In the line of

bousekeeping, for instance, a woman's PULPIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM. quick wit and experience has saved her family much discomfort; and so it might be said of many other things.

The next point is to decide how and where this training can be obtained. In many cases a varied experience in the various mentioned lines makes a course in a training school unnecessary; but to the young man or woman fresh from home or college, whose contact with the lower classes is limited, and who has had no experience in home mission work, a year or two of training in these kinds of work is worth far more than the time lost by the delay in getting to the field. For this purpose the establishment of regular training schools under competent instructors, is one of the most hopeful signs in the present policy and management of missions. They furnish the means for obtaining these advantages which fit one for the best work on the field, and by giving him an insight into what is expected of him, they enable him to decide as to his ability and fitness for the work. If one is mistaken as to his call to the foreign field, or is lacking in those qualifications which are most essential to successful work, this is very apt to be developed in a course of preparatory study and training. In this way he can be tested before going to the field, and the society spared the expense of outfit and transportation.

In England this special training is becoming more and more a requirement of the foreign mission boards, and in this country there are now several excellent institutions of this kind under the control of denominational boards. Many are availing themselves of the advantages thus given, but would it not be well to make it obligatory on the part of all who offer themselves for the work, to get more or less of this testing and training before they are sent to the field? For ladies, especially, who have not previously been engaged in any regular work, this training would be invaluable, and the benefit would work both ways. The wives of missionaries would realize the same benefits as the single ladies, as this previous preparation would enable them to utilize many moments of time in the midst of a busy household life.

As the work on the field develops and broadens, the very best material is needed in the work to meet its requirements. So it does seem eminently wise and fitting that the best means should be employed to bring about this desirable result. So far as we can see there is no better way, humanly speaking, of producing efficient workers, than in giving them a thorough and practical training before they enter upon their life work .- Mrs. John L. Stewart in Woman's Work for Women

In Dingab, Punjab, the missionaries of the Church of Scotland bave met with much opposition from the Hindus (Sikhs). But one of the most prominent of the adversar. ies had just been won over in a remarkable way. He asked for a private interview with the miss!onary, who expected a fierce expression of hostility, and was immensely surprised when the man pulled out a New Testament and said: "Sahib, I have read this book, and I find it to be pure and holy. Up to ten days ago I was a bitter opponent of yours. I gave a public lecture against you and against your work. Then I resolved that I would expose your book. So I began to read it in order to pick faults in it; but, do you know, as I read it I was drawn to it. My heart was captivated, and now I cannot oppose you. I know God's light is in that

From the twenty-fourth annual report of the Evangelical Church of Italy, it appears that in connection with this body there are twenty-six churches and thirty-five stations, with 132 places visited regularly. The ordained ministers number twenty-one; evangelists, ten; colporteurs, eight. There are teachers and Bible-women, Sundayschools, and associations for young people. The communicants number 1,697, and the adherents 6,315.

Rutherford: There are depths of love in Christ beyond all that we have seen. Therefore dig deep, and labour, and take pains for Him, and set by as much time for Him as you can. He will be won by

Great Thoughts: A personal dignity which cannot take care of itself cannot be protected by incessant guarding. The quality of a great creative nature is unconscionsness, and this is also the characteristic of a great character.

Mid-Continent: Cease fretting and begin praising. Quit murmuring and begin singing. The Lord is the same Lord. He will deliver in the future as He has done in the past. Sometime He may hide His face for a little while but for eternity He will never forsake.

Gladstone. No wave on the great ocean of Time, when once it has floated past us, can be recalled. All we can do is to watch the new form and motion of the next and launch upon it to try, in the manner our best judgment may suggest, our strength and skill.

Dr. Wm. M. Taylor: Christ fits His ministers through manifold experiences of sorrow and pain for the highest service. He writes their best sermons for them on their own hearts by the sharp stylus of trial. Such as He would make most eminent in His service, He takes furthest with Him into Gethsemane.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward: Reading above all things widens one's world; it takes one to new scenes and gives one new friends. Perhaps this is especially so in regard to fiction. It is within the power of good imaginative literature to transport us into another world. And what is true of fiction is still more true, or quite as true, of biog-

Ryle: However false or unhealthy religious feeling may sometimes be, the great truth stills remains behind, that feeling is the secret of doing. The heart must be engaged for Christ or the hands will soon bang down. The effections must be enlisted in His service, or our obedience will soon stand still. It will always be the loving workman who will do most in the Lord's vineyard.

Frederick W. Robertson: There are few temptations more common to ardent spirits than those which lead them to repine at the lot in which they are cast, believing that in some other situation they could serve God better. If each such man had the spirit of self-surrender, the spirit of the Cross, it would not matter to him whether he were doing the work of the mainspring or one of the inferior parts. It is his duty to try and be himself—simply to try to do his own duty.

Rev. James Millar: When Jesus met the advances of Nicodemus with the blunt stament: "Ye must be born again," he was simply putting into a sentence the sum of human experience. For conversion is the first need of humanity, as the guarantee of it is the first promise of Christ's religion. His gospel is in this respect the gospel of civilization. The commentary of history is that the Gentiles—"the heathen"—are only fitted to take a place amongst the nations as they are converted. Before the individual can be elevated to his proper place, and rightly use the faculties he possesses, he must be "turned 'nto another man." Hence it is that the nineteenth century, which is pre-eminently the missionary century of Christendom, is a century of triumphs of

Christian Endeavor.

GOD'S TRIUMPHS IN THE MIS-SION FIELD.

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A MISSIONARY MEETING SUGGESTED.

So numerous and so signal have been God's triumph in the mission field that the subject could be better presented in a volume than in a single column of a newspaper. God has triumphed gloriously in the South Sea Islands. Probably there never was a class of people more deeply sunk in the mire of degredation and superstition than were the inhabitants of Polynesia. So very meagre were their attainments, and so far removed were they from anything like what obtains in civilized society that one might almost be excused if he questioned whether even the Gospel could raise up such a people. And yet many a time since the year 1816, when John Williams, "the Apostle of Polynesia," 'anded there, the Christian world has been astonished and pleased by tidings of what the Gospel has done and is doing. Men who were once cruel, brutal and degraded, were so transformed that they became kind, earnest, considerate. Women, who were once treated in the most barbarous and revolting manner, are now looked upon as God intended they should be-as the friends and companions of their husbands and brothers. Children once had sharp sticks thrust through their ears, and were driven to heathen temples, but now they are treated with tenderness and sympathy. It is said that when Williams went to Raratonga in 1823, he found all the inhabitants heathen; that when he left in 1834, they were all professed Christians; that instead of heathen temples there were large churches with an attendance of six thousand; that instead of heathen rites in their homes God was worshipped as in the dwellings of Jacob.

The cause of God has signally triumphed in Madagascar. The story of the entrance of missionaries into that island, the blessings with which God accompanied their efforts, the determined stand taken by some to check the work and to exterminate Christianity there; the zeal with which the enterprise was taken up again; the way in which Christianity broke down the barriers which opposed it, eradicated superstitious notions and overthrew idolatrous practicesall this makes very stimulating and exciting reading.

A very wonderful triumph, humanly speaking, has been won in the Island of Formosa by our own Dr. G. L. MacKay, one of the most apostolic missionaries in modern times. It is only twenty-three years since he landed on that Island, and yet though he had no knowledge of the language spoken by the people, he soon acquired it, and in a remarkably short time he was the instru-ment of leading first one and then another from the darkness of heathenism into the light of the Gospel. According to the statement submitted to the last General Assembly there are now in the field two ordained native preachers, sixty preachers who are not ordained, twenty-four Bible women, 1,738 communicants and sixty chapels.

It would be an easy matter to dwell upon great and glorious achievements in China, Japan, Persia, Burmah, India and many other countries, but it is scarcely neces-sary inasmuch as the literature bearing on these subjects is abundant and can be easily

procured. Notwithstanding what God has we are told by some who regard themselves as very wise, and who put forth claims to superior knowledge of foreign lands that mission work is a failure, and that it is useless to prosecute is further. One regrets to find that such a man as Mr. Flinders Petrie, the great Egyptologist, should, indirectly, at least, lend countenance to this view. But even if the triumphs had not been so remarkable as they have been, it would be our duty -because the Master has commanded itto continue sending the Gospel to others. And there must be no retrenchment in this work until the Word of God has been proclaimed to every nation under heaven.

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ORD SALISBURY is of the opinion "that the terrible Armenian problem is guite as much the want of competent men as it is the want of adequate laws." And the same might be truly said of a good many other difficult problems.

TE regret that, on account of a large amount of matter delayed, because of our Thanksgiving number, we are obliged to defer until next week the account of the proceedings of the Synod of Manitoba which opened in Winnipeg on the 12th inst.

HE twenty-third public meeting of Knox College Student's Missionary Society will be held in the Convocation Hall of the college on Friday evening first at 8 p.m. These meetings have become an important feature of the religious life of the college, are always full of interest; and we would bespeak for this one a large attend-

HE Presbyterian, of London, England, referring to the discussion, not yet finished by the way, on the question," Should Elders be Eligible for the Moderatorship of Church Courts?" says:

"A very vigorous discussion is going on in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN of the quedion as to the right of elders to be Moderators of Church Courts. There is no doubt as to which side has the best of the argument: and ultimately, no doubt, the inertia of conservative instincts will be too weak to prevent the advance to a more ideal Presbyterianism."

LARGE and highly influential deputation, re-Presenting 5,000 commercial travellers, waited upon the Hon. Mr. Harcourt the other day and asked that the hotels of Ontario be placed under Provincial inspection. A good deal might be said in favour of this new departure. The travellers know more about the sanitary conditions of hotels than any other class of men. The chances are a million to one that the 5,000 travellers are right on this question.

REFERRING in a recent missionary speech to the outrages committed upon missionaries by the Chinese, the Hon. Mr. Foster, ex-secretary of the United States, who has just returned from China, said that "the Chinese Government had shown a greater readiness to punish the offenders and repair the losses than was evinced by the American authorities when riots against the Chinese had occurred in the United States." honor to the man who can tell the people the plain truth in such manly fashion. Elders like Mr. Foster are the backbone of Presbyterianism.

HE Interior does not like the way in which Lord Salisbury treats the Turkish Empire. It prefers the treatment Oliver Cromwell gave to the Jesuits. But Oliver Cromwell died some years ago. Why don't you send your own fleet to the Dardanelles and bring the Sultan to a sense of duty with a few judiciously aimed shells? This business of blaming Lord Salisbury for everything wrong in the East and doing nothing to put things right is becoming tiresome.

HE personal letter of the Sultan of Turkey to Lord Salisbury, piteously begging that the Premier deliver another speech on the Armenian question to counteract the damaging effect of the one delivered by his Lordship a short time ago, is a most striking tribute to England's power. There are just two men in the world who can shake Europe to the centre by a speech. The one is the Premier and the other is William Ewart Gladstone. John Bull is distinctly at the head of the nations yet.

NE of our correspondents from California having expressed in somewhat strong language an opinion very derogatory of revival work done in San Francisco by Rev. B. FayMills, we gladly give publicity to the statement which follows, commendatory of Mr. Mills and his work done in St. Paul, Minnesota, and sent to us from Long Island, N. Y., by a brother minister of Mr. Mills

"Mr. Mills is no fanatic or even enthusiast, but, on the contrary, one of the most clear, sensible, level-headed gospel preachers in our connection. A true, earnest and greatly blessed revivalist among all the evangelical churches. I was pastor (of one of our churches for eight years in St. Paul, Minnesota, and during my pastorate there Bro. Mills held meetings for three weeks. He came on the invitation of all the principal evangelical churches of the city, through the properly constituted authorities of each. He was very careful on this point. Meetings for mothers, men, and children were held; thousands were moved to lead a better life, among whom were scores of Roman Catholics; and the whole town was affected from centre to circumfrence."

X-PRESIDENT Harrison makes a high class missionary speech. The other evening, at a great Foreign Mission meeting in New York, he

"I have sometimes, in missionary meetings, heard speakers talk about the needs of the Board. That seems to me very much like the man whose grocery bills are not paid and who will talk about the needs of his butler. We are not here to talk about the needs of the Board, but our needs, the needs of the Church, and the needs of the world. We are to summon you to the duties which your church membership implies, and which implies much more when you consider the great Head of the Church.

We hear far too much in our own Church about the needs of the colleges, and of the Foreign Mission Committee, and of the Home Mission Committee, and of Augmentation, and of other schemes. The College Boards have no needs apart from the needs of the whole Church. Neither have the committees. Every member of the Church ought to have as much interest in the work as any of the committees have.

THE Herald and Presbyter gives this deliverance on a question that sometimes causes friction in Presbyterian congregations:

It must be settled as the universal and working principle of our Presbyterian Church that the Session is responsible for whatever occurs in the church building, and no person, or number of persons, be they trustees or any other persons, can give permission to any one to hold any sort of exercises in the church which the Session is not willing to permit. The oversight of the Session is spiritual. The care of the trustees is secular or financial. The safest rule for any church to adopt would be, to require any one desiring the use of the church building to secure the written consent of the elders, conditioned upon proper financial arrangements being made with the trustees afterward. The Session bility of the service at the time proposed; the trustees, as to the question of financial consideration, or kindred matters.

That is sound doctrine. Our Book of Forms puts the matter in this way: "While the care of the property belongs to the Deacon's Court or Board of Managers, the Session is responsible for the use made of the Church edifice, and has the control thereof and the custody of the key." Pastors are continually worried by people who want to use church buildings for meetings of various kinds in order to save the rent of a hall. The right way to dispose of such people is to tell them promptly and firmly, that the pastor of a Presbyterian Church has no power to give the Church building for any

E were glad to see in Monday's Globe an authoritative denial of the industriously cir; culated reports, that Rev. Dr. Warden had declined the General Assembly's invitation to become the general agent of the Presbyterian church in Canada Dr. Warden has not declined; has not yet come to a decision. The reports to the effect that he had done so, set affoat in many quarters, painfully suggest the impression that they are inspired with a view to influence Dr. Warden's decision. Our readers will do well to remember that, when he makes up his mind on the important offer now before him, intimation will be first made, not to the press of Montreal or Toronto, but to the Moderator of the General Assembly, whose announcement of Dr. Warden's decision will alone be authoritative. All who know Dr. Warden are well aware that his decision, for or against acceptance, will not be influenced by such means as have been referred to; but will be based soley on considerations of duty to God and to the Church, which, in calling him to succeed the venerable Dr. Reid, has given him per haps the highest proof possible of its confidence and the honour in which he is held. Dr. Warden is so pre-eminently qualified for the position to which he has been called that in the best interests of the Church we sincerely trust that he will yet decide to accept.

LERGYMEN have some difficult duties to discharge; but they never can be too thankful that the law exempts them from service as jurors. To sit for days, perhaps for weeks on a hard bench, breathe courthouse air all that time, listen to the evidence of many witnesses, much of it of a technical character, as well as to the interminable arguments of counsel, and then to have to decide whether a human being shall go free or go to the gallows-to do and endure all this is to discharge a duty to the state from which any man might shrink. The duty is made more difficult by the fact that, a juror on service is under the eye of a constable night and day, and would probably not be allowed his liberty if his nearest relative were dying. If the wife or child of one of the jurors in the Hyams trial should die suddenly, the juror would have to go on with his duties while his neighbours attended the funeral. At all events it is not probable that any arrangement could be made for his release. By the way how is it we never hear a petition offered for the men who have to discharge such trying duties? Surely theyneed divine help as much as the Army or Navy in times of peace, or the members of the Royal family. The twelve men who are in the jury box in the old courthouse in this ible city are doing much more difficult and responsible work for the state than is usually done by the Prince of Wales. Jurymen ought to be prayed for.

HE inequalites in giving pointed out by one of our contributors lately cannot be accounted for by the unequal distribution of wealth. There are few countries in the world in which wealth is more evenly distributed than it is in Canada. As a matter of fact some of the most liberal liberal giving is done in communities in which there is the least accumulated capital. Nor can the difference of giving two or three or even four dollars to one be accounted for by the liberality of the people. The people who really do give are very much alike in all Presbyteries though of course there are congregations that have always been liberal and some that have always been the reverse. The real cause of the difference is in the number of parallel and the state of the difference is in the state of the difference is in the state of the state number of people who give. There may be, there often are, local causes at work, but the tap-root of the inequality is that in some congregations every body contributes more or less, and in some the paying, so far as the schemes are concerned, is done by a few. Thank the Lord for the few. All the same that way of doing business is a caricature on voluntaryism. The theory of voluntaryism is that all the Lord's professing people help. How much some of them help may be learned from a glance at Dr. Torrance's column of averages. Perhaps the people are not much to blame. Do those prochuteries in which Presbyteries in which the average is away down one-third or one-fourth of what it is in others use any means to reach all the people?

THE citizens of New York got Tammany fairly by the throat a year ago. They did so because they unitedly took hold of the Tiger. Now they are differing about modes of work and Tammany may soon be uppermost again. When did good people ever agree about the mode of doing anything.

THE Hon. David Mills has said of a certain thanksgiving sermon which he criticized that it would have been equally useful or useless if there had been no soul in man and no Maker in the Universe." That reminds us of the man who said a sermon he had just heard was well enough in its way but a Pagan might have preached it.

A HOME missionary, writing in the Interior, gives the following lamentable picture of the way in which Home Mission work is done in some of the Western States.—

"The trustees, whose business it is to raise the salary, often leave the whole matter to one of their number, very likely the treasurer. He is a very busy man, has too many irons in the fire, and so, waits till the minister asks for money. This the minister hates to do, and puts it off just as long as possible. He runs into debt at the store—another source of humiliation—he borrows if he can, until at last, the case is so desperate, he can stand it no longer, and he unburdens his mind to the treasurer. After further delay a little money is secured on the salary, and the matter is dismissed. All is uncertainty. The minister dare not pay a bill at a certain time. His credit is impaired. The worry, mental suffering and privation are intense. At last he is compelled to ask for another pittance. He appears before the treasurer, a look of desperation on his face, and says:—'Brother T., I do not want to say much about salary matters for fear you will think that is all I am laboring for; but really I am in such straits I have not enough to pay my washerwoman's bill. 'Ah! indeed! Well, times are very hard, it seems almost impossible to get hold of any money, but we will try and get a little for you.' Now this is not overdrawn, not exaggerated. I am positive there are thousands of ministers who would say, 'That is just my experience.' And very few in the church know of this state of affairs."

The Church certainly should know about "this state of affairs." The Church pays nearly a million dollars a year for Home Mission work and has a right to know how its agents the home missionaries are treated by the people for whose benefit this large amount is contributed.

ARMENIAN SUFFERER'S FUND.

E are most grateful for the response already made to our appeal on behalf of the cruelly persecuted, starving and dying Armenians under Turkish rule. Since last writing an appeal has reached us from the Armenian Relief Fund Committee, of New York, which is working in with an Armenian Relief Fund connection Committee organized in London, England, of which the Duke of Argyll is the president, and the Duke of Westminister and the Archbishop of York are vice-presidents. We shall next week draw attention again to this matter. Meanwhile we propose to send the money contributed to this committee, and acknowledge as promised the following sums, adding that we shall be glad to take charge of and send to the above committee in England any further sums entrusted to us, crediting them of course as we do those set down below: Rev. John Eadie, Point Edward..... \$ 1 00 Mrs. Laidlaw and family, Toronto.....

Mrs. Elizabeth Dougan, Thorold	2 00	
A Friend, Oxford, Ingersoll	5 00	
Aliquis, Wingham	20 00	
T. A. Garland, Portage la Prairie, Mav	2 00	
A. G. Jansen (Rev.), Durham	5 00	
"G.," Ottawa	5 00	
A. E. Kirkland (Miss), Mt. Healy	7 00	
Rev. J. W. H. Milne, Mansewood (From Boston		
and United Presbyterian Churches, Esquesing,		
Thanksgiving collection)	14 55	
New Edinburgh Presbyterian Church, per E. B.		
Holt	6 09	
Friends, per Mrs. Wm. Gordon, Rosedale, Toronto	8 00	
A Friend	2 36	

CANON DUMOULIN AND HORSE-RACING AND BETTING.

E congratulate Canon Dumoulin on the stand he has taken against gambling in all its forms, and especially as connected with horseracing and all its attendant iniquities. He will have the heartiest thanks of many dishonoured fathers and broken-hearted mothers, if he can even abate a nuisance which has never done a particle of good, even in the way of that much trotted-out argument—the improvement of the breed of horses, while it has wrecked the lives of many promising youths and brought the grey hairs of

many fathers and mothers with sorrow and shame to the grave.

What has a horse race ever been? what is it always? and what will it always be? but a huge moral blister, calculated, if not intended, to draw all the worthless, loose fish and black-legs (pardon the mixture of figure) of a country or a kingdom, as the case may be, into one centre, and igurate and intensify a perfect carnival of the mer est fraud, most unalloyed falsehood, and the muc undisguised and unabashed dissipation and licentiousness of every description? Poor fellows, who think themselves of rather the superior orders of "Upper Tendom" may effect to be superc'liously contemptuous of all such expressions of opinion and may swear many a good mouth-filling oath at such "low Puritanical humbug," but it is true all the same. Take away the betting and blackguardism with all the other attendant etceteras; make horse races clean, honest, and honorable, and there is not one of them that would not die a natural death in the course of a couple of years.

More power, then, to Canon Dumoulin's arm, say we. Perhaps he works better than he knows, for right sure we are that, let him succeed in reforming the race course, as he wishes to see it, and horse-racing will by that time have gone the way of the Dodo and the Megatherium.

THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE.*

HIS is the quaint and suggestive title of the last book of the now famous Ian Maclaren, and which may be regarded as a sequel to the inimitable sketches in "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," over which thousands have laughed, and strong men have wept. "It gars me greet," is the reason given by some for not reading it, at least aloud. In "The Days of Auld Lang Syne," we are back once more in the familiar glen, and among the dear and well-known friends of Auld Lang Syne. What a wonderful and enviable gift is that of Ian Maclaren and other princes of imaginative literature, who can create out of the crude, raw material lying all around us, characters and scenes instinct with a life which is immortal. For under the hand of this master we can see the glen, the waters of the Drumtochty glinting in the sunlight, the bridge, the wood, the farm houses, Posty on the road, the kirk, the kirkyard, and the group of neighbor farmers and others at the door, discussing the news of the last market and the gossip of the glen; Drumsheugh, Burnbrae, Hillocks, Jamie Soutar, Whinnie, and the rest, with Dr. Davidson passing into the kirk, the signal for all to follow. Two or three new characters are introduced, but they only widen and give a fresh zest to the interest, they do not distract it, and by the law of association, the old ones who have gone, Domsie, Geordie, "the lad 'o pairts," and Dr. MacClure are never far off. We do not care to compare the two books. As the late Principal Cairns said of Dr. Brown when coming to assist him at a communion season, "He will have to preach very well to be better than the last time, three years ago, for he then preached the best sermon I ever heard." to fascinate his readers, and with equal mastery to move them to laughter or to tears, "The Days of Auld Lang Syne" would need not only to be as good as, but even better than "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," for the expectant, eager interest with which in the latter book we passed, or were carried on from sketch to sketch has lost to some extent

Although we find in this no passage of perhaps such exciting interest as "Through the Flood," and a "Fight with Death," or of such tearful pathos as "The Scholar's Funeral" and "The Doctor's Last Journey" in "The Bonnie Brier Bush," "The Days of Auld Lang Syne" is still a book of surpassing skill and interest in its picturing of the life, and character, and ways, and individual peculiarities of a homely, pastoral people in the quiet uneventful life of a Scottish glen. All the traits which gave such remarkable interest to the "Bonnie Brier Bush," that within little more than a year one hundred and thirty thousand copies of it were sold, are also to be found in "The Days of Auld Lang Syne;" the words and phrases so homely, but so expressive, which are like music to Scottish ears: the swift, vivid, masterly touches with which he depicts their oddities and characteristics; their gossip, their inquisitiveness, their re-

*"The Days of Auld Lang Syne," by Ian Maclaren. Fleming H. Reveil Company, Toronto.

serve and reticence, the sting often in their humor, the loyalty to one another, and homely familiarity, the repression of their feelings, their strong sense of duty, their regard for their kirk, the Sabbath, and the minister, and superior natural ability and learning, their scorn of sham and pretence and shallow assumption, are all set in clear light and depicted with a master's hand.

Of course, in all this there is not a little of what may be called, if not poetical, pictorial license, for no doubt to ordinary eyes, the life of the Drumtochty folk was bald and prosaic enough, petty and narrow in its interests, and here and there mean. But we are thankful for the man and for his work, which lets us see beneath all this the real poetry, and beauty, and sterling goodness that are mixed up with it, the self-sacrifice, the devotion to duty, the charity and kindness, the mutual love, the loyalty to old friends, and ways, and places. This kind of literature, which, if not altogether a new departure sets in bolder relief than has been customary, the virtues of lowly life, to be found in all phases of it, redeems it from its littleness and pettiness, and crowns it with that halo of glory, with which the Saviour crowned the giving of even a cup of cold water to a disciple in His name.

In the sketches in "The Days of Auld Lang Syne, while each one has some merit of its own, if we might venture to express a preference both for literary skill and as being specially typical of Scottish character, we would be inclined to give it to "For Conscience Sake" and in this, "A Displenishing Sale," "The Replenishing of Burnbrae," and "The Appeal to Casar," "Drumsheugh's Love Story," "Good News from a Far Country," "Jamie, a Cynics End," and for some features of it, "A Servant Lass."

We can only devote a few sentences to notice the question of the teaching, or rather the moral tendency, of these sketches of real life by Ian Maclaren, and this only because our attention has been distinctly called to it. Here we must consider the object which the author has had in view in writing them. If it was to inculcate under the guise of these sketches, a correct code of morals, or to teach the truth as to the way of salvation, and illustrate what constitutes a true Christian character and life, we should form an estimate of them very different from what we should do if his object were altogether different. we fancy that, to do these things has been in no respect whatever the object of the writer, but simply to present in the main, apart from their literary, and in this sense, lawful embellishments, correct pictures of some phases of lowly Scottish life as they have come under his own observation. This is all, and his aim has been simply to be true and faithful to life as he saw it. Just as we cannot for a moment imagine that he approves of or intends to teach, the lawfulness of falsehood in certain circumstances, because he relates, without distinctly condemning them, the gross prevarications of Jamie Soutar to spare the feelings of a dying girl; so neither would we consider that, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church, does he entertain the idea, or intend to teach the possibility of salvation, without reference to the work of Christ, however noble or self-sacrificing the life may have been, or beautiful in other respects, like that of Burnbrae, Dr. MacClure or Drumsheugh. We read these sketches as simply pictures of certain phases of Scottish life, written with the sole object in view of presenting them as such; and reading them in, that light, which is the one they ought to be read in, no one will for a moment be led astray by not finding in them what the author never intended them to teach, a code of morals, or the way of salvation, or what constitutes in the sight of God a truly Christian life. When we wish to learn correct theology or principles of life and conduct, we prefer, as Professor Goldwin Smith put it the other day, to get them "straight," rather then fish them out doubtfully from such sketches as are found in "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" and "The Days of Auld Lang Syne."

We have only in a closing word to congratulate the publisher upon the tasteful and attractive style in which both books have have been brought out, and to say that those who have not yet read one or both of them have before them a rare treat. Many thousands, we under stand, of the Canadian edition of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" have already been sold, and the likelihood is, from present indications, that the demand will not be less, if it will not be even great-

er, for "In the Days of Auld Lang Syne."

The Family Circle.

A SALON PICTURE.

(Vanderpoel.)

Just a chadle standing empty, in the twilight's purple gray,
Covers tossed and pillows showing what it nestled

yesterday.

And a woman worn to silence by the passion of

her pain,
Gazing blindly, dumbly at it, stretching trembling hands in vain;
Just the hour when once the baby nestled closely

to her breast, With soft, clutching fingers, soothing all her tired

nerves to rest,

Ah! the downy head of yellow and the tiny velvet check;

Ah! the blankness of forever—and she sinks down

Ah! the blankness of forever—and pale and weak
'Neath the burden of her sorrow—hard against the cradle's side
I'ressing tight her aching bosom where the wound throbs deep and wide.
I'rooping low her head so heavy in a yearning,

throbs deep and wide.
Drooping low her head so heavy in a yearning, loving reach,
Till her cheek the cold wood touches, with a pitiful, dumb speech.
"Impty! Empty!" sigh the shadows, creeping close about her ear,
And she clasps a weak arm over that she may no longer hear.
Still a lullaby the winds sobs in the casement o'er and o'er,

and o'er,
And her heart shall hear its echo, crooning to it

evermore;
"He hath given He hath taken; blessed be His name on nign. But that little empty cradle is the mother's Cal-

-Carelyn Walder Wad.

VICTORIA'S HIGHLAND QUEEN HOME.

A HIGHLAND DANCE AT BALMORAL.

After a day's successful deer-shooting,

one of the sights of the season at Balmoral or Abergeldie Castle, but chiefly at the latter, is a deer-dance, wherein the deer do not dance, but lie impassive and dead enough, head and tail, in numbers of two, three, or more, at the chief entrance. After the royal dinner-and the darker the night the better-long heavy torches, called "sownacks," made of splints of dry bog fir bound together with green birchen withes, are lighted and held aloft by a number of stalwart kilted Highlanders, a piper or two, splendidly radiant in tartan and silver, strike up a march, and the royal sportsmen, accompanied by all the princesses, ladies, and gentlemen of their suite, come forth into the lurid circle to view the trophies of the day. After inspection and remarks, a torch is handed to each of the princes, invariably dressed in full Highland costume, four or more of whom take their places at the head of a long line of jagers, keepers, foresters, and gillies, each with a flaming torch, to dance a reel. Tho piper manipulates a strathspey and reel from his drones and chanter, and all foot the light fantastic "Highland Fling," with whoops and yells and wild hurrahs. To the quick pulsations of "Monymusk" and "Hulachan," tartan kilts and plaids, brawny limbs, and jewelled belts and dirks, fleet and whirl in wild yet measured confusion beneath the lines of scintillating flame But the powers of muscle and lung soon flag on the dull gravelly surface that serves for dancing-floor. A bonfire is made of the "sownack" stumps, amid a chorus of cheers that resound far through the dark welkin Jingling glas sesare charged with the "strong wine" of the country, and emptied to toasts, by the dancers; then royalty seeks its bedchamber, the great clock overhead chimes forth some hour near midnight, and the grand spectacular display is over- for a

All the royal family are fond of dan cing, and among the "events" of their

sojourn in the Highlands, balls, to which tenantry and servants are all inviced, have held a prominent place. As might be expected, life is gayer at Abergeldie than at Balmoral. At these balls all social distinctions are disregarded. The one fiat is "dance," which the Highlanders are not slow to do. Their dancing is characterized by much vigorous leaping, kicking, swinging reeling, thumb-cracking, and interjectional " woochs."

Another occasion of merrymaking that comes with birthdaylike regularity is the great Scottish festal night of Hallowe'en, celebrated on the 31st of October of each year. The mystic rites of that evening, so graphically portrayed by Burns, are somewhat in abeyance of Balmoral, but instead, the Highland custom of robbing witch-spells of their terrors, through the cleansing agency of fire may here be witnessed in all its pristine glory. Blazing "sownacks," carried round the castle literally in hundreds after sunset, constitute the purifying media, and form, especially at a distance, a sight that must be seen to be fully appreciated.

All these amusements are varied by the attendance of first-class concert and dramatic companies. There is no monotony. The tone of everything said and done, grave as well as gay, is decidedly healthy. Life goes "merry as a marriage hell," whose chimes bring to recollection the fact that Balmoral has ever afforded idyllic facilities for courtship. Besides the Imperial Prince of Germany, here the Grand-Duke of Hesse and the Marquis of Lorne, wooed and won their brides. In each case there was far more wooing and fewer "reasons of state" than sentimental outsiders are in the habit of

Royalty in its free, unassuming, and joyous intercourse with the Highland character of proverbial independence meets with no coarseness of feeling or action, no fawning formalities, no dissimulation, and no mistrust. The social gap between the monarch and the peasant is here bridged with a facility as graceful, as cordial, that might well be imitated by the noble and commoner elsewhere.-From "Queen Victoria's Highland Home," by J. R. Hunter, in Harper's Magazine.

WOMEN'S EXALTED MISSION.

Certainly there is wisdom for two young people who have sworn to love each other, no matter whether there is poverty or wealth, no matter whether the days are brightordark, to have a home of their own, writes Ruth Ashmore, discussing "The Mistress of the Small House," in Novomber Ladies' Home Journal Boardinghouse life is bad for women, and I do not believe that any man has ever really enjoyed it. God created women to make homes—to make homes for the men they love and for the children whom God will send to them. And a home must be started at the beginning of this new life. Do not wait for a big house and many servants, but make happiness exist in a little house with one maid as a help. It can be done. I know it can. Do not shrugh your shoulders, and say you do not like he asework. Work is only dis agreeable v hen it is badly done, and from washing the Floer and glass to dusting the bric-a-brac and beating up a cake, everything may be daintily done and well done if you go about it in the right way

and with the right spirit. You will have to be considerate and you will have to be patient. You will certainly make mistakes, but each mistake is one step towards success. Burden yourself with patience, consideration and tenderness; you will need to make calls upon them often and often. Then you will gain so much. You will be the happy housewife, the lady of the house, who has the right to dispense hospitality and good will; the mistress, not only of the house, but of the heart of your husband, because for him you have created a home. And that is a womanly work—a better monument to you, my dear, than the painting of a wonderful picture, the writing of a great book, or the composing of a fine piece of music. From out a home all virtues and all great works may come. No man ever made a home. He does not know how The woman's brain, heart and hands are necessary, and a home is such a beautiful thing. It means rest, it means peace and it means love. Make one for your husband and let him find these three great joys within its four walls.

THE SLAUGHTER OF BIRDS.

There is a statement anent the slaughter of birds for millinery purposes in the Edinburgh Review that ought to call a halt to the practice of wearing dead birds on bonnets. The presence of these birds is to be attributed to thoughtlessness rather than to cruelty, for women are not cruel as a sex or a class. The same effect and amount of adornment can be secured, to all intents and purposes, from cloth of different colors and textures. or from feathers furnished by birds that it is unnecessary to put to death. In a single province of India 30,000 black partridges were killed, in a hunt of a few days, to supply the European milliners. In Lahore 200 of the somawhat rare kingfishers were killed by one man in a month. At a London auction-room not long ago there was a sale of 960,000 skins of birds freshly received from the tropics. One dealer in London received in a single consignment 112,000 dead birds and S00,000 pairs of wings. In islands north of Scotland there is a constant slaughter of gulls and kittiwakes, whose wings are popular, many of the birds being just out of the nest, and not full fledged. Besides the Lirds that are actually secured by the hunters, there are thousands that survive the shot, and succeed in getting away with broken wings and bleeding bodies to die in the shrubbery. On one small island in the Scotland group 9,000 tirds have been slaughtered in a single fornight.-Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS PRO-NOUNCED.

It appears that Byron called himself Byrn (Burn), and the family name of Cowper is, orally, Cooper. Cholmondeley is pronounced Chumley; Majoribanks, Marchbanks, Wemyss, Weems, Saint John, Schjen or Singin, Arcedeckne, Colquhoun, Koohoon; Archdeacon, Duchesnes, Dukarn; Bethune, Breton; Menzies, Mynges; Knollys, Knowles; Gower, Gort, Dalziel, Dael, Glamis, Glarms, Geoghegan, Gaygan, Ruthven, Riven; Dillwyn, Dillon; in Abergavenny, the av is not sounded; in Hertford the t is clided, and the e isa, as in far, etc. No less remarkable are many geo-

graphical names; Cirencester is pronounced Sicetor; Pontefract, Ponfret; Woodmancote, Woodmucket; Hallahon, Horn; Haddiscoe, Hadsker; Grassing ton, Gerstun; Gunthwaite, Gunfit; Eck dale, Ashdalo; Brighthelmstone, Brytun, Brampton, Brian, Brawn; Utrome, Ooram; Meddlethorpe, Threithrup; Uttoxeter, Tuxter; Pevensey, Pinsey; Rampisham, Ransom; Crostwight, Corsit; Holdsworth, Holder; Kircudbright, Kircoobry; Ilkley, Ethla; Coxwold becomes Cookwood, and Marylebone sounds like Marrowbone.-Nineteenth Century.

_____ CHURCHES ON WHEELS.

The Russian Government has been for some years building a stupendous railway which, with its connections, will be six thousand miles long, extending from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, on the eastern coast of Siberia. Three thousand seven hundred miles yet remain to be constructed. The road runs to a village, then to scattered houses, then passes a long stretch of territory in which there are few human inhabitants. The Holy Synod-that part of the Russian Government which controls the national churches-finding it impossible to erect churches which the people could reach, has decided to make churches that can reach the people. Five church cars have already been constructed. Each traverses a particular section, and each is fitted up with the complex arrangements necessary to the Greek worship, with two priests on each car. Each charch can comfortably seat thirty or forty people. Two settlements are daily visited, which will be for the five an average of seventy settlements a week. Where the population justifies it. the car stops long enough to hold several services. The people have a time-table, and are on hand when the car arrives, so that no time is lost. These particulars were obtained by the San Francisco Examiner from Mr. L. K. Minnock, representative of the English rolling-mills which furnish the rails to the Government for the construction of the

A QUAKERS WAY OF " POPPING THE QUESTION."

The career of the Gurney girls is told in detail in The Gurneys of Earlham, just published. Elizabeth married Joseph Fry, and became famous; Richenda, the Rev. Francis Cunningham; Hannah because the wife of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. Bart, and Louisa that of Mr. Samuel Hoare the third. Joseph Fry belonged to the "plain Quarker," and we have an account of the curious way in which he won his wife: -- Mr. Fry had no intention of exposing himself to the possibility of a refusal. He bought a very handsome gold watch and chain and laid it down upon a white seat—the white seat which still exists in the garden at Earlham. " If Betsy takes up that watch," he said, "it is a sign that she accepts me; if she does not take it up by a particular hour, it will show that I must leave Earlham." The six sisters concealed themselves in six laural-bushes in different parts of the grounds to watch. One can imagine their grounds to watch. One can imagine their intense curiosity and anxiety. At last, the tall, graceful Botsy, her flaxen hair now hidden under a Quarker cap, shyly emerged upon the gravel walk. She seemed scarcely conscious of her surroundings, as if "on the wings of prayer, she was being wafted into the unseen." But she reached the garden seat, and there, in the sungaine, lay the elittering new the sunsnine, lay the glittering new watch. The sight of it recalled her to

earth. She could not, could not, take it, and fled swiftly back into the house. But the six sisters remained in their laural bushes. They felt sure she would revoke, and they did not watch in vain. An hour clapsed, in which her father urged her, and in which conscience seemed to drag her forwards. Once again did the anxious sisters see Betsy emerge from the house, with more faltering steps this time, but still inwardly praying, and slowly, tremblingly, they saw her take up the watch, and the deed was done. She never afterwards regretted it.

THE MODERN NEWSPAPER.

We sometimes meet with the individual who boasts that he has no use for a newspaper whatever. And what kind of a specimen of the genus home is he? A man with narrow ideas; of meagre culture; of small public spirit; of little genuine knowledge of to-day; who is forever being taken advantage of in all his business transactions because he is ignorant of market value and ruling prices and has no knowledge of industrial opportunities. Such a man is universally poor, and will always remain so. He will be a plodder, living in ruts, and moving only in wellworn grooves.

It is impossible to keep pace with the world of to-day without the newspaper, which is as much a factor of modern progress and modern intelligence as the public school. Without it of what small Without it of what small value would be those modern inventions, the telegraph and the great ocean cables, which register the pulse-beats of the world. The man who can do without the newspaper, is a selfish man, caring little for the well-being of the community, interesting himself not at all with the needs and wants of others; content with the simple management of his own little affairs, believing, perhaps, that "the sun do move," but that it is no affair of his. So long as bread and butter are plenty upon his table, and his crops ripen to abundance, or his business brings him enough of necessities he does not trouble

himself farther. The newspaper—the honest and legiti-mate journal of the present—is also the best friend of the law, order and morality that the public possesses. It is unhesitating in its courage in laying bare the evils which exist in society and which demand extermination. The man of crime fears it as he does the avenger of blood, or he knows that it will not hesitate to hold him up to public execration and punishment. It is the sleuth hound of justice, which never sleeps and never rests. It is the friend of the innocent, doing all in its power to further his cause and bring him relief. It is the aide-de-camp of science, bearing to the general public the marvel of its latest discoveries and flashing their light across the world. And in the time of war, when mighty armies are struggling on bloody battle-fields, with what a keen eye it scans the contest. and how swift it is to give tidings of defeat or victory. The lightning press then seems instinct with wee or rejoicing, for it holds the epitome of human life everywhere, and the thinking and progressive world of to-day could no more do without it than it could dispense with the light of the sun. If there are here and there men who feel that they could do without it, they belongs to a genus which is neither numerous nor flourishing, and for this we may well be thankful.

The picture is not overdrawn, for the man who would keep pace with the world of te-day must keep himself in touch with it, and possess a sympathetic knowledge of its over-varying changes and needs. And there is no other power in the universe of man that will enable him to do this but the daily newspaper, which is the mirror of the world's life and the apostle of its progress. To the really intelligent man it is as actual a necessity as his food and raiment, and he would as soon think of dispensing with the one as the other. It is impossible to live to-day the isolated life of the past.—Los Angeles, California,

Our Young Folks.

LITTLE DUTIES.

I dare not pass them over, The little duties mine, Nor think the least unnoticed By him, our Lord divine. The task however humble. He gives my hands to-day, Most; ely for the present All nobler tasks outweigh. Enough to know he orders, Enough to win his smile; Then most distasteful duties

Grow beautiful the while. All lowly, loving service To me seems strangely sweet, Since the King, Creator, Saviour, Once washed disciples' feet.

It must be grand and glorious To do great things for him— le might see great in little Where not our faith so dim.

I watch vast fields of labour, Which other workers fill, With deep and earnest longing Like them for Christ to till.

Perhaps my single acre, Some preceious seeds may yield, Which stronger hands will scatter Upon a larger field.

God knows, and I am leaving My life work in His care; Without His aid and blessing No fruitage can it bear.

But O, to know my duty, Then never from it swerve. Then never from it swerve,
Nor heed if great or little,
So I but truly serve!
—Mrs. Mitchell in Christian Observer.

SMOKING BY BOYS.

That the essential principle of tobacco, that which gives it all its value to the smoker, is a virulent poison, is universally admitted. It is agreed also that its primary effect is upon the brain and spinal cord, with a paralyzing tendency.

Even Beard, who defends the moderato use of tobacco, admits that its effects are disastrous on some classes of persons. It withers some, he says, while fattening others; causes in some dyspepsia and constipation, while upon others it has a contrary effect. It is soothing to some, but induces in others all the horrors of extreme nervousness. He adds that among the brain-working class of our population the proportion of those who can use tobacco with impunity is yearly diminishing, as a nervous tendency more and more prevails among us.

Now, whatever may be urged in favor of moderate smoking later in life, all intelligent persons who have given the subject attention units in condemning the use of tobacco by the young.

Young persons do not know whether or not they belong to the class most liable to be injured by tobacco. No one denies the danger of its excessive use, and the young have neither the intelligence nor the self-control to resist the tendency of smoking to grow into an uncontrollable habit. Further, the brain and nervous system of youth are especially susceptible to the baneful influence of the poisonous principle of tobacco.

The commanding medical authority, the London Lancel, says. "It is time that the attention of all responsible persons should be seriously directed to the prevalence and increase of tobacco-smoking among boys. Stunted growth, impaired digestion, palpitation, and other evidences of nerve exhaustion and irritability have again and again impressed the lesson of abstinence, which has hitherto been far too little regarded."

It cites a case which lately came before the coroner for Liverpool-death from a fatty change in the heart due mainly to smoking cigarettes and cigar ends-and adda:

"This of course is an extreme example. It is, however, only a strongly colored illustration of effects on health which are daily realized in thousands of instances. Not even in manhood is the pipe or cigar invariably safe. Much less can it be so regarded when it ministers to the unbounded whims and cravings of heedless urchins."

COURTESY TO CHILDREN.

All the training and disciplining in the world, if given in the form of arbitrary directions and commands, will not make children well-bred and agreeable. Mothers sometimes think, or act as if they thought, that courtesy in the home must be entirely a one-sided affair. The small boy must not interrupt conversation, he must step softly, speak gently, remoae his hat on coming in, spring to restore what some older person drops, run his little feet off on errands, always say thank you, and never indulge himself in the least expression of irritation, but nobody is obliged to be equally polite to him. Ordered here and ordered there, snubbed as if he was not as sensitive to wounds and as easily hurt as his elders his pursuits regarded as of no importance, his convenience overruled or set aside at the caprice of his tutors and governors, the little fellow often has a very hard time of it while he is growing up. Parents who are intensely proud of their children often refrain, from a mistaken idea that praise is injudicious, from commending them for what they do well, while blame is swift to leap out and scorch the memory on any slight occasion.

The child who will be most courteous through life is the child who has been treated with courtey, who has spent the formative years of life in a sweet and genial atmosphere, and been moulded not so much by military rules brusquely enforced as by the genial influence of serene tempers and the blessedness of good examples .- Harper's Bazar.

WILLIAM CAREY.

No name deserves to be held in more lasting remembrance than that of the foreign missionary, William Carey. He saw born in the village of Paulerspury, in Northamptonshire, 17th August 1761. Edward Carey, his father, was a weaver by trade, but filled the combined offices of parish clerk and village schoolmaster when William was about six years old. He was a good-natured man, and under his instruction the school gained a high place in the esteem of the people of the district.

Young Carey was very small for his age, and not by any means strongly built. When quite young he showed a great delight in Natural History, and made it of some use by storing the school-house garden with choice plants. Loving nature as he did had much to do with the geniality which made him known many years after as the "cheerful old man." were very scarce in the country and could hardly be got even on loan, but he had a hunger for books, and devoured such as fell in his way.

He was apprenticed to a shoemaker in Hackleton, nine miles from his home, at the age of fourteen. This engagement would have settled the future career of any ordinary boy, but with Carey tho thirst for knowledge grew with years, and made his ambition rise beyond making shoos. He did not shirk his work for all

that, but was such a good workman that his master kept a pair of choes made by him, as a model of what shoes ought to be. He was not ashamed of his occupation, as is shown by an incident in after years. At a dinner given by the Marquis of Hastings, the general officer of India inquired of one of his staff whether Dr. Carey had been a shoemaker or not. " No, sir," replied Carey; "only a cobbler."

Carey's conversion took place when he was about eighteen years of age, through the influence of a young follow-workman with whom he often debated on religious matters. About this time a small church was formed in Hackleton (Carey's place of buisness), consisting of nine members, in the list of which Carey's name came

He was married on the 10th June, 1781, to Dorothy Plackett, his employer's sister-in-law, and afterwards succeeded him in business. Carey was very poor. He attended an Association meeting all day, fasting, because he had not a penny to buy a dinner. On this occasion he became acquainted with some friends belonging to another village, called Earl's Barton, which brought about an engagement to preach to a small congregation there. This continued for four years, till he went to reside at Moulton. It was here that missions first took shape in his mind. The reading of "Cook's Voyages," and the study of a map of the world, showed him what a small portion of the human race had any knowledge of the Bible. He soon arrived at a conclusion that something must be done to spread the gospel among the heathen, and that speedily.

At a meeting of ministers, presided over by the elder Ryland (there were two of them, and it was the younger who baptized Carey in the Nen, in Nottingham), Carey proposed that they should consider at the next meeting the "duty of attempting to spread the gespel among the heathen." In 1789 he removed to Leices-ter, to the small Baptist Church in Harvey Lane. Here he became more than ever anxious that something should be done. He could wait no longer, and at last published his famous "Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to use means for the Conversion of the Heathen."

On 31st May, 1792, it fell to his lot to preach the Association sermon at Nottingham. The result of this sermon was that the Baptist Missionary Society was formed with a fund of £13, 2s. 6d In April 1793, Carey, and Thomas, a ship surgeon, sailed for India. Carey never saw England again.
The first attempts at settlement proved

a failure, but the experience thus gained was of great value to them afterwards. Casey saw that more than preaching was required, but not till he had finally settled in Scrampore did he begin the work of translating the Bible into the native languages. Before the end of the first year the first convert was made, Krishnu, a carpenter.

Lord Wellesley, Governor-General of India, established a college at Calcutta. called Fort William College, in 1800. Carey was appointed teacher of Bengali, Sanskrit, and Mahratta, for which he re ceived £600 annually. Later on, he was made professor with a salary of £1,500 a He was now enabled to do more for missions, and under his supervision the Scrampore Mission issued above 200, 000 Bibles, or portions of it, in about torty Oriental languages or dialects, besides a great number of tracts and other religious works in various languages.

The old man's health began to give

ay now, and his end drew near. Alexander Duff, the Scotch missionary, was among the last to see him. He died on 9th June, 1834.

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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Robert Aylward, B.A., is announced to lecture on "John Bright" in the Presbyterian Cburch, Parkhill, next Thursday evening.

Rev. Alex. Matheson has been chosen moderator of the North Western Presbyterian Synod, to succeed Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of

The Rev. Wylie C. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, and Rev. Wm. Farquharson, B.A., of Claude, will exchange pulpits on Sunday next.

Rev. J. Lindsay Robertson, of St. Mary's, has declined the call tendered him some weeks igo by the Presbyterian congregation of North Easthope and Hampstead.

Mono Centre and Camilla Presbyterians have decided to engage an ordained missionary for a year, at a salary of \$600, Camilla congregation to pay two-thirds of the sum.

Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, B.A., of Knox Church, Goderich, has been made the recipient of a handsome mink-lined overcoat, with heavy otter collar, the gift of the ladies of his congrega-

Miss Martha Smith, B.E., of Toronto, who gave an evening of sacred readings in Duart, Church recently, was very much admired by all present. Her readings were of a high order, and most admirably rendered.

Rev. John MacVicar, B.A., of Montreal, will, until the end of the year, supply the pulpit of Mr. Macdonnell, whose illness is watched with so much interest, and whose recovery is earnestly prayed for by the whole Church.

The Rev. Mr. Tanner, of Omemee, preached very acceptably in the Presbyterian church, Millbrook, recently. Our friends from the north are to be congratulated upon having so worthy and able a successor to Rev. Mr. Ewing.

The W.F.M.S. of Zion Church, Carleton Place, held their thank-offering meeting last Wednesday. A collection was taken, which, with the contents of the thank-offering envelopes of the ladies and the Mission Band, totalled the large sum of \$125.18.

Through the kindness of Mr. McDermid, assisted by Rev. C. W. Gordon, says The Winni peg Tribune, arrangements have been completed by the elders of St. Stephen's Church, whereby the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Institute may attend divine service on Sunday mornings. Mr. McDermid will interpret. We have no doubt they will enjoy it very much.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox Church, Tara, held their Thanksgiving service Nov. 6th. The church was well-filled with an appreciative audience. The programme con-sisted of missionary news, music, recitations, etc. The thank-offering amounted to over \$50.00, which no doubt will be supplemented by those who were prevented from being present.

The Vancouver World says :- " Rev. J. A. Carmichael, the popular and eloquent pastor of Knox Church, Regina, has received a call to the pastorate of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, a free manse and a month's holidays." And The Regina Standard adds:—Mr. Carmichael has \$1,500 at 11,000 per annum, a standard adds:—Mr. Carmichael has \$1,500 at 11,000 per annum and all the holidage. year here, with a free manse and all the holidays he chooses to take.

At St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, lately, the pastor, Rev. M. P. Talling, addressed the Sunday school children in the morning from the text, "Honor thy father and thy mother." At the evening service he spoke on "Joseph, the Dreamer," which was one of a course of sermons he has been preaching on the distinguished characters of the Bible. Each one of these sermons is more interesting than the preceding one and the attendance larger.

The Hamilton Spectator of a recent date says:—Rev. Alex. McMillan, of Toronto, late of Edinburgh, from whence he brought a ripe and juicy brogue, lectured last evening in the Mac-Nab Street Presbyterian school room on the Scottish Covenanters. The building was well filled, and the audience listened with intense enjoyment to the speaker's appreciative estimate of those grand old fighting Christians. Rev. Dr. Fletcher occupied the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Sexton has been preaching and lecturing to crowded audiences in various towns in the Maritime Provinces during the past two months, and will remain till near the end of the year. We understand that the Doctor has not been able to accept all the engagements that have offered in these Provinces. He churches requiring his services should apply early.

Address "St. Catharines."

The following resolution was adopted at the recent Y.P.S.C.E. Provincial Convention, and is an additional testimony to the satisfaction with which the appointments by the Assembly of a Committee on Young People's Societies has been received:—"We, the Presbyterian Y.P.S.C.E. of Quebec Province, assembled in our denomina tional 'rally' at Huntingdon, Quebec, desire to express our sincere and loyal attachment to our own church, and the great favor with which we regard the action of the General Assembly in June last in the expression of interest and good-will towards the Young People's Societies of the Church and the appointment of a Standing Com-mittee to take oversight of them."

The annual Thank-offering meeting of Carleton Place Zion Church W.F.M.S. was held last Wednesday evening, the president, Mrs. W. A. Paterson, in the chair, and was very largely attended. After devotional exercises by the ladies, and prayer by Mr. Riddell, a very interesting programme was presented. The Rev. Scott gave an appropriate address. A collection was taken, which, with the contents of the thank-offering envelopes of the ladies and the Mission Band, totalled the large sum of \$135.18.

The anniversary services of the First Church, Port Hope, on the first Sabbath of November, were conducted by the Rev. D. C. Hossack LL.B. of Toronto, who delivered two most eloquent sermons to large congregations. On Monday evening he delivered a lecture on "Hits and Misses," to a crowded church, holding the undivided attention of the audience by his felicitous descriptions, easy and natural eloquence, and fine touch of humour. The collections taken up at the three services swept away the debt on the church.

At the meeting of Presbytery in Guelph, on Tuesday of last week, a call was presented to Rev. R. M. Craig, of Melville Church, Fergus, from the First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico, which he accepted. The congregation of Melville Church consented to his acceptance of it in consideration of the state of his health. A call largely signed by both members and adherents of Knox Church, Guelph, to Rev. J. A. Anderson, M.A., of Goderich, was received, and the necessary steps were ordered to be taken to prosecute the same.

The Simcoe Reformer of last week contains a brief history of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in that town, a biographical sketch of Rev. W. J. Day, M.A., for the past four years the esteemed pastor of the church, along with portraits of the minister, Mr. J. B. Jackson, Chairman Board of Managers, Mr. Frank Reid, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and a well executed view of the church. A new pipe organ has just been placed in the church; and this was formally opened on Thanksgiving Day The Rev. Principal Caven occupied the pulpit last Sabbath.

The Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S., Cobourg Pre byterian Church, was held in the Lecture Room on Thursday evening, Nov. 14th. There was a good attendance and much interest taken in the proceedings. The Rev. J. K. Smith, D.D., of First Church, Port Hope, gave an excellent address on the W.F.M.S. as a training in a fuller knowledge of God's as a training in a inner knowledge of Goda word, in deeper Spirituality and in true sympathy with the needy. The pastor, Rev. J. Hay, B.D., spoke briefly of the growth and power of this organization. The church choir rendered very acceptable service throughout the meeting. Mrs. N. F. McNachtan read the texts and offered the Dedicatory Prayer. The offering was a liberal one, amounting to \$73.61.

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., the Rev. A. Mahaffy, B.A., was ordained and inducted into the charge of Knox Church, Milton, by the Presbytery charge of Knox Church, Milton, by the Presbytery of Toronto. The Moderator, Rev. John Neil, B. A., presided. Rev. Dr. Gregg addressed the minister and the Rev. J. A. Morrison, B. A., addressed the people. The Presbyterians of Milton are happy in their tasteful and commodious church home and are fortunate in securing as their minister the gold medalist of Montreal Presbyterian College of whose trial discourses. Rev. byterian College, of whose trial discourses, Rev. Doctor Gregg remarked that "they were couched in beautiful language, clear and distinct, and that the more he heard of them the better he liked them." Mr. Mahaffy is a man of earnest Christian spirit, and we wish him and his congregation a bright and successful future.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Bowman-ville, was held on 5th inst. A good attendance of the ladies of the congregation greeted Mrs. Geo. Blair, of Prescott, who gave an earnest and interesting address on "Reasons for thankfulness from the W.F.M.S. standpoint" and also an instructive talk on our work in India. Music by members of the ch ir brightened the meeting. Afternoon tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, all present enjoying a pleasant social hour. It was regretted that Miss Drummond, of Newcastle, was, through illness, unable to be present and fulfil her part of the programme. The amount of the thank-offering was \$77.90, including \$10 which was handed in after the meeting, as against \$54.00 last year, and \$48.93 in 1893.

Glenboro (Man.) Presbyterian Church, was Glenboro (Man.) Fresbyterian Church, was burnt on Sabbath, March 12th. The new Church was opened, Sabbath, Nov. 10th. The weather was perfect; the congregations filled the building to its utmost capacity. On the platform, besides the pastor, Rev. A. McD. Haig, were Rev. Dr. Duval, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, Rev. J. M. Duval, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, Rev. J. M. Harrison, of Cypress River (Methodist), and Rev. C. H. Cross, of Glenboro (Methodist). Rev. Dr. Duval preached morning and evening, and Rev. J. M. Harrison at 3 p.m., appropriate discourses. Collections for the day amounted to \$174.00. On Monday evening a supper, concert and lecture were given, the building being packed. In addition to local talent, the services of Miss M. Winstanley Pridham, of Winnipeg, were secured for the music. Dr. Duval gave peg, were secured for the music. Dr. Duval gave his popular lecture "Elements of Success." Dr. Duval has endeared himself to the people of Glenboro by his services on Sabbath and Monday. Proceeds of Monday's entertainment \$150.00 The church is a neat and commodious frame building mith steam becomes for the church is a neat and commodious. \$150.00 The church is a neat and commodious frame building, with stone basement for Sabbath School, etc. The children of the congregation have placed a bell from the Baltimore Foundry. The fire which seemed such a disaster has given the Glenboro congregation a church much more handsome, comfortable and convenient than the one lost.

The Globe, of Monday, says:—The congrega-tion of St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner Bolton avenue and Gerrard street, Toronto, celebrated their eighth anniversary yesterday by special services, which were very largely attended. The morning service was conducted by Rev. John Neil, of Westminster Church, and that in the evening by Rev. Mr. McCall, of the Church of the Covenant. The afternoon's service was of the Covenant. The afternoon's service was specially set apart for the children, and was of a most interesting character. St. John's Church had its origin eight years ago in a little house at the corner of Broadview avenue and Gerrard street, and was under the supervision of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, with Mr. J. McP. Scott conducting the services. Mr. Scott afterwards graduated, and received a call as minister of the church which has made such rapid progress that it has now cut adrift altorapid progress that it has now cut adrift alto-gether from its parent church, has a membership of over 250, and is contemplating building a new and substantial edifice.

A well-attended meeting of Knox church congregation, Guelph, was held Wednesday evening, 13th Nov., for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister. Rev. Dr. Torrance, as moderator of session during the vacancy, presided and preached. After some discussion a vote was taken and a large majority confirmed the vote of the previous mee ing to proceed. The call was then read in blank form and on invitation being given to nominate some names to fill the vacancy. Four names were proposed. On a vote being taken the name of Rev. J. A. Anderson, B.A., of Knox church, Goderich, was declared the choice of the congregation, and the vote was made unanimous, and almost the whole congregation are the call. whole congregation remained to sign the call.
Mr. J. I. Hobson and Mr. Jas. Millar were appointed commissioners to support the call before the Presbytery of Guelph at its meeting on the 19th, and the Presbytery of Huron, of which Mr. Anderson is a member. A committee also was appointed, embracing the two captlages named. appointed, embracing the two gentlemen named, and Mr. G. W. Field, to prepare reasons of translation in the call. The stipend promised is \$1,600, without manse, in weekly payments. The congregation earnestly hopes that Mr. Anderson may be induced to accept the call. Should he do so he will be heartly real constant. so he will be heartily welcomed by the congrega-tion in Guelph, the Ministerial Association and the members of other denominationa.

The anniversary services of Chalmer's Church, rine anniversary services of Chalmer's Churching Richmond, Que., were held on Sabbath Nov. 10th, when Rev. E. Scott, M.A., of the Record, Montreal, preached morning and evening to large and interested congregations. The discourses were of a very high order, being both solid and suggestive, and were highly appreboth solid and suggestive, and were highly appreciated by large and attentive audiences. The collections amounted to \$75.00 On Monday evening, the 11th, the anniversary tea meeting followed with good financial results, after which a public meeting assembled in the auditorium of the church, which was addressed by resident ministers and others. The choir and other kind friends supplied appropriate music, and a humorous supplied appropriate music, and a humorous reading were given by Dr. MacKenzie, Melbourne. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Kellock, occupied the chair, and made special reference to the energetic labor of the Ladies' Aid Society, who last year had contributed towards the reduction last year had contributed towards the reduction of the church debt the large sum of \$860, through what is known as the "Talent" Fund, and who will also this year furnish the further sum of \$500 towards the same object. Dr. Kellock further stated that, accompanied by Mr. C. Compbell, on stated that, accompanied by Mr. C. Campbell, on behalf of the managers, he had visited every family of the congregation soliciting subscriptions for the

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church debt. The response to this appeal had church debt. The response to this appeal had been most hearty and liberal, and the result most creditable. In response to an appeal, the people in addition gave \$1,000 for that purpose this year. The balance left will not prove much of a burden to a willing and working congregation such as this, who are highly to be congratulated on their endeavor to maintain the ordinances of additional to the contract the truth of it is in religion, and to disseminate the truth as it is in Iesus in the Province of Quebec.

ORANGEVILLE: This Presbytery met at Orangeville Nov. 12., Mr. Farquharson, Moder-ator in the chair. Dr. McRobbie reported that ator in the chair. Dr. McRobbie reported that the Assembly's Augmentation Committee had appointed one of its members to visit this Presbytery, and that, henceforth, reports from Augmented congregations would be required in fall instead of spring. \$1,200 00 is the emount asked from the Presbytery for Home Mission purposes and arrangements were made for allocating it among the congregations. Mr. McKenzie reported anent a Presbyterial Conference recommending the following subjects for consideration, viz:—

1. Whose children should be haptized? To be introduced by Mr. Croll. 2. The proper attitude of the Church in relation to amusements. To be introduced by Mr. Steele. 3. Temperance. To be introduced by Mr. Harrison. The first subject to be considered at the January meeting and the other two at the one in March. Mr. McKenzie intimated his intention of visiting the Holy Land, and as he expected to be absent about six months, he tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge he tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Orangeville congregation. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery will be held at Orangeville, Dec. 5th, at 1 p.m. to consider the resignation.
Mr. Bell reported anent Young People's
Societies and recommended that all of them
within the bounds be organized into a Presbyterial Society. The Presbytery authorized the
Committee to call a convention of said societies,
and of representatives of congregations in which there is no such society, to unite the forces of the young people of the Presbytery—said convention to be held the day following the January meeting of Presbytery. The Committee was instructed to prepare a form of constitution to be submitted to the Presbytery at said meeting.-H. CROZIEK. Clerk.

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At the residence of the bride's father, 95 Rose Street, Galt, on Nov. 20th, 1895, by Rev. Alexander Jackson, PhD., Rev. John F. MacFarland, B.A., of South Mountain, Ont., to Nettie, daughter of Mr. Murray, of Galt.

At the residence of the bride's uncle. George Swalm, Eq., Middleton, N.Y., on Thursday, 24th October, Mr. Olin Stephen Fellowes, of the same place, to Anna Gertrude, second daughter of the Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., of North India, formerly of Toronto, Canada.

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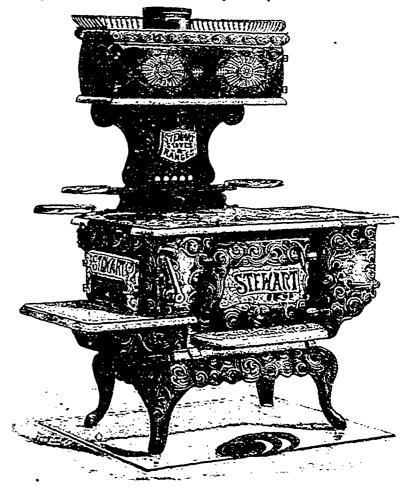


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On January 6th next, Rev. B. Fay Mills, the evangelist, will begin a series of revival meetings in New Haven, Conn., that will last a month.

The convention to elect a bishop for the newly formed Episcopal diocese of Washington, D.C., will be held in that city on December 4th.

During the past year three States in the U.S.A. have voted to give medical treatment to habitual drunkards who are unable to pay for their own cure.

The rent of the Scots College at Paris, and of a farm connected with it, goes to the support of Scottlsh Roman Catholic students at St. Sulpice seminary.

Rev. R. H. Fisher, B.D., of Jedburgh, conducted divine service in Balmoral castle on a late Sabbath. The Queen recently honoured Mrs. Campbell, of Crathie manse, with a visit.

Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, speaking at the Glasgow meeting on the Armenian question, declared that the Turk would never reform, having the elements of reform neither in his being nor in his religion.

Prof. Simpson, at the opening of the congregational Theological hall, gave an address on the Scriptures as the ground-work of Christian faith in relation to certain aspects of current theological thought.

Rev. M. N. Goold, emeritus minister of Buccleuch street church, Edinburgh, died on Friday afternoon, after an illness extending over several years. Mr. Goold, who was in his 78th year, was a native of Glas-

The International Board of Women's and Young Women's Christian Associations held its thirteenth biennial conference in Brooklyn, N.Y., from November 7th to 13th inclusive. Delegates, about one hundred in all, were present from all parts of the Union.

Mgr. Satolli, the Papal Nuncio at Washington, has declined to interfere with the manufacture of beer by the Benedictine monks at St. Vincent's Abbey, in Pennsyl-vania, because the complaints came "not from the authorities of the Church but from Temperance societies."

About 250 Christian Workers were present on the morning of November 7th, when the ninth annual convention of the societies of the United States and Canada opened in the Calvary Baptist Church in New Haven, Conn. Governor Coffin welcomed the delegates for the State of Connecticut.

Christ's Mission, at No. 142 West Twenty-first street, New York, which is open to priests who desire to leave the Roman Catholic Church on religious grounds and learn the Bible way of salvation as evan-gelical Christians understand it, has recently received several priests who occupied prominent positions in the Roman Catholic

Mayor Strong, of New York, announces his hearty interest in the movement to reduce the number of saloons in the city. With 7,300 saloons there and only 1,354 in Philadelphia, His Hunor does not see why 4,000 should not be the maximum for New York. The closing of 3,300 saloons, he thinks, would be for the benefit of the liquor dealers as well as the public.

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innumerable remedies, but all failed to cure me. Scarcely a month passes that I am not laid up, and frequently I am confined to bed six or eight weeks, unable to move hand or foot and suffering antold agonies. Two well known doctors told me one time that I would have to have an arm taken off to save my life. nave to have an arm taken oil to save my free.

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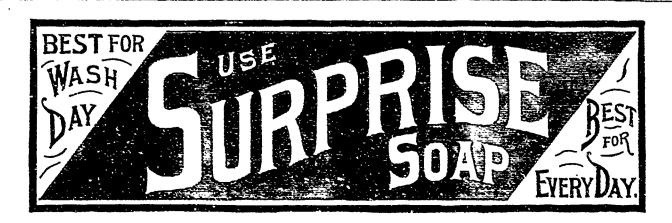
The Federal Council, representing the Free Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of England, which meets every three years, assemland, which meets every three years, assembled in Dundee on 13th and 14th inst. Rev. Richard Leitch will preside. Principal Dykes will read a paper on "Worship in the Presbyterian Church." Dr. Norman Walker will deal with "Co-operation in Christian Work." "Commerce and Foreign Missions" will be treated by Dr. George Robson, and Dr. Morro Gibson will introduce and Dr. Monro Gibson will introduce a discus-slon on "Commerce" and "The Use of Wealth," and "Industrial Questions" will be treated respectively by Revs. J. B. Hastings and Dr. Adam Smith.



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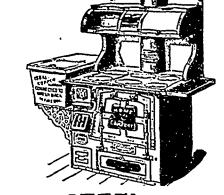
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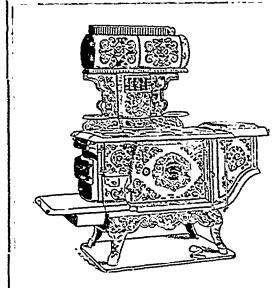
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Among modern nations, the greatest eaters are the English, the Germans, the French and the Americans. The Americans are, on the average, the greatest caters in the world.

In Europe about 55,000,000 acres of barren land have already been made fruitful by irrigation; in India 25,000,000; in Egypt about 6,000,000, and in the United States about 4,000,000 acres.

In France it is forbidden, under severe penalties, for any one to give infants under one year any form of solid food unless such be ordered by written prescription, signed by a legally qualified medical men.

Tching-Tchang, formerly Secretary of Legation in Paris, has been appointed Minister to France. Hitherto one Minister has represented China both in Paris and London. Separate Legations have now been established.

One of the interesting things to be seen at Atlanta, Georgia, outside of the Exhibition, is a house said to be constructed entirely of paper from foundation to chimney. Georgians say this is the only house of the kind in the country.

Convicts in the Michigan state prison are allowed to keep birds, and as a result of this there are fully 600 feathered songsters in the prison, all owned and cared for by the prisoners. Their carolings in the morning are one of the odd features of life at this institution.

The colored women of Tuskegee, Ala., led by Mrs. Booker T. Washington, are making vigorous efforts to have the concession to a saloon in the negro building at the Atlanta Exposition withdrawn. They declare that the presence of a saloon in that building is an insult and disgraco, and they want "this disreputable traffic discontinued.'

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A nine-year-old negro girl is preaching three sermons daily to large audiences in South Carolina. She is said to have all the style in voice, intonation, delivery and gesture of an experienced pulpit speaker. Black and white people mingle at her meetings, and four or five ministers are frequently in attendance.

The Scientific American says that most medical men consider that a cold bath every morning is apt to do more harm than good to any but persons of a very vigorous constitution. The sensible thing to do is to see that the temperature of the water in cold weather is not lower than 'hat of the air. A daily bath is a most healthful practice, but it should not be so cold as to give a shock to the system.

A new apparatus has been constructed to prevent collisions at sea. The invention consists in so constructing and stationing a set of electro-magnetic coils, on board a vessel, that they will influence a chemically prepared needle a good distance away on board of another vessel, to that extent as to release a spring that sets a bell to ringing as a warning of danger. A test has been made that covered the distance at sea of six miles.

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KAMLOOPS.-At Inderby, on Dec. 4th, at 10.30 a.m. Kingston .- At Belleville, in St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 17th, at 2 p.m.

Lindsay.-At Woodville, on Dec. 17th, at 11 a.m. MONTREAL -At Montreal, in Knox Church, on Dec. 17th, at 10 a.m.

OWEN SOUND.—At Owen Sound, in Knox Church, on Dec. 17th, at 10 a.m.

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PETERBORO. - At Peterboro, in St Paul's Church, on Dec. 17th, at 9 n.m.

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Sauguen .- At Mount Forest, on Dec. 10th, at 10 a.m. SARNIA.-At Sarnia, in St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 17th, at 11 a.m.

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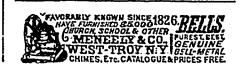
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