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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.

THOU not made with hands,
Nor throned above the skies,
Nor walled with shining walls,
Nor framed with stones of price,
More bright than gold or gem,
God's own Jerusalem!

Where'er the gentle heart,
That comes from above,
Where'er the heart forsook
Warmth with the breath of love;
Where faith bids fear depart,
City of God! thou art.

Thou art where'er the proud
In humbleness melts down,
Where self itself yields up;
Where manyes win their crown;
Where faithful souls possess
Themselves in perfect peace.

Where in life's common ways
With cheerful feet we go,
Where in His steps we tread
Who trod the way of woe!
Where He is in the heart,
City of God! thou art.

Not throned above the skies
Nor golden-walled afar,
But where Christ's two or three
In His name gathered are!
He is the midst of them,
God's own Jerusalem!

—Francis Turner Palgrave.

SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

BY REV. A. B. MACNAY, MONTREAL.
XCVII.

BEFORE the Israelites kept the Passover they were commanded to search the corner of their houses to find out where was the smallest particle of leaven in them. All that was found was burned, and then they were ready to keep the feast. This rendered ne-

in our hearts and lives. Let us see that our soulcleaning is not superficial, but deep and thorough-going. Let us see that the whole house is cleaned, not the reception rooms only. For decency's sake we must keep these respectable. But let us take care that every room in the house, every part of our being, from the attic of our imaginations to the cellar of our appetites, is sweet and clean; and let us be perfectly sure that we are not living over some spiritual cesspool.

No occasion is more suitable for such a thorough self-examination as when we purpose sitting down at the Lord's table. Then should we, most particularly search into our whole heart and life, for if we judge ourselves and put away the evil from us, we shall not be judged by Christ. But if we neglect his work of self-judgment, or do it dishonestly or superficially; if we do not thoroughly cleanse ourselves from all that we know to be wrong, He will have to judge us, in order to bring us to a penitent frame of mind, so that we may not in the long run be condemned with the world. Because they came to the Lord's table without this true self-judgment, many Christians at Corinth were weak and sickly, and some had even died. Thus by coming unworthily they ate and drank judgment to themselves. That does not mean that they were lost for ever, but it means that they were chastised for their sin on earth, that they might not be condemned with Christ's enemies. This shows the great importance of that self-examination which was pictured in the burning up of all leaven before the Passover. We are to keep our feast, not with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, for, "It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's Body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves."

THOUGHTS ON FAMILY RELIGION.

One of the articles in which we have to instruct the great value of the Shorter Catechism, was closed with the expression of the persuasion that an ever intelligent acquaintance with it will, in addition to other advantages, prove in general a good security against the skepticism of the present day. While we believe that much good might be done, and much evil prevented, by a little systematic instruction that would prepossess the minds of our young people in favour of Christianity, in connection with the important yet few and simple issues that are raised by infidelity, we have no doubt that their best security against unbelief, as well as against error and delusion, is an early intelligent acquaintance with Christian truth derived from the instructions of those whose lives justify their Christian profession. The writer would here refer to an illustrative instance, which many will regard as possessing an interest of no ordinary kind. In his early youth, he was the tutor of a little boy who, many years before his death at a comparatively early age, became one of the most eminent scientists of our own or of any time. The boy's mother, whose earnest piety was combined not more with great amiability than with great decision of character and sound judgment, had, before her death, taught him the Catechism of her own communion, the Church of England, and had begun to instruct him in the Shorter Catechism. But her death occurring, as it did, soon after the tutor's appointment, the boy's religious instruction was committed entirely to the tutor. For two years and a-half, seldom less than half an hour, and occasionally as much as an hour, before breakfast every morning, was devoted to religious instruction; and so far as the writer can remember, hardly a day passed without the recitation of one or more of the answers of the Shorter Catechism. It is not necessary to state details beyond saying that, in addition to the daily reading of the Bible and the daily memorizing of a verse or two, a little of the Catechism was committed to memory every day, and care was taken, by constant review that nothing should be forgotten. The result was that, before the end of the second year, a boy of ten years of age could repeat the whole Catechism with perfect accuracy. It may be added that the statements of the Catechism were not mere rote to him. On the contrary, not only was he familiar with the common-place proof texts, but his questions and remarks showed an intelligent apprehension of the system of Christian

truth, and especially of the difficulties respecting the Divine perfections and human freedom, agency, and responsibility that occur to every one whose intellect is at work. And from what has since transpired, no one can doubt that his appreciation of the Shorter Catechism and its teachings was of an early date, and that he never ceased, all his life, to value it. As little, the writer thinks, will any one be disposed to doubt that to this early training, of which a fuller account than is given in his biography could not fail to be interesting and useful, the fact is in a good measure to be ascribed, that JAMES CLERK MAXWELL, the boy referred to, was, in life and death, a firm believer in the distinctive verities of Christianity and a saintly Christian.

It need not be said that it is only in very rare cases that young people can have the care bestowed upon them that was bestowed in this case. It is not necessary, as we all know, that a child should have any unusual advantages, in order to his becoming eminent either intellectually or morally. Thousands, placed in the ordinary circumstances in which boys are placed, acquire, with other excellent attainments, a perfect knowledge of the Shorter Catechism. The one thing necessary is that parents should realize their responsibility, and that they should feel the importance of the early storing of their children's minds with Christian knowledge. There are parents who are careful that no day passes without the occupation of some portion of its time in the communication of Christian instruction to their children, whether by themselves or by another. Many parents who are not neglectful in this respect have their minds and their hands as fully occupied with other necessary things, as are the minds and the hands of parents who give no attention to the religious interests of their children. These, for the most part, readily find time for amusements, and for other occupations of time that are no way serviceable in the promotion of any important interest. Judged from what is not rarely accomplished under great disadvantages, we are persuaded that almost any parent, whose mind is rightly impressed, could so arrange his household affairs as to have a little library every evening at least

Mission Work.

THE CHINA INLAND MISSION.

WITH REV. HUDSON TAYLOR'S BAND OF MISSIONARIES FROM VANCOUVER, B. C. TO SHANGHAI—INCIDENTS BY THE WAY—DONNING THE NATIVE DRESS—BEGINNING THE WORK OF PREPARATION.

DEAR SIR,—According to promise I again write you as to the further progress of the Canadian and American Bands which left Toronto for China on Sept. 25. I wrote you last from Vancouver, and I shall now give you briefly the details of our journeyings from there. Our passages were taken per C. P. S. S. *Patara*. She is a splendid tea-ship, but small—1,662 tons. Was laden with a light cargo, flour and cotton and is, I understand, "the worst tolled on the line." We were detained two or three days after the advertised date of sailing, and we were very glad, indeed, of it. A reception was given our missionaries by the Mayor, and another meeting was held, both of which were very profitable.

ON THE PACIFIC.

HAVING on Oct. 5, we all made a good stopper, and greatly enjoyed a Bible-reading by Mr. Taylor on the Song of Songs. But there! as I write, I almost begin to feel the increasing motion of the ship as we get out into the sea. Next day, and the next day, and the next day, and a few more days, I shall attempt to describe. I presume many of your readers know full well the many delights of *mal de mer*. So far as we did have a rough passage, it was in Japan. One day, especially, the sea was very "dirty." A bilge was washed over the fan-light of the cabin, where the passengers sat at dinner. What general effect it produced I cannot say, as I was at that time bent on the pursuit of knowledge and in a recumbent position—in other words, lying in "Blanket Bay," but Mr. Taylor came in looking somewhat green, and considerably cooled

A REAL C. I. M. WELCOME.

To the land of our adoption, wish you could have heard the joyful testimonies given by each one at the meeting after tea. You might have thought we were a branch of that rather excitable body, the Salvation Army if you had heard the ejaculations of praise that came from one and another. It was indeed a remarkable story from beginning to end—that of each one of the missionaries, and specially that of Mr. Taylor himself—going to America at Mr. Moody's request "to visit Northfield and possibly a few other conferences, and then proceed to China;" that was our intention, and no papers of qualifications for candidates or schedules of application or anything of the sort had been brought. But the Lord Himself came with us, and commencing with the Niagara Believers' Meetings, He raised up first the funds and then the men and women to use them, and He went on perfecting that which concerned us till fourteen missionaries for needy China accompanied Mr. Taylor and myself to that land. Eight more were accepted to follow, and a tentative Auxiliary Council was formed to assist in the work of sending candidates already accepted and to accept and send others as God might lead, and providential circumstances indicate. What hath God wrought!

DONNING THE NATIVE DRESS.

We found in our Shanghai Home one of our ladies dangerously ill, and needing perfect quiet and much attention. This, added to the fact that a steamer left the next night, and missing that we should have to wait some time for another, made us decide to leave the next night after arrival. So the work of transformation began early on our first day in China. The ladies were attired in the skirt and long, wide-sleeved, loose gown, had their hair 'fixed up' at the back, and in a short time each one was quite *au fait*. With us poor fellows it was a longer business. I can personally testify to the thorough change we have to undergo from boots to pigtail. The shaving of the head is such a funny sensation, you wouldn't

treaclic (native) and honey. This together with tea, was indeed a treat. Sunday was spent very happily at the Chinese and English services, for we have a nice little chapel attached to the Home; and on Monday the study of the language was commenced in real earnest. As many of your readers are friends and relatives of our dear ones, I may append

THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY.

Rise, 6.00; private devotions, 6.30; breakfast, 7.30-8.00; English prayers, 8.00-8.30; geography, 8.30-9.00; class, Mr. Wood, 9.00-10.00; native class, 10.00-12.00, reading 12.00-12.30; dinner 12.30-1.00; noon prayers, 1.00-1.30; exercise, 1.30-2.00; native class, 2.00-4.00; the Word, 4.00-4.30; outing, 4.30-5.30; tea 5.30-6.00; review, 6.00-7.00; promiscuous reading, 7.00-8.00; Bible study, 8.00-9.00. "Looking unto Jesus," all day. I might mention that "native class" means a native teacher for each of the young men, dividing the time, part taking the afternoon and the other part the morning. A Chinese teacher can give one in two hours quite as much as one can digest and assimilate in a day. They had their Chinese names given them, and you may be interested to see them:

Mr. Souther, Hamilton, "Su-tch Ts'uen," a species of time that refreshes and revives the weary spirit; Mr. Racey, Hamilton, "Rui Kai Ren," small plants budding; Mr. Duff, Hamilton, "Tu Loh Shan," elegant in manners; Mr. Meikle, Toronto, "Mi Hsioh Shuen," dissolved by the action of fire or water; Mr. Horne, Belleville, "Ho Chi Tao," harmony; Mr. Lawson, Parkdale, "Loh Tai Shi," water-bird, as king-fisher.

Gan-king is a city of some 70,000 inhabitants, and is one of the poorest capitals in China. The people know us pretty well, and are not hostile. There is very much room for evangelic work, and I would ask the good brethren may distribute the sentences they may spare. It may be used of God.

Mr. Taylor and myself, on Gan-king on Wednesday, Nov. 7, proceeded

REACHING YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

REACHING Yokohama, Japan, on the 27th Oct., we were very kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Austen, Seamen's missionaries. In the afternoon we went for a ride through the town and a sort of country in "jirikishas"—a sort of invalid chair with shafts, and pulled by young Japs. I must not attempt to describe the trip. Everything was novel to us all; but, perhaps, the greatest novelty in the country through which we passed was the procession of sixteen jirikishas—all containing foreigners. The little children, such funny little children they seemed, with their almond eyes, and many of them with still more diminutive children fastened on their backs—counted us as we went by, and were greatly delighted to see such a procession. We did enjoy that ride. It was very new to us to pick the growing rice and cotton pods, to see the Japanese beggars sitting at the roadside and begging, bowing and muttering, and much more I am almost betrayed into mentioning.

IN JAPAN.

In the evening we had a deeply interesting but very solemn meeting. Our hearts were saddened as members of the China Inland Mission to learn of the decease of two of our best workers—Mr. H. L. Norris, head master of the Chesho School for missionaries' children, and Mr. A. C. Dorward, a strong brave man, who we hoped would succeed before long in gaining an entrance into one of the two Provinces still unopened—Hanan. He had lived for this and had made several journeys and short stays in the province, but had not succeeded in gaining a permanent residence. He died of dysentery. Mr. Norris lost his life from hydrophobia. It appears, a mad dog found its way into the school, and Mr. Norris, fearing it would attack his boys, attempted to drive it out. He succeeded in doing so, but received a bite, apparently trivial, but causing, shortly afterwards, the disease which proved fatal.

AT MID-DAY THE NEXT DAY WE PROCEEDED INTO THE "SAMPAHS" OF YOKOHAMA TO OUR GOOD SHIP, AND FROM THENCE TO WU-MING WE HAD GLOUWIOUS WEATHER. ARRIVED THERE, WE RECEIVED

OUR FIRST VISIT TO THE YANG-TSUKIANG.

A noble river, but of a colour reminding different people of coffee and strong pea-soup respectively. Of course, travelling as Chinese, there is great saving. The breakfast was a deeply interesting meal. Eating rice with chopsticks, a *la mode* Chinese, or rather many and disappointing attempts to do so, proved highly provocative of mirth to those older missionaries who were with us, and were matter for no small amount of amusement to ourselves. The small pieces of pork, eggs, fowl, etc., all seemed specially greased for the occasion, and would not stick in the two chopsticks which were endeavoring to convey them safely to the mouths of the eaters. I wonder if the proverb "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip" is of Chinese origin?

THE BAND DIVIDES.

In something like twenty-three hours from the time of leaving Shanghai, we reached Chinkiang, a distance of 200 miles or so, and here we wished the ladies goodbye—for in China, travelling as Chinese men and women, you daren't do more. To shake hands would be *outré*. We men, accompanied by Mr. Taylor, proceeded up the river another 200 miles to Gan-king. We arrived here a little after midnight the next night. The teacher at the Men's Training Institute, Mr. Marcus Wood, had been outside the city—for it is a walled one—since early in the evening, and met us. Arrived at the shore, we made our way very carefully up the muddy bank, which was, where we landed, a sort of path of broken and rather slippery stone steps, and proceeded to a Chinese inn—one of the best specimens, I am told. I should say it was nearly as clean and comfortable a place as a good cow-shed at home. We carry our own beds, for certain wise reasons. In one corner of this first-class hotel, I counted between twelve and sixteen cobwebs; and if any of your youthful readers doubt my word, all I can say is let them come and see, for I don't at all expect these venerated webs will have disappeared by the time they could arrive. At daybreak we proceeded in two parties to

THE INSTITUTE OR "HOME."

As Mr. Wood will have it called. He won't let us say "college." It is a very nice place—semi-European and semi-Chinese in style and furniture. At 7.30 we were just delighted to get a real breakfast of rice-porridge, fish, bread, (I

Faithfully yours in C.

S. FRANK WILSON

(Private Secy.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 26, 1889.

Our Story.

"SISTER JEWEL."

"HAVE you secured a new girl for the typewriter?" one of the members of the law firm of Bradshaw, Fielding & Pryor asked of the senior partner.

"Yes," said Mr. Bradshaw, in whose hands the matter had been placed. "Not a girl exactly, either—a lady."

"Ah!" Mr. Pryor said, "a spinster, is she?"

"No, she's not above twenty, I guess."

"Was she well recommended for skill, character, etc.?"

"Well, no," the old gentleman said, slightly confused, while he rummaged in his desk for a paper, "but a glance at her recommends her. She has a bright face with clear, innocent eyes. She isn't loaded down with all sorts of frillery, tinkling beads and cheap jewellery, and she hasn't her hair bunched over her forehead down to her eyebrows like a South Sea Islander. She wears a neat gray kind of a business suit, with sensible shoes. She says what she has to say in a clear, concise fashion. She doesn't giggle, nor simper, nor talk everlastingly about nothing. I liked her and engaged her. She belongs to a good family. I discovered that she is a daughter of a college chum of mine who died a few years ago."

Mr. Pryor laughed as he said: "You are even more observing than I supposed, Mr. Bradshaw. I hope your prodigy will meet with your expectations."

Mr. Pryor had occasion a few hours later, when he carried some papers to Miss Kirke, the self-possessed young woman who presided at the typewriter, to prove the truth of some of his partner's statements. Mr. Pryor was a pleasant, jovial man, disposed to be quite free and easy even with new acquaintances; but the brief replies and dignified bearing of the new secretary, while extremely courteous, plainly intimated to him that she was a self-respecting young person, who meant to be treated as such, and intended, moreover, to keep strictly to business and not to be beguiled into lively chat with a stranger, even though he were her employer and supposed to be her superior in the social scale.

"I admire your choice, Mr. Bradshaw," his partner told him later in the day. "She is certainly a different type of typewriter girl from many who have applied for the place."

"Why not call her young lady, or secretary?" said Mr. Bradshaw, rather stiffly. "She is a lady as truly as any of our own daughters; both by nature and education, and in social position."

Mr. Bradshaw was the oldest and wisest member of the firm, consequently the others deferred to him in most things and took his testy remarks for what they were worth, knowing there was a large, kind heart behind them.

"I agree with you heartily," Mr. Pryor said, "and I think Miss Kirke will prove a treasure. It is of immense advantage to have a bright, educated person in that position, instead of a mere stupid machine."

One of those changes that sometimes comes suddenly to the happy and prosperous had befallen the Kirke family. Mr. Kirke's large fortune was swept away in the space of a few days. Then came the loss of his wife and the failure of his own health, and then the end, when he laid down his burden forever. At twenty his eldest daughter found herself poor and alone in the world, with the exception of a young invalid brother, who had received an injury to his spine when but a baby.

This daughter had been named Julia, but her fond father had playfully called her Jewel until others took up the name, and "Jewel" she became to all her friends. She was now doubly desolate, because he to whom she had a right to look for comfort in this dark hour had failed her. With the altered state of affairs, Jewel had offered to release Bryan Sanford from his engagement, hoping and believing that he would indignantly spurn such a proposition. The man she had set up in her heart as her idol would have done so; the man he was actually welcomed it, not without a pang, it is true, for he loved Jewel as much as a selfish, pleasure-loving person can be said to love. His own means were limited, consequently he had guarded well his heart, that it should not fasten itself upon one who would be portionless. When the crash came that took away Mr. Kirke's fortune, he stood appalled at his altered prospects. How could he take such a load upon himself, the support of a wife who was burdened with the care of an invalid brother? It was not to be thought of. His luxurious tastes, his ease-loving spirit forbade it. Now was the time for a noble manhood to assert itself, but it was not there. How could he help it? He could not give what he had not. His weak nature gladly accepted an honourable (?) way of retreat and slunk out of pledges and professions, repeated almost daily for months, and thereby, poor idiot, he lost his one chance of becoming a true man by separating himself from one who would have been a constant inspiration to true living, who would have

developed the good in him and reflected on him the light of her genius and goodness, until the world would have been cheated into believing that he was a valuable citizen.

Jewel Kirke did not pine for him. True, she mourned for a time that her idol had turned to mere clay, but when such a nature once admits a doubt as to the true nobility of the idolized object, the tender plant of regard is, to say the least, in danger. The old adage has it, "When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window." Better put it, "When contempt comes in at the door, love flies out of the window," and it would be truer.

Jewel had no time, though, to grieve about anything. Life meant now, not a pleasant song, but a stern battle, and not for herself alone; the little brother was dearer than herself. She tried to make her accomplishments serve her now in this bread and shelter struggle, but the world seemed full of professionals who had received careful training to a definite end, and she could not compete with them. Finally, through the kindness of a friend, she had opportunity to practise on a typewriter, when that instrument was rarer than it is now, and soon became so expert that she was able to fill the excellent position she obtained.

It was after a long search that Jewel found rooms at a moderate price that suited her exactly. It was with a worthy, old-fashioned couple, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, who lived in an ancient-looking house in a respectable part of the city, and were glad to add to their slender income by renting a couple of rooms. What could be more cheery than that large, light chamber with a double south window and furnished comfortably with the home things, with little Winthrop's small white bed in one corner and a wide old sofa for herself. The familiar curtains and pictures made it almost elegant. Then there was a smaller room back, where Jewel carried on her housekeeping in an esthetic sort of style by the aid of a gas stove. There was a large closet in each room, and everything was arranged for comfort and convenience. Here they had everything, Jewel declared, that they needed; everything but a friend or two in this strange city. Very likely they would come in time. She preferred to cut loose from old associations and old ties, and so had gladly accepted this position, miles away from her old home, when she entered upon the life of a bread-winner. She could be stronger and freer among strangers. If it was sometimes a trifle desolate, she must overcome that.

It was a wonderful testimony, this heroic life she was living, to the training received by Christian parents. In her home, with nothing to rest her, she

instilled through the years, had been sowing and nourishing. The change was marvellous to herself. The routine of her daily life was that of another person of whom she had not dreamed. The young lady of elegant leisure, who, after leaving school, gave herself up to a pleasant do-nothing sort of life which society and her position seemed to demand, was gone. She had been accustomed to rise late; to fill her days and part of her nights with shopping, driving, calls, receptions, dinners, teas, and anything else in the long list of busy trifling which makes play quite laborious after all. Jewel thought of it all sometimes, when she rose early in the morning and hurried about to get her work done so as to be promptly at her post. Her mother would have wept over her hard lot if she could have seen her this morning; that is, if she had been still on earth; but as the mother had gone where vision is clearer, she must have rejoiced, knowing that it was best for her darling even to kneel down there in her old gray flannel wrapper and shake the coal stove free from ashes. She went about her work with a deft hand and springing step, as if it were a delight and not a weariness. The genius presiding over neatness must have taken special satisfaction in her, as with carpet-sweeper, duster, brush, towels and water she made everything fresh and clean for the day. Don't be troubled, girl with soft hands and pink finger-tips. She kept hers, by means of rubber gloves, as fair as yours. She worked eagerly, darting into the kitchen occasionally to start the breakfast, running a race with the clock, for by this time Winnie would be awake and ready for his bath. She dressed him carefully, twisting his short curls lovingly around her fingers, bestowing dainty touches on his toilet, which her haste might have excused her for omitting. When all was finished and he wrapped in his soft blue dressing-gown, he looked sweet and fair as a cherub. Deformity had not been added to his afflictions. It was simply inability to bear his own weight.

Next, while the room was turned out-doors to air, Winnie must be helped in to his chair and wheeled into the sunshiny little kitchen, where the small table stood, tempting with its green glass pitcher full of milk, its pink plate of fruit, and laid with as much care as if for a prince and princess. Jewel did that the last thing at night. The baked potatoes and oatmeal were ready, the eggs or the bit of beefsteak was only to be added and breakfast was ready. Jewel always aimed to give time enough to make the meals cheerful, to have a

pleasant or a funny story to tell, and leave the little boy something to think of while she was gone.

After breakfast and the kitchen work were dispatched, Winthrop was moved back into the now orderly front room, and Jewel read a few verses from the Bible and asked the Father in heaven to keep them both through the day. Then, arraying herself in her business suit, she was ready to start for the office, after having first drawn her brother's low table by his sofa. On it were all needful articles for study and diversion, his books, writing materials, water-colour paints and games of solitaire and jackstraws. Winnie had his time for study and play and conscientiously adhered to them.

The little fellow was desolate at first when his sister left him every day, not to return until six in the evening, but he was patient and wise above his years and was growing more reconciled. His sister felt it more keenly than he. It was so hard to cast off anxiety and stay away all day, but it was too far to walk home at noon and journeying in street cars was expensive. There was relief in the thought that he would want for nothing. Mrs. Peters, for a weekly sum, had engaged to look after him, to see to the fire, provide his dinner and help him upon the sofa when he grew tired. It rejoiced her motherly heart to have him to care for. She brought him a cane to knock for her if he should want something he could not reach, and she often took her knitting and sat an hour with him because she pitied his loneliness. Winthrop's chair was close by the window which overlooked the street. He could watch his sister and waive his hand when she looked around until she disappeared around the corner. He would have liked then to have busied himself with watching the passing people and getting up queer fancies about them. This was great amusement to the imaginative child. But his wise sister had made a rule that the first morning hours were to be given to preparing his simple lessons; after that he might amuse himself as he chose, and the little fellow conscientiously observed this rule.

The one thing which gladdened him always was a letter from "Sister Jewel," which the postman brought daily about two in the afternoon. He was just as eager to read it as if she were hundreds of miles away. They were written on the typewriter, so he could easily read them, and were always bright and cheerful, sometimes funny—a description of what she saw from the window, or a little story improvised for the occasion. It was her custom after eating her lunch to devote most of the noon hour to him and have a letter ready when the postman passed. Her heart went out to him with such tender longings that she would do anything to please him.

To be continued.

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS.

FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON III, January 20, 1889. HEALING OF THE LEPER. Mark I 35-45. COMMIT VERSES 40, 41.

GOLDEN TEXT.—As soon as he had spoken immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.—Mark I. 42.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

Sin is a terrible evil; but Jesus will save all who go to Him in faith.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Mark I. 35-45. T. Matt. iv. 23-25; viii. 1-4. W. Luke iv. 42-44; v. 12-15. Th. Luke xvii. 11-19. F. Matt. xv. 21-31. S. Ezek. xxxvi. 22-32. Sw. Eph. ii. 1-10.

TIME.—April to June, A.D. 28. Jesus' "Sweet hour of prayer" was early Sunday morning, the day after his Sabbath duties described in the last lesson. The first missionary tour (vs. 38, 39) straightway followed, and the leper was healed probably during the latter part of the tour: May or June.

PLACE.—Capernaum and the region of Galilee. PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.—Matt. iv. 23-25; viii. 2-4; Luke iv. 42-44; v. 12-15. JESUS between 31 and 32 years old, about the middle of the second year of His ministry.

JOHN THE BAPTIST in prison at Castle Macherus since March. THE FIRST MISSIONARY TOUR IN GALILEE.—Jesus now begins a series of missionary tours. The first one with His disciples continued six or eight weeks in May and June, A.D. 28.

INTRODUCTION.—Jesus, in our last lesson, had preached and healed all day long, and late in the evening. He slept, but rose very early the next morning for a season of prayer alone.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—35. A great while before day: this was Jesus' only method of being alone for prayer and communion with God. Everyone needs solitary seasons of prayer. And there prayed: like us, Jesus needed communion with God. Especially as now He was about to enter upon a new plan of work; and go forth with His disciples on their first missionary tour. 36. And Simon: Peter, as usual, taking the

lead. 38. Therefore came I forth: from heaven and His Father. He came to teach and preach to all. 40. A leper one afflicted with the leprosy, a foul, deforming, incurable, hereditary, contagious, painful disease that shut men out from the companionship of the pure. If thou wilt, thou canst: this was the first time a leper had asked to be healed, so far as recorded; but the man knew that many had been healed of terrible and deadly diseases by Jesus, and therefore knew He could heal him. But he feared that Jesus would not want to help a deformed, impure outcast. 41. Touched him: to show that the healing came from Him. It expressed Jesus' compassion. It could not defile Jesus, for the curative power was in Him. I will: Men heal by instrumentalities; Jesus by the act of His will. 44. Say nothing to any man: (1) He must not touch others till he was ceremonially clean. (2) Jesus did not wish to call attention to His miracles, but to lay emphasis on His teaching. (3) It would draw so many to be healed that he would have no time to preach. Offer for thy cleansing: (Lev. xiv. 47). For testimony: he must go to Jerusalem, and let the authorized priests declare the healing perfect. It testified also that Jesus obeyed the law.

SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND SPECIAL REPORTS.—Why Jesus prayed.—Prayer in the morning.—Communion alone with God.—Jesus' object in coming to this world.—Leprosy.—As a type of sin.—The leper's faith.—Lessons about salvation from the leper's cure.—Why he was to tell no person.

QUESTIONS. REVIEW.—What different good works did Jesus do on the Sabbath described in our last lesson? In what place? How late did His labour continue?

INTRODUCTION.—In what other Gospels do we find a record of the lesson for to-day? How old was Jesus at this time? How long had He been preaching? In what city was He?

SUBJECT. AN OBJECT LESSON OF SIN AND SALVATION.

I. PREPARATION FOR WORK BY PRAYER (vs. 35).—Where did Jesus go early the next morning? Why did He rise so early? Why go to a solitary place? What need did Jesus have of prayer? (Heb. iv. 15.) Can we work well for Christ without much prayer? Why not? Why do we need secret prayer as well as public worship? What command did Jesus give about this? (Matt. vi. 6.) How many and what lessons do we learn from this example of Christ?

II. CARRYING THE GOSPEL TO ALL PLACES (vs. 36).—Who asked Jesus to heal him? How long did He give? How long did this missionary tour last? Over what region did it extend? Why is casting out devils mentioned again? How would His healing help His preaching? In what ways is the religious work of saving men aided by ministry to their temporal wants? Should the two always go together?

III. THE LEPROSY. A TYPE OF SIN (vs. 40).—What one incident of this tour is told? What is a leper? Are there any such in our day? Describe the leprosy. Show how it is a type of sin in its all-pervasive loathsomeness and impurity (Rom. i. 27-32; Matt. xv. 19); its being incurable by human power (Rom. vii. 14, 25); its contagiousness (1 Cor. xv. 33); its being often hereditary (Rom. v. 12); its deforming effects; its shutting out from the companionship of the pure (Rev. xxi. 27).

IV. THE CURE. A TYPE OF SALVATION (vs. 40-44).—What did the leper say to Jesus? Did these words show faith? In what respects was this leper an example of the way in which the sinner should come to Christ? How did Jesus heal him? Why did He touch him? What was the effect? What did Jesus tell him to do? Why must he say nothing? What offering must he make? Where? How would this be a testimony unto them? To what should every converted sinner testify? Did the man obey? What were the effects of his disobedience?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. I. Every one needs seasons of retirement and prayer. II. Early morning devotions are a blessing through the day. III. All men ought to seek Jesus. IV. We should not wait till all are converted at home before we go out into all the world and preach the Gospel. V. Sin is like leprosy,—incurable, loathsome, contagious, hereditary, painful, arising from small beginnings, all-pervading, separating from the pure. VI. We should feel our need and then go straight to Jesus for help. VII. Jesus has compassion on all the suffering and the sinful. VIII. True gratitude is shown by obedience.—Peloubet.

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THE GALT CASE.

THE Editor of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:—Having read with interest the editorial in your issue of the 20th of Dec. on "The Galt Heresy Case," permit me to ask of you explanation on the following point: I have been under what appears to be the general impression, viz., that the only qualification requisite for admission to the membership of the Presbyterian Church is a profession of faith in, and acceptance of, Christ as a personal Saviour, supported by a life consistent with such profession.

HOME MISSION WORK. TWO QUESTIONS. THE Editor of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:—Permit me through your columns to ask two questions as to our work in Northern Ontario. The first is, Can any one suggest any good reason why that section of country should be shut out from the benefits of the Church and Manse Building Fund? What grievous wrong has it committed? By recent legislation the provisions of the Scheme include N.W. Ontario, at least that part of it within the bounds of Manitoba Presbytery.

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INDORE, Nov. 29, 1888. MY DEAR SIR,—I thought I would write a pleasant letter, but the news of our Council meeting has shattered all my happy feelings for us. We are told that you were at the Committee meeting, when in order was sent to close the college, and so you know all about it.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes—"The congregation of Blackheath, Abingdon and East Seneca, is having its turn of peace and prosperity. Blackheath church has been repaired and refurbished, and is now a credit to the community. The Abingdon portion of the congregation have put up additional sheds, as since the settlement of their pastor, the Rev. J. W. Penman, amongst us seven months ago, the present shed room proves insufficient for the usual worshipping congregation.

THE first anniversary of the Kirkwall Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour was held on the evening of Friday, December 21st. Tea was served in the Sabbath school room from six to eight o'clock, at which hour the chair was taken by the pastor, the Rev. Samuel Carruthers, who opened the meeting with reading the Scripture, bearing on the society's topic for the evening, and prayer.

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Rev. Donald Stewart of Newington, has been called to Manick and South Gloucester.

The concert and bazaar given by the ladies of St. Andrew's, Almonte, was a pronounced success.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of a new church at Vidon, Man next spring.

The members and congregation connected with Knox church, Ayr, assembled in the lecture room, and partook of tea...

Mr. A. Graham of Queen's College, who has been filling with much acceptance the Sidney pupil on Sabbath, was recently presented with a purse and an address...

Union evangelistic services of the two congregations in Almonte are in progress, Rev. J. H. Ingham, pastor of St. John's being assisted by Mr. Meikle, evangelist.

In the Bank-street Presbyterian church at Ottawa, a system of thank offering missions, which has been in operation for the last six months, is working well.

The services in connection with the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the Collins-wood church, was conducted by Rev. Prof. MacLaren, of Knox College, Dec. 23rd.

Knox church, Rat Portage, held its annual congregational meeting on Wednesday evening, 26th December, the pastor, Rev. K. Nairn, B. A., in the chair.

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bearing sundry mysterious looking bundles. Mr. Fraser halted in front of the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, pastor of the congregation, and briefly referring to his faithful services during the past eighteen years, presented him, on behalf of the congregation, with a far coat, cap and gauntlets.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—The anniversary services of the First Presbyterian church, Seaforth, were held on Sabbath, 16th December. At last congregational meeting it was agreed to dispense with the tea meeting and have a lecture or something of that kind instead.

THE following, which we clip from a Montreal paper, will be read with interest in connection with the announcement of Miss Dr. Marion Fairweather's marriage made in our columns recently.

St. John's church was crowded and beautifully decorated with flowers. The oldest missionary in the station, Rev. Mr. Erhardt, of the Secordabad German Mission, gave away the bride.

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the Church, with instructions to appropriate, as early as possible, to each congregation its share of the amount. The following Committees on Presbyterial Visitation were appointed:—Group 1—Messrs. MacMillan, convener; Little and Brown.

OWEN SOUND. MET in Division street Hall, Owen Sound, Dec. 18. Rev. John Griffith presented papers from the Calvinistic Methodist Church, of Wales.

SARNIA. MET in St. Andrew's, Sarnia, the 18th ult. Messrs. Geo. Leys and Thos. Houston were appointed assessors in the Session of Corunna and Mooretown.

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PROCEEDS of the North Chatham Mission S. S. concert, \$32.00.

The evangelistic services conducted by Mr. Meikle in Almonte, are deepening in interest.

THE concert given in Stroud, Dec. 19, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, was very successful.

THE pulpit of Central church, city, was supplied last Sabbath morning by Rev. Prof. MacLaren.

THE new Parkhill church was formally opened last Sabbath, Rev. Principal Grant preaching morning and evening.

A TESTIMONIAL concert was given Dec. 11 by the choir of St. Gabriel church, Montreal, to the leader of the choir, Mr. J. R. Bain.

REV. I. CAMPBELL, late of Douglas & Bromley, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Russell and Metcalf, Presbytery of Ottawa, 8th inst.

SARNIA Presbytery has sustained a call from Guthrie church, Wilkesport, to Rev. Mr. McClung, formerly of Shakespeare, in the Presbytery of Stratford.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's church, Blythe, recently presented their pastor, Rev. A. McLean with a handsome cutter and buffalo robe.

REV. E. D. MACLAREN, B. D., of Brampton, at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery last Tuesday, accepted the call to St. Andrew's, Vancouver.

LAST week Rev. John Neil of Charlestown church, Toronto, assisted Rev. James Carmichael of Strangie, in holding a number of missionary meetings.

REV. DR. and Mrs. Campbell, of Montreal, recently celebrated their silver wedding. Among the handsome presents they received was \$70 in silver coin.

MR. W. N. THOMAS, precursor, New Rockland, Que., was recently presented with a valuable set of furs, in recognition of his services to the psalmody of the church.

At the request of Rev. Dr. Kellogg through illness, the pulpit of St. James' Square, city, was supplied last Sabbath morning by Rev. Dr. McTavish of the Central church.

THE Belmont congregation are discussing the advisability of building a new church next summer, owing to the large increase in the attendance, both at church and school.

At the annual meeting of Maranoch, with a handsome gold watch and an address.

At the Oxford Mills New Year's tea-meeting addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Highland, of Bishop's Mills, on "Socialism," Rev. A. Radley, on "Things to be thankful for," and Rev. Mr. Robertson of Madrid, N.Y., on "How are you getting along?"

THE new church in the village of Pricerville, Ont., formally opened last Sabbath by Rev. Principal Caven of Knox College, is a neat structure of stone and brick, with corner tower, bellry, and slated spire, basement and gallery, and is capable of seating 400 people.

ON Christmas evening Mrs. MacCallister, wife of the esteemed pastor of Ironwood congregation, was waited upon by a number of ladies and presented with a beautiful fur-lined cloak, and an address expressive of their high appreciation of her encouragement and help in church work.

AT the annual Sabbath-school anniversary of Stanley-street church, Ayr, the young people of the congregation surprised their pastor, Rev. J. S. Hardie, by presenting him with an address and a suitable and elegantly engraved gold watch, as a tangible token of their increasing esteem and respect to their trusted spiritual guide.

REV. DR. TORRANCE who has been for many years Inspector of the Public Schools of Guelph, at a late meeting of the Board of Education of the town, was highly complimented by a member who said of him: "The Inspector is abreast of the educational work of the land. If he were not to be found, there were none who could surpass him."

AT Chalmers' church, Woodstock, Dec. 31, Rev. Dr. Wardrop preached appropriately and impressively for the closing Sunday of the year, and in the evening Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, gave an able lecture and exposition of the scriptures recorded in connection with the instruction of Christ in the 20th chapter of John.

ANDREW'S Sabbath School, Windsor, of which Mr. W. D. Russell is the Superintendent, has contributed for missions during the year \$395, distributed as follows: Home Missions, \$50; Argumentation, \$100; Icelandic Mission, \$100; Welsh Missions, \$150; Manitoba Colonization, \$50; Pointe aux Trembles, \$65; orphans, Dr. Smith, China, \$50; Foreign Missions, \$50.

THE annual social of the Lowry Presbyterian church was held on the evening of Friday, December 21st. Suitable addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. W. Moore, Rev. Hugh Taylor and Rev. C. W. Moore, the pastor of the congregation.

Appropriate music was discoursed by a choir of members of the church. Mr. Goulay gave two solos in fine accompaniment on the organ by Miss Goulay. Mr. D. McElroy, of Carp, was the choir. Rev. Hugh Taylor also presented a Scotch reading. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE REV. THOMAS DAVIDSON, M.A., was inducted on December 24th, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Worcester, Presbytery of Montreal.

REV. P. S. VERNIER was inducted into the pastoral charge of L'Ange Gardien, Presbytery of Ottawa, 18th ult.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths.

Births. McLEOD.—On Dec. 24, at the manse, Richmond, Que., the wife of Rev. John McLeod, of a son.

Dobbin.—At the manse Jan. 3, 1889, the wife of Rev. J. J. Dobbin, Caledon East, of a daughter.

Marriages. OSBORNE—McCLINTOCK.—On Dec. 25, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. McCrehan, Mr. Fred J. Osborne, of Bowmanville, to Miss Caroline McClintock, eldest daughter of Mr. John McClintock, near Port Perry.

GRAY—MITCHELL.—At Galt, on Dec. 26, by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Mr. George Gray, to Miss Agnes Mitchell, both of Galt.

MILLER—DRYDEN.—At Galt, on Dec. 25, by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Mr. Peter Miller, of Galt, to Miss Agnes Jane Dryden, youngest daughter of Wm. Dryden, Esq., of North Dumfries.

COOPER—SMITH.—On Dec. 26, by the Rev. Dr. Battisby, at Chatham, W. H. Cooper, of Chicago, to Agnes M., second daughter of James Smith.

BELL—MACCARTHY.—On January 2, at Ottawa, by the Rev. W. T. Hurdie, B.D., H.T.A., Bell, of the Canadian Mining Service, to Sydney, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry F. MacCarthy, of Ottawa.

MACOON—MCCLENNAN.—On Jan. 3, at Whitby, by the Rev. Kenneth McClelland, M.A., assisted by the Rev. John Abraham, M.A., James M. Macoon, of the 11th militia (Geological Survey), eldest son of Professor Macoon, to Mary, second daughter of Rev. A. McClelland.

PATTERSON—JOHNSON.—At Oakville, by the Rev. W. Meikle, on Dec. 25, James, son of John Patterson, to Maud, daughter of Thomas Johnson.

FORTER LONGBOTTOM.—At Manitou, Manitoba, on Dec. 24, by the Rev. J. A. Townsend, Miss Annie Henrietta Longbottom, to Mr. David Forter, both of Somerset.

DEANER COCHRAN.—At Manitou, Manitoba, on Jan. 1, 1889, by the Rev. J. A. Townsend; Miss Mary Cochran to Mr. Henry Deamer, both of Manitou.

DOWSON—CARTER.—On Dec. 5, by the Rev. A. M. McClelland, M.A., D.C.L.; Robt Dowson to Lizzie Carter, all of Ashburn.

BROOKES—WILSON.—On Jan. 1, by the Rev. Dr. McClelland, Thos. W. Brookes, of Myrtle to Miss Christina Wilson, of Ashburn.

FELL—THOMAS.—At the residence of the bride's father on Jan. 1 by the Rev. John Wakefield, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Abraham, James Hallow Fell to Charlotte Isabella, only daughter of Dr. Edward Thomas, dentist, all of Burlington.

Deaths. PORTER.—In Barre, on Dec. 30, 1888, Rev. Samuel Porter, in his 78th year.

JORDAN.—On Jan. 3, in the 73rd year of her age, Annie M., widow of the late William Jordan, of Halifax, N.S., and mother of Mrs. James Fairie and Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., of Brakley Church, Montreal.

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