

The Pastor and People.

No Livesth Long Who Livesth Well.

BY HORATIO BONDI.

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Broak up your Fallow Ground.

BY PRESIDENT C. G. FINNEY.

Seasons of commercial and business depression are peculiarly favorable to the promotion of revivals of religion.

Such is the state of things in this country at present, and, with your leave, Mr. Editor, I will make some suggestions to the churches on the subject of revivals.

My experience has taught me that the value of a revival to any community depends upon the thoroughness with which the fallow ground is broken up in the hearts of Christians.

The Sunday School Times is not a whit too severe on the professional tramp. But, I think it is as not as an oven for such fellows, and bakes them thus:

deal of trouble and in the end deeply wound the cause of Christ.

A worldly-minded church is the greatest hindrance to the success of the Gospel in any place. The more numerous the membership the greater the hindrance.

But I must say something upon the manner, as well as the necessity, of breaking up the fallow ground. The first thing to be done is to secure conviction of sin in the church.

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Gratitudo.

There was a steamer once on the Western lakes, heavily laden with passengers, and there was a little child who stood on the side by the ladder, leaning over and watching the water, when she lost her balance, and dropped into the waves.

Don't you shove him back from your soul. He has been the best friend you ever had. You will want Him after a while. When the world is going away from your grasp, and all the lights that shine upon your soul are going out, and the friends that stand around you can do you no good, and you feel your feet slipping from beneath you, O, then you will want Him—the loving Jesus, the sympathetic Jesus, the pardoning Jesus—to stand close by you, and to hold you up amid "the swelling of Jordan."

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Where, then, shall the line be drawn? Perhaps Milton, who used other men freely, can give us a hint. He says: "For such kind of borrowing as this, if it be not bettered by the borrower, among good authors, is accounted plagiarism."

The application of these principles to the productions of sermons is very easy. A sermon may not have an original thought in it, and yet be entirely original. Who has not often heard an unlettered local preacher, all of whose theology was limited to what he had been able to extract from the Bible and Wesley's Sermons, but who had so made the truths his own through his experience, that for expression he needed no borrow of man?

Emblems.

Always proportion thy charity to the strength of thy estate, lest God proportion thy estate to the weakness of thy charity.

Clothe not thy language either with obscurity or affectation; in the one thou discoverest too much darkness, in the other too much lightness.

Fear death, but be not afraid of death. To fear it whets thy expectation; to be afraid of it dulls thy preparation.

Use the holy Scriptures with all reverence. Let not thy wanton fancy carve it out in jest, nor thy sinful wit make it an advocate to thy sin.

God is the author of truth; the devil is the father of lies. If thou telling of a truth shall endanger thy life, the Author of truth will protect thee from the danger, or reward thee for thy damage.

It is a great mercy to enjoy the gospel of peace, but a greater to enjoy the peace of the gospel.

"We Must Save in Something Else."

There are some people who are not obliged to think of saving. They have enough and to spare. I will not say these are happy people, because I know happiness does not depend on the state of the purse or on the balance at the bank; and yet it must, no doubt be very pleasant to feel that one can get whatever is really wanted; that the question of buying this or that is one of reason and expediency, not of ability.

But in these days of high prices, when \$150 hardly goes as far as \$100 used to go twenty years since, many have to think, and that seriously, of saving somewhere.

"Saving somewhere;" the propriety of that general conclusion is readily admitted. But where are we to begin? Here, as some of us know, is the difficulty.

Meat is very dear. What about our butcher's bill? Can there be any saving there? No; the children require good nourishing food; they are not over-strong, and it would be bad economy to give them anything worse than the best; and then for the rest of the household, they work hard, and those who work hard must live well. No. "We must save in something else."

Fuel? that is high enough. But what are we to do? Let us at any rate have good fires. Better have half a dinner than no fire!

Well, we must save in clothes. We must forego now and then a new coat, or the new dress; get the old boots patched, and have the old things altered and "done up" for the children. But, upon second thought, it is not wise to carry about the evidence of our poverty. A man's credit is damaged if he is poorly clad. The thread-bare coat makes his business friends a little shy, and stands in the way of his selection for some better post than his present one. It is essential to keep up a respectable appearance. We had better quietly give up some home comforts than publish to all the world the fact of our poverty.

Now, I am making light of the difficulty, which, in this very year, 1873, is a serious and pressing difficulty in many an English home; but I am wishing to show how that vague and convenient "something else" often cheats people. They are always going to save, and never really do save; and so, notwithstanding their good intentions, they find themselves in difficulties and distress, from which a little forethought and firmness might easily have saved them.

I am afraid of that word, "something." It is a Will-o'-the-wisp in many a life, only leading astray.

But as many are called upon, in God's providence, to save in something, and to retrench somewhere, it may be well to put into the form of practical hints one or two simple considerations upon this duty. After this, which is not in itself a very pleasant subject, we may call to mind certain assurances which God has graciously given to His children, and which, as the tree cast by Moses into the waters of Marah, are able to turn the bitter into sweetness.

1. First, all men should recognize it as a duty to keep things square; not to spend more than they have to spend.

This is often a difficult duty. When the money has been spent, not in unnecessary comforts or luxuries, but in providing things apparently needful, when it has been hard work, even with lower prices, to make the two ends meet, how can the thing be done now, when the income is the same and everything so much dearer.

Well! difficult it may be, but hardly impossible. A hearty good will with God's help, can generally accomplish it. And if we believe that "our times are in God's hand," and that His never-failing providence will order all things, we can scarcely avoid the conclusion that God intends us to spend only what He gives us to spend.

2. If we have to retrench, we must go about this difficult work systematically.

The Liquor Traffic A Commission.

Senator Howe, of Wisconsin, introduced the following bill in the United States Senate, December 11th, which was read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

No further particulars of Dr. Livingstone's death have come to hand...

The famine in India threatens to be a very formidable one. The area of destitution is much wider than was the case in Persia...

The New Brunswick School Bill still threatens to give trouble. The Roman Catholics insist upon having separate schools...

The Local House of Assembly has resumed its sittings, but the doings of the week have not amounted to much. The new Speaker does not keep very good order...

The defeat of the Gladstone Ministry at the polls, though not so complete as that of Sir John Macdonald, is far more surprising and equally suggestive.

Attention has already been called through this paper to the work of Mission Sabbath schools in which the congregation is engaged.

A correspondent of the Madras Athenaeum describes a procession in Salem, Madras Presidency. He says: "I observed some devotees had their tongues pierced with iron rods..."

THE UNION.

It is as yet too soon to speculate about what may be the decision on the Union question...

SCHOOL LEGISLATION IN ONTARIO.

There is at present before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario a bill to modify and improve some parts of the present school law.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAMILTON.

From the annual report of this congregation we notice that the past year has been one of great prosperity.

Ordinary Sabbath collections amounted to \$1,374.51, showing an increase over 1872 of \$877.28.

The total annual income of Central Church for 1873 is \$10,363.61, about \$10.50 per member for congregational purposes.

The additions to the communion roll were 94. We observe in the report and interesting "Outlined History of the congregation from its formation in 1841."

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OUR MISSION TO THE CHINESE.

All in our Church interested in this Mission, as well as the personal acquaintances and friends of Dr. Fraser, will be glad to learn...

Dr. Fraser lately received a most kind and encouraging letter from Dr. Maxwell, who has, for many years, and with the most gratifying results, conducted a medical Mission at Tai-wan-foo...

In addition to this Mr. H. M. Matheson, of London, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, of the English Presbyterian Church, has sent not only a kind letter, but also a most valuable present of books...

Our own people will surely be stimulated to new zeal, and more open-handed liberality, by these practical tokens of sympathy and co-operation from another land.

HERESY OF DR. CAIRD.

Principal Caird, of Glasgow, is being charged at present with heresy. From his being a leader of the Broad School in the Church of Scotland, not a few would be quite ready to suspect Dr. Caird on the very shinnest evidence.

The answer which he felt compelled to give was that the Scriptures do not sanction any such doctrine. The same canons of criticism that are applied to other historical and ethical works, the same methods of proof that are applied to other sciences...

of matter, or the truth or falsehood of the claim of the defendant in a notorious criminal trial. To make disbelief in the generally accepted interpretation of Scripture a punishable sin, one condition is absolutely necessary...

This is surely strong and strange language from a Presbyterian pulpit, and we can scarcely wonder at its causing considerable excitement both within and without the Church of Scotland.

If Principal Caird were correct, the sole remedy for unreasonable belief would be a perpetual repudiation of evidence. But what greater evidence could the Jews have had, when they defied Heaven under the mount, when they despised the miracles and miracle-working life of our Lord?

There is such demerit in unbelief that the Almighty declares that he will punish it upon soul and body as he does now upon the whole Jewish people.

It is a curious corollary to the Principal's views that there is no escape from his conclusions except in an infallible living authority. The history of the world illustrates this in a way he may not have remembered.

I can fancy an enquirer coming to Principal Caird and saying: "Sir, what shall I do to save my soul?" (as the Principal would say.) The first reply would doubtless be, "Are you honest and sincere in your unbelief?"

Book Notices.

THE BRITISH QUARTERLY for January, 1874, has come to hand. It is fully up to the high standard which it has made for itself, and contains nine articles, all able and interesting...

Our New Premier.

The Christian World, of London, England, is a prominent un denominational publication, and being non-partizan in politics, especially Canadian politics, its opinion of the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, the workman Premier of Canada, is worth something.

Ministers and Churches.

The Session and congregation of Duff's Church, East Parish, have approved the call of the Rev. J. Scott, of London, to the Rev. J. Scott, of London, to be sustained, so that he continues pastor of St. Andrew's Church in that city.

The Rev. D. B. Whitnister, of Meaford, is announced to lecture before the Mechanics' Institute of that town, on the 25th instant. Subject: "Men and Women of 29 years to come."

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Petrolia, an appropriate and affectionate address, along with a presentation of \$37, was presented to the Rev. J. McRobie, as an expression of gratitude and esteem.

Since the induction of the Rev. Mr. Whitnister over the Presbyterian Church, Meaford, the old building has become too small, and the congregation has under consideration the feasibility of erecting a new church.

We notice that the Rev. J. M. Gibson, M.A., of Erskine Church, Montreal, has received a unanimous call to the second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, with an offer of \$6,000 salary.

In acknowledgment of valued services during a period of three months, the Little Toronto congregation recently presented the Rev. Mr. McLennan with a purse containing \$76, besides subscribing the sum of \$19.50 to aid a neighboring station under Mr. McL's charge.

The Rev. John Laing, M.A., of Dundas, lectured at the annual social of Erskine Church Sabbath School, Ingersoll, on "Scenes from the Betrayal." The Chronicle says: "The lecture was indeed a rich treat to all who heard it, and we congratulate Mr. Laing on a production so perfect as a work of art, faultless in literary execution, rich in poetic beauty, and fruitful in lessons of deep wisdom and solemn warning."

The annual meeting of Zion Presbyterian congregation was held last week in the lecture room, the Rev. Mr. Cochran in the chair. The Treasurer's report for the past year was read by Mr. James Wallace, showing a balance of one hundred dollars in hand, with the Pastor's salary paid in advance to May, 1874.

The Presbytery of Picton, says the Advocate, met on the 14th Jan., and inducted the Rev. Archibald C. Gilles into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Sherbrooke. The Rev. John McKinnon preached. His text was Heb. xiii:17. His sermon was able and impressive.

The Dominion elections are now nearly over, and have resulted in an overwhelming triumph for the new ministry. The majority, will to all appearance, be considerably over a hundred.

The best way to get new scholars in the Sunday-school is to ask them to come. The best way to find those who should be scholars is to go and look for them. There are enough outside who ought to be in.

It was Dr. Norman McLeod's grand achievement to read "Tam O'Shanter" to her Majesty, nine tears of laughter were running down her royal eyes, and alternated with feelings of supernatural awe, as he, in low and deep tones, read the enumeration of articles upon the weird table of the witches, and with quick pants of hurried breathing, as he gave their pursuit of the immortal Tam as far as the keystone of the Brigg.

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in Erskine Church there, on the last Tuesday of
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ligion in the evening.

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on the 2nd Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m.

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2nd December, at 7 p.m. Next meeting in Hollo-
ville, on second Tuesday of April, 1874, at 7 p.m.

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