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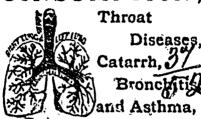
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### MOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE vestry of the Church of the Evangelist, Philadelphia, have presented charges against the Rev. Henry B. Percival, alleging that he has violated the canons of the Church in the introduction of ceremonies foreign to the laws of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Trouble has existed in the church for some time between the "High Church" and "Low Church" elements. The matter was finally carried into the courts and decided in favour of the "Low Church" party, who new present the charges against the pastor.

In the German Empire Protestantism is gaining much faster than Catholicism. In 1867 the Evangelical Church numbered 24,921 000 individuals; in 1871 it had 25,583 900; and in 1080, 28,333 652; while its share of the whole population amounted in 1878 to 62 14 per cent., in 1871 to 62'31, and in 1880 to 62 64 per cent. Of professed Roman Catholics there were in 1867, 14 564 000; in 1871, 14 867 600; and in 1880, 16,234 475 The percentage of Roman Catholics was:

—In 1867, 36'31; in 1871, 36 21; and in 1880, 35 88.

STILL another is added to many disasters that will make the present year memorable. Last week a large excursion party left B altimore for Tivoli, ten miles up the Patapsco river. It was when the last trip to the city was to be made that the calamity occurred. The landing pier was crowded with people anxious to get home. The excursion barge struck the pier; it swayed and became a wreck plunging the dense crowd into the water, varying from eight to ten feet in depth. The night was dark, and the darkness added to the confusion and loss of life. Over one hundred perished. As usual in such gatherings many who lost their lives were young people and children. The morning began in pleasure; the day ended in death, swift and appaling.

The Ninth Annual Calendar of the Brantford Young Ladies' College has been received. The institution re-opens on 5th September. The high degree of excellence to which it has attained has been the result of intelligent and well-directed effort. It enjoys the thorough confidence of all who are interested in its welfare. There is no necessity for elaborate commendations of its excellence. Its success as a training institution in the past is a guarantee for accomplishing the work it professes to do. But it does not live on its past reputation. Its directors are earnest in their endeavours to keep it in the front rank of Canadian educational institutions. Principal Macintyre and those associated with him in the work of instruction are eminently qualified to inspire their students with the love of learning.

THE Announcement of Pickering College for the Year 1883-4 has just been issued. Among the training colleges of Ontario this institution has attained an honourable place in the front rank. The teaching staff under the superintendence of Principal William H. Huston, M.A., is mostly composed of first-class honour men of Toronto University, while the lady teachers are eminently qualified for the positions they occupy. All the branches requisite for a thorough education form a part of the curriculum. Pickering College, a commodious building, is situated in a healthy and beautiful locality. The supervision exercised over the students shows that their physical, moral and intellectual well-being is cared for. The success achieved by this first class educational institution is an indication that its merits are appreciated.

THE Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society have issued their Forty-third Annual Report. It presents in brief compass a view of the work of Bible Circulation on the continent of Europe. The results of last year's operations are decidedly gratifying. The good work goes steadily forward. More ample details of the society's operations in its own proper field are given. Condensed statements from the agent's reports and extracts from the journals of the colporteurs aupply an interesting outline of the work accomplished

during the past year. The directors have very wisely embodied these accounts with verbatim reports of the admirable addresses delivered at the annual meeting in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, by Dr. John Hall and the Bishop of Algoma in the July number of the "Bible Recorder."

EUROPEAN statisticians are generally revising and reducing their estimates of the population of China. The great famine a few years ago swept away millions, and there is good reason for believing that the population is nearer 300 000,000 than 400.000,000, Behm and Wagner reduce their estimate for China and Corea from 434 500 000 to 370 500,000 Peterson reduces his estimate by 75,000,000, making the present total 350,000,000. Dr. Happer, missionary, believes this can safely be reduced another 50,000,000. Mr. Hippisley, Acting Commissioner of Customs, thinks 250,-000,000 more nearly correct than 350,000,000. The losses by the Taeping and Mohammedan rebellions and by the famine and pestilence which swept the provinces of Chili, Shantung, Shansi, Shensi and Houan, are variously estimated at from 61,000,000 to

STATISTICS lately published regarding the increase of suicide within the last thirty years are simply appalling. In the seven chief countries of Europe, while the population during that period has increased 19 per cent., suicide has increased 63 per cent. Comparing the decade from 1850 to 1860 with the seven years from 1871 to 1877, it is found that the yearly average of suicides has increased in England from 1,167 to 1,-614. in France from 3,821 to 5,440, in Germany from 3 819 to 6,478, in Austria from 1,305 to 3,292, in Italy from 728 to 905, in Belgium from 189 to 388, in Sweden and Norway from 381 to 485. In the same two periods and in the same countries the ratio to every one million inhabitants has grown in England from 65 to 68, in France from 105 to 156, in Germany from 129 to 156, in Austria from 45 to 97, in Italy from 31 to 36, in Belgium from 46 to 71, and in Sweden and Norway from 76 to 81.

BUT a short time since the Hon. William Elder became Provincial Secretary in the Blair administration in New Brunswick. The other week the University of New Brunswick honoured itself by conferring on him the merited degree of LL D., and now his death is announced. It appears that the end of a busy, useful and honoured life has been hastened by overwork. For some time past Mr. Elder has been engaged in a multiplicity of duties that would have taxed the energies of more than one strong man. The late Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick was a native of Malin, Donegal county, Ireland. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Edinburgh and Glasgow. He came to New Brunswick as a Presbyterian minister. After a time he entered on the profession of journalism, in which he has been eminently successful. Through his efforts the St. John "Telegraph" has attained a foremost place among the newspapers of the Dominion. It is to-day a fine example of the fact that, with intelligence, literary ability and good judgment, a daily journal can attain an influential position without descending to the personal and sensational methods that some seem to think the readiest passports to journalistic success. In public and private life Mr. Elder was held in the highest estimation on account of his personal merits and worth. He leaves a record that ought to inspire those who seek to live noble and useful lives.

FOR several weeks it was announced to be the intention of Captain Webb to swim the Niagara whirlpool. Occasional protests came from the papers. It was held that the authorities ought to interfere to prevent him from engaging in such a foolhardy adventure. Still many people imagined that the attempt would never be made. Captain Webb was not given to bluster. For a man of his achievements he was rather unobtrusive. Without much ado, when the time appointed came, he was ready to go on his last adventure. Quietly floating down the stream as far

as it was safe to go in a boat, he jumped into the rapid current of the Niagara a short distance above the old suspension bridge, and was borne down on the wild swift current of seething water into the whirlpool where he disappeared from sight. So passed away the bravest swimmer of modern times. Having crossed in safety the English channel, he perished in the turbulent eddies of the Niagara whirlpool. In the former case reasonable precautions for his rescue were taken, in the last fatal venture there were none. The only thing possible was to have prohibited him from committing a striking and picturesque suicide. Captain Webb was no charlatan. He was a brave and capable seaman, but his last undertaking showed a judgment decidedly at fault. This melancholy end of a brave man's life ought to deter from the recklessness with which certain people risk their lives without any adequate reason. The arm of authority ought to prevent those foolhardy enough to peril their lives without the slightest justification. Life has nobler tasks awaiting accomplishment than the successful swimming of the Niagara whirlpool.

WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN -The atmospheric conditions during the week have not been characterized by any peculiarities which can be said to have affected in any special way the public health. In fact the temperature having been below the average, would tend to lessen those diseases characteristic of the season. Yet, as will be seen, in spite of this, Diarrbæa has advanced to the first place in degree of prevalence. The night temperatures have been in some cases abnormally low, and have tended to some extent in continuing if not promoting colds. Hence Bronchitis, Consumption, Tonsillitis, and Pneumonia, all show some increase in percentage of prevalence over last week's Report. Neuralgia and Rheumatism have not altered in any great degree their relative prevalence; and Ancemia still has the widest area of prevalence of any disease. Among the Fevers, Intermittent, almost retains its previously high degree of prevalence, while in area of prevalence it appears amongst the six most prevalent diseases in five out of the ten Districts. In only one District, III., Muskoka and Parry Sound, does Typho-Malarial appear amongst the six most prevalent diseases, and seems to take the place which Intermittent occupies in other Districts amongst the settlers living along flat or low places near water. It will be remembered in this connection that District III, is largely a forest area. Enteric Fever has as yet made its appearance but slightly. Amongst contagious Zymotics, Measles and Scarlatina have disappeared from the list of the twenty most prevalent diseases. Diphtheria, while somewhat less than last week, still bears out the previous remark made concerning its persistent endemicity in almost every part of the Province. Whooping Cough, last week reported as prevalent in a small degree, has made a rapid and great advance. This must be explained by its being reported from several localities as having an extreme epidemic prevalence. Fortunately, the disease does not in this Province seem to be attended with fatal results in the same degree as in Great Britain. Referring to the whole class of diseases, of which Diarrhoea is the prominent sign, we have them, as already remarked, greatly on the advance. Diarrhœa represents 10 per cent, of all diseases reported, Cholera Morbus some 4 per cent., Cholera Infantum 2.8 per cent., and Dysentery over I per cent. Without attempting to enter upon any special explanation, it is well to call attention to what has been before remarked, that the decay promoted by heat and moisture which goes on in organized matter of every kind, whether in air, in the soil, in water, or in food, seems to be the prime factor in producing the widespread and often fatal results of such complaints. Complaints are made from various localities of the general prevalence in them of decomposing refuse of every kind, while but little attempt is made to remove or destroy it, and thereby prevent injurious consequences resulting from it. The general relation which Asiatic Cholera has with Diarrhoeal diseases, makes the urgency of sanitary precautions at present doubly apparent.



CHRISTIAN WORK IN ITALY.

VENICE-MRS HAMMOND'S WORK AMONGST BEGGAR BOYS

Italy, from whatever standpoint we view it, is a deeply interesting land. For the artist and the architect it possesses treasures of priceless value; to the student of history, as well as the classical scholar, it offers endless sources of instruction and study. The invalid has recourse to its bright, unny skies, in the hope of prolonging life, or rendering pleasanter his remaining days. The Christian loves to tread in the footsteps of St. Paul, and to visit those underground hiding places, to which, perhaps, some of those early disciples, to whom he addressed his well-known letter, were accustomed to resort, and solace themselves with the consolations of the Gospel.

In studying the religious history of Italy, it is found that there has always been a protesting element among its people, more or less manifest to the world By many it is believed that amongst the recesses of the Cottian Alps, from which I am now writing, there has always existed a remnant of these early Christians who received their doctrines direct from the apostles or their immediate successors. However this may be, it is certain that from the days of Savanarolo to those of Ugo Bassi, there has always been a strong anti-papal feeling in Italy, though none of those great men who avowed it in their speeches and writings, bad the courage, to break entirely their alliance with Rome, which has always succeeded in holding the consciences of men in spiritual thraldom.

The readers of Dr. McCrie's history of the Reformation will remember that three centuries ago there was quite an evangelical movement in Italy, many drawing room meetings being held for the reading of the Scriptures and prayer Cardinal Pole and Contarini held the doctrine of justification by faith. Lucca was on the eve of declaring itself on the side of Protestantism when a combination of the pope and the Emperor of Germany crushed the movement. John Calvin was for a time a refugee in Ferrara. Michael Angelo in his old age is said to have been brought to acknowledge of the truth; and several of the Oxford profes. sors were refugees from Italy. But all these early movements originated with the higher classes of society. Recent revivals of religion have taken place amongst the lower classes. Thirty years ago the Bible found its way into the country, and meetings tock place in secret to read it, imprisonment being the fate of those in whose possession a copy of the Scriptures was found. These meetings, when discovered, were broken up, and those who attended them were scattered throughout the country, carrying the Bible with them, and in this way diffusing the light of the Gospel over still wider areas.

The expulsion of the Austrians, the famous march of Garibaldi, the defeat of France, and the entrance of the troops of Victor Emmanuel into Rome, put an end to all these penal disabilities, opened Italy to the light, and to-day there is freedom, more or less perfect, to evangelize from the Alps to Etna. But still the people as a whole are largely indifferent, Popery exerts an enormous influence not only in this country, but all over the continent. Education is effecting some good, but still three-fourths of the people can neither read nor write. This ignorance is, of course, closely allied to superstition.

In previous letters I gave some particulars regarding the work of the Waldensians and other native Churches, in trying to overcome this superstition and ignorance and their attendant evils. In the present and one or two other letters my purpose is to call attention to certain rather isolated, but still very interesting efforts, put forth chiefly by individuals, seconded, of course, by Christian iriends, and the results of which have been signally marked. I shall notice them in the order in which I visited the cities in which these efforts are carned on. And first let me preface one of them with a few sentences regarding

venice.

What makes Venice a unique city is that it alone in Europe, after the fall of the Roman Empire, remained a free city, and continued without interruption the government, manners, and spirit of the ancient republics. Venice, a colony of Padua, was saved in an inaccessible place from the ravages of Alarii and Attils. The daughter grew up under the guidance of the mother, and then became independent. Continuing to develop what might be called a spontaneous life, Venetian society followed its own tastes and produced some original creations which to the present, from the mixed character of styles, are a puzzle to the architects of all countries. History tells how Venice continued to grow by conquest and commerce, and how from its situation between the Byzantine and Franconian empires, it became the connecting link between the trade of both and 'he great depot of the traffic between the cast and the west, never submitting to any conqueror until it fell into the hands of the French in 1797. It had long before this, however, been in a tottering condition. Indeed it had reached the zenith of its glory at the close of the fifteenth century, when its inhabitants had attained the number of 200 000, and its wealth was something enormous. The capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453 was the first check to the progress of Venice, but the crowning blow was the discovery of a new sea route to India at the close of the century.

Although now connected with the mainland by the railway, and a few new streets have been opened in recent times. Venice remains essentially a city of the past, detached from the continent and presenting many features of eastern life. The most ancient of the palaces which line the Grand Canal as well as the Church of St. Mark with its cupolas and its mosaics, all carry the visitor, in spite of himself, to Constantinople. It is an eastern sun which is needed to bring out the beauty of the coloured marbles of the plazza of St. Mark, and of the balconies and porticos of the palaces which are still washed by the waters of the canals. Then again the mysterious silence and solitariness which reign are characteristic of the east. The sombre narrow little streets, into many of which the sun never penetrates, form with their perpetual windings a labyrinth from which it is as difficult to extricate oneself as the old streets of an Arab city. The canals of the lagonns with their scarcely moving waters reproduce the pensive feelings of the east; while the gondolas, with their black coverings, glide silently by be deserted palaces, and look like so many ceifins carrying the dead to their last resting places. Everything wears a mournful aspect, which it requires a bright warm sun to dispel and render bearable. The appearance of the city even to-day corresponds with what tradition tells of the terrible and mysterious government which once weighed so heavily upon Venice, upon its magistrates, and even upon the Doge himself. After visiting the cells and dungeons near the Bridge of Sighs, one understands better the impression produced by the terror which the aristocracy, represented by the Council of Ten and the Council of Three, inspired. Anonymous accusations of police placed in the "mouth of the Lion," masked judges, secret instructions, condemnations executed by night and covered by an eternal silence—all this apparatus of an invisible and pittless tyranny agrees with the general impression now made upon the visitor.

And yet it is not to be forgotten that Venice has always been a city of pleasure. It was not only strangers who came here from all parts of Europe to seek brilliant fêtes and happy adventures. The Venetians themselves always loved pleasure; they love it still, and manifest a pronounced taste for balls, theatres, music, and gayety of all kinds. For several weeks recently scarcely a night passed without serenaders spending hours on the Grand Canal singing and playing on various instruments in front of our hotel. And this leads me to say that many of the palaces which once belonged to the old aristocracy are now converted into hotels and pensions—the descendants of many of the former proprietors being next door to paupurs. The representatives of some of the old patrician families sull vegetate in their palaces on an income of two or three hundred pounds per annum. But what the Venetian patrician of to-day lacks in cash, he makes up in pridz. His main expenditure is for a gondolz, and the gondollers do the work of the house when they are not rowing. Saving is said to be the sole enjoyment of Veneticus. No matter how small their income, they manage to hoard a portion of it. Illustrative of the extent to which this passion is carried, a story is told to the effect that when they receive their friends on their weekly reception daysand each family has one at least-the lady of the house rings the bell and orders the gondoller to bring in coffee. He duly appears with a coffee-pot and cups; the hosters waves her hand and says: "No one will take collee," on which the guests bow, for they kn w from their own experience at home that this collee is a mere complimentary expression, there being neither collee in the pot ner sugar in the bowl.

While this is the condition of the aristocratic portion of the population, it does not take long to discover that amongst the mass of the people crowded in these narrow lanes—theoresent population is 132,826—the e exists a wast amount of poverty and wretchedness and vice, and the necessity there is for many

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such as that commenced by Mrs. Hammond not quite three years ago, a brief account of which I shall now give. This lady, the widow of Capt. Hammond, who fell in the Crimes, and whose Christian work amongst his men, has been told in an interesting biography,known to many seaders of THE PRESBYTERIAN -was unexpectedly detained in Venice during the winter of 1880-81, and was anxious to know if their was any service she could render to the cause of her Master While to this state of mind she heard S gnor Beruatto, the pastor of the Free Italian Church, pray for the pour, idie, hangry boys in the streets, that the Lord would open a way of rescue for some of them from vice and misery. Taking this prayer as a message to her, the thought occur.ed, could she not start a ragged school where these poor boys might be fed and taught some manual work, as well as to read and write, and above all that that they might be led to know the Saviour. After earnest prayer and the surmounting of many d fliculties, she sacceeded in opening a school on the tenth of March, 1881, in the premises of the Free Italian Church. Twelve boys were admitted, the majority of them having lost at least one of their parents, and seven of them unable to read or write. It is scarcely necessary to say that these little fellows, whose clothing was of the scantiest, heartly enjoyed their first dinner of rice and beans. After being fed and freed from a superfluous crop of hats and dirt, the work of education began. The colporteur of the church offered his service two hours daily free of expense. He had been an army school master and a sergeant, and was just the person needed to reduce these boys to order by drilling and exercise promotive both of good health and discipline A shoemaker was employed and the boys set to work with a big needle, twine and leather. Those having an apitude for this work got on well; others began the trade of a carpenter, a place for a bench having been found, and an instructor secured. The younger ones were taught to make card-board boxes for shops. Meanwhile Mr. Beruatto tried to make known to these young Arabs, the simplest truths of the Word of God. Soon the news of all this came to the ears of the Roman priests; and the patriarch or Archbishop of Venice preached a special sermon against it, while the Lenten preachers uttered anathemas against " that infernal school." A few weeks after the priests of an adjoining parish opened a room where food was offered three times a day, without any instruction, to all boys who would promise never to enter the Leretical school. In this way some of the boys were enticed away; but after three weeks, through lack of finds or some other cause, the room was closed, and the boys had to seek food elsewhere. Mrs Hammond relates many instances, illustrative of the bitter animosity of the priests against the Gospel, but I can only find room for one showing how the papal system acts on the superstitious fears of the people, viz: Bernatto discovered one day in a garret, cronching amongst some rags and straw, two pretty delicate looking boys, descended from an aucient and illustrious family, from which four Doges had been elected. These little fellows had not been out of the garret for more than five months, as they had no clothes in which they could decently appear in the street. The father-a widower-bad sunk from one degree of poverty to another, until he and his two boys were on the point of starvation. He eagerly accepted the offer to take these into the school, gave the certificates of their baptism to Signor Bernatto, and signed a paper saying he would not take them away again. This took place on a Friday afternson; two suits of clothes promptly made enabled them to appear with the other boys at the Sabbath school, where their pale faces were touching to see. On Monday they came again, sat with the others in the class and enjoyed their food. The next morning, however, a messenger came, bringing back the clothes, and a note from the father to say he dared not continue to send the children, as

his mother had the atened to bring down upon him her maternal curse if he allowed them to frequent the teaching of heretics. So the poor little fellows appeared no more. The school having been carried on for three months as a

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it was found that no permanent good could be effected unless the boys could be loaged at night. In the first place, as long as the boys ont home at night, no cleanliness could be secured—the filthiness of an Italian beggar boy's abode at night being unspeakable—again there was no security for regular or punctual attendance, or discipline, and lastly any good—moral or spiritual—the boys received during the day, was more than counteracted by the evil surroundings and vicious associations of the night. After many difficulties had been encountered, a dicused Roman Catholic church—Santa Margherita—was hired, with rooms adjoining for a

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for twenty boys. The church has since been pur chased by the Italian Free Church, and two flats in the adjoining house have been rented in which thirty boys are lodged, and everything proceeds satisfactorily. The health of the boys is improved by regular meals, and they take delight in being occupied is work and learning to read and write in which they are ce. tain'y making wonderful progress as we had an opportunity of seeing in the course of our visit to the school. The boys, having been called from their arious occupa tions, and ranged in order of size around the room, al hymns, and afterwards on being they sang takee to the church, they performed several exercises of military drill in admirable style. We saw them afterwards at work, some making or mending shoes, others carving wood, others making paper boxes, but what interested us most was the printing effice. A small room, formerly the choir of the church, walled off from the present Protestant church, and in which is placed the type stands, cases, press, paper, etc. Here were six little fellows and their instructor setting type and preparing for the small weekly paper, the " Fra Paolo Sarpi," which is printed by them, as well as the annual reports of their school and other documents, which seem as well done as in the best printing effices. Unfortunately the space is two circum scribed to admit of more than six learning the business—a very profitable one in Italy—at the same time. But indeed larger premises are needed for other reasons. The shoemaking business is carried on at present in one of the bed rooms, and the wood carving and carpentering are in the most confined spaces, while there is no play-ground for the boys. Mrs. Hammond told us there were constant applications for admission which had to be refused for want of room; and so much is the "Instituto Evangelico" risen in public esteem, that in some instances friends of orphan boys, in other parts of Italy, have wrtten of fering to pay the whole or part of a child's maintenance if he could be received. Were the premises sufficiently large twice the number of boys might be trained without adding to the staff of teachers, and therefore at a proportionately small increase of annual expenditure. Mrs. Hammond is not rich, however, and must depend on contributions from the friends of Italy in other lands for continuing her good work. She is al ways glad to see visitors, from abroad and is delighted to take them to the school and show what the boys are able to do. And few visitors, we think, could spend an hour or two with this kind Christian lady, and see the work in which she is engaged, without feeling deepsy interested in the institution and making some effort to help her by their means, by their personal assistance, or by their prayers. Mrs. Hammond's address is Casa Camerini, San Mois & Venice. T. H.

Torre Pellice, Vallees Vaudoises, Italy, 20th June, 1883.

#### A DOMINION DAY DISCOURSE.

BY REV. J. BECKETT, THAMESVILLE.

Kighter assess exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." - Prov. xiv. 34.

There is reference here to the people of any country in their collective and corporate capacity, and the manifold advantages of genuine religion in connection unrewith. The teaching of Scripture here and elsewhere is in perfect accord with the teaching of Providence, that communities and nations are dealt with by God in a manner similar to that in which individuals

are, and that they enjoy continued prosperity just in in proportion to their practise of the principles of righteousness. We have only to read the accounts of of God's treatment of the world in the time of Noah, His overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Tyre and Sidon, and even Jerusalem itself, to be satisfied that sin is not only a reproach, but also the destruction of any people.

These considerations are especially appropriate to us to day as this is the birthday of our Dominion, the country in which we not only dwell but of which we are justly proud. Sixteen years ago to-day the Act of Confederation came into force and a new body politic was ushered into existence. The extent to which we are entitled to be considered a distinct people I leave for statesmen to determine, and proceed to consider some of our peculiarities as Canadians, and apply to ourselves the truths of the text.

1. What are some of our peculiar advantages as viewed from a religious standpoint?

These are neither few nor insignificant. 1. We have the golden mean between two opposite extremes. despotism an the one hand and democracy or mob tule on the other. While we are not subject to the caprice or arbitary will of one individual as in several of the nations of Europe and Asia, we are also not at the mercy of the mob in the enactment of laws, and the administration of justice as is too frequently the case in the neighbouring Republic. This latter distinction is quite apparent when we compare the Sabbath observance of this country with that of the States. While here the Sabbath is not observed as it should be, yet it is kept a great deal better than it is over there, and the difference in our favour is no doubt chiefly due to the superior form of government that we posse.s, and which we should hold and value as an heirloom from our ancestors and a birth-right from God, never to be surrendered by us even at the point or the sword. 2. We have also reason to congratulate ourselves on the moral tone of public sentiment, especially as reflected in the secular press. There may be a few minor exceptions, but the leading newspapers of our land of every shade of political opinion are on the side of morality and religion. Their columns are always open for the news of the churches, the advocacy of temperance and everything that tends to the suppression of vice, while in many cases their editorials do signal service in the interest of social reform. In striking contrast with this stands in bold relief the fact that the ministers of Chicago recently in a discussion as to the moral quality of the newspapers of that city, came to the conclusion that it tended largely to immorality. May we ever be spared the necessity of coming to such a sad conclusion as this, and may our press and our people ever be conspicuous for their high standard of morals. 3. A third peculiar feature of our Dominion are its educational and churchgoing facilities. The poorest in the land can have a free education, so that, if in possession of health and strength, anyone can, by dint of perseverance, reach the top of the learned professions. Also in nearly all the old settled districts churches are not only within the reach of almost every family, but Christians of every denomination have a house of worship of their own. In these respects Canada stands second to no country in the world, and it would argue well for her future if these were more fully appreciated than they are by a great many.

II. What are our national sini?

it were too much too suppose that we are entirely free of these. It must be confessed that like Micah of old we have, if not our images at least our idols, that we worship, and these too while professing to worship the living and true God. What then are our Dominion detties?

I. First and foremost is one of very ancient origin and of high standing, that one is Mammon. Spoken of in the Old Testament and spoken against by the Saviour Himself, this delty is still worshipped by the million here as well as elsewhere. Indeed it has been said by those who ought to know that the worship of Mammon is the besetting sin on the American continent. Indeed we cannot shut our eyes to the fact of its prevalence in all classes of the community, and especially of its formidable appearance in the huge monopolies and combinations for money-making purposes.

Railway companies set at defiance the laws of God and man in order to bow at the shrine of this delty. The heaven-born rights of employes and the sacredness of the Sabbath are alike sacrificed at its feet, and

nothing is allowed to stand in the way when money can be made.

The Benevolent Trades Associations too are com binations for the purpose of paying homage to Mammon. Under the guise of benevolence but really for the sake of filthylucre these unions are formed, so that persons may ply more effectually their traffic in ardent spirits, which robs their fellow creatures of reason and morey, and tends to fill the land with crime, desolation, and woe. Besides these gigantic schemes of money making at the expense of the public good, there are hundreds and thousands of others on a smaller scale, whose sole object is to obtain wealth at all hazards, whether by fair means or foul. These are sure to produce pernicious effects; the spirit of speculation and gambling rises to fever heat and spreads its contaminating ir fluence over the entire community. One sure and certain consequence of all this is to avert the affections from the Divine Being and to worship the god of gold instead. Alas I that so many like Judas sell the Saviour for a few pieces of silver and barter for the best interests of themselves and others for that which is sure to perish with the using. Nor should we torget that money thus gained is never an advantage to the possessor. Money like the mant a which the Israelites gathered in the wilderness is good and useful when obtained in a legitimate way, but when gained otherwise it is suic to be like that manna which they did not use but left it until the morning is stinking and breeding worms.

2. Another Dominion delty is fashic 1 and love of display. While it is true that plety does not consist in being niggardly or old-fashioned, or in having eccentrictues and oddities, it is also true that it does not consist in living merely for a vain show. At best this is only vanity. It is grasping the shadows without the substance, and yet many live for these mocking images as if they were a reality, but like the travellers who see the mirage in the desert, they are duped, deluded, and deceived, and at last filled with disappointment and despair.

A worse feature, however, of the worship of this deity is the practice of living on other people's money. For the sake of keeping up appearances per ons in business will fail with a full hand, or rather a full purse, and resort to all kinds of deceit and dishones.y. This is more especially the case in commercial circles and centres, but what takes place in the city is not long before being se-enacted in the country.

3 A third Dominion deity is secularism. By this I mean the pratice of ignoring all religion, both in public and in private, and attending only to the things that are secular and material. This form of idol worship found expression some years ago in the virtual exclusion of the Bible from the public schools of Oct. ri-, and the evil effects thereof are easily seen at the present day. The distegard ... parental instruction, the indifference of the young, amounting in many quarters at least, almost to contempt for religious instruction, not to speak of the increase of juvenile offenders in prisons and reformatories, are no uncertain indications of alarmin, absence of Scripture truth in the youthful mind of this generation.

The prevalence of the spirit of secularism is also manifest in the non observance of family worship in numbers of profe sing Christian families. It is quite patent to every observer that members of churches in many instances rise up early and sit up late, and toil earnestly for the temporal welfare of their children, but who sadly neglect the delightful exercises of the worship of God in their homes, in utter disregard of the truth that "the curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked, but He blesseth the habitation of the just."

A further indication of abounding secularity is the non sanctification of the ... bbath. While, as we have seen, the Sabbath is, on the vhole, outwardly observed as a day of rest, yet it is too evident that the spirit of the world is uppermost in the thoughts, and that the things of the world receive an undue share of our attention, and secure an unbecoming prominence in our words and actions. Too often the secular newspaper is substituted for the Bible, and even the works of such men as Bunyan, Baxter, Jay, Dodderidge, Spurgeon, and Talmage are allowed to lie on the shelf. How prone we are to forget that "the Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days, and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy." 4. Romanism. This last Dominion deity that I mentioned is not by any means the least. From the fact that Romanism is a politico-religious system it has wonderful attractions to aspiring politicians and in no small measure holds, at the present time, the balance of power between political parties. It needs no extraordinary powers of vision to see this, and also the injurious effects produced thereby upon society at large. This is particularly the case in the non-execution of criminals. By the intervention of this ecclesiastical power guilty persons are pardoned whose hands are red with the blood of their fellowbeings, and others walk at large who should be inside prison walls.

The too successful system of making converts to Romanism by means of education in convents is a subject which demands more attention than we have at command at present, but it is a danger of such magnitude as to cause alarm to the well-wishers of the country and the friends of evangelical religion.

When we look these facts in the face we are reminded of Aaron near mount Sinai holding up the golden calf which he had made, saying, "These be thy gods, O Israel!" and we merely adapt the phrase-ology and say, These be thy gods, O Canada.

III .- The remedy that is required.

The words of our text tell us. Righteousness is what is wanted.

I. We require a few more righteous laws. Prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating drinks is one of these. The ball that has been set in motion in this direction should be kept rolling until the desired end be gained. Prohibition by the State, and total abstinence by the individual would prove a most effectual remedy for one and all of the evils of intemperance.

Seduction should be made by the laws of the land a crime, and punished as such. Brazen-faced perpetrators of this species of wickedness should be made to smart for their evil deeds and also to hang their heads in shame.

The sacred Scriptures should be made a class book in the public schools. If the nation is to be kept pure in morals it is necessary that the young and rising generation be made familiar with the truths of that book which is the only fountain of moral purity.

- 2. Inter-denominational rightenusness is also needed. Besides righteous laws in the State there should be practical righteousness among the churches. Let there be not only recognition of each other as portions of the Church of Christ, but let there be also co-operation in every good work. Instead of spending our time and strength in proselytizing from each other's flocks let us bend our energies in the acknowledged work of the Master and seek the good of all, both in this and in other lands. One of the brightest omens for good at the present day is the tendency towards union among all evangelical Christians.
- 3. Parents and heads of families have a great deal in their power, and can, if really in earnest, accomplish much that will be of lasting service to both young and old. It is at least within the reach of the head of every household to say with Joshua of olden times: "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

And let us not overlook the necessity first of all of individual rightecusness. The holiness of heart and life that follows as an inevitable consequence from faith in the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ is essential to righteousness in the social fabric of the community. He and He only is the "Lord our Righteousness." When in the language of implicit trust we say—

"Jesus thy blood and righteousness, My beauty are, my glorious dress."

we have an untold in fluence in the family, the Church, and the State.

In proportion to the number of individuals who are thus washed in the blood of the Lamb will the Church of Christ occupy a sphere of mighty influence in the world as saith the Word of God: "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of Thy rising." Then shall "a little one become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." May "the Lord hasten in His time."

#### MISSION WORK AT EDMONTON.

The following Annual Report from the mission field of Edmonton, Belmont and Fort Saskatchewan for the past year, submitted to the Home Mission Committee, will be read with interest:

Regular Sabbath services have been kept up at the three stations first opened, but during the summer it will be necessary to develop this work still further by holding at least occasional services at other places which are springing up on all sides.

The event of the year in the Edmonton part of the congregation was the building of the church, which with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Newton of the Church of England, was opened exactly one year after the organization of the congregation. It is a neat frame building, with heating apparatus in the basement, and is capable of seating comfortably an audience of 200. The painting and plastering still remain, however, to be undertaken. The cost thus far is \$2,200, of which the congregation contributed \$1,400, the Church Building Fund loaned \$600, and the remaining \$200 of debt is covered by subscriptions which will soon be paid.

The membership increased during the year from eleven to nineteen, of whom four joined by profession of faith and four by certificate. The fact that only four members were received from other churches shows how small the immigration has been. In fact Edmonton has scarcely felt yet the outmost ripple of the tide of immigration that is flowing into the North-West; but as the railway comes nearer and as the desirable lands further east are filled up we may count on a very large immigration which we can accommodate far better by being prepared for it beforehand and meeting it at the gate, than by following it up from behind.

The services at Belmont are held fortnightly in the school house and are attended by about twenty-five persons. At Fort Saskatchewan by the kindness of the commanding officer the services are still held in the officers' mess room of the Mounted Police barracks, and although we have secured two lots as a church site, it will be as to continue the old arrangement until it is certain where the new town is to be.

A weekly prayer-meeting was kept up in Edmonton during the winter; and there are two Sabbath schools, one at Edmonton and the other at Belmont. These are small, but they are attended by all the children connected with the congregation, and they are in a vigorous and healthy state. No Sabbath school has been organized at Fort Saskatchewan, because, although the attendance at the Sabbath service is about thirty, there are only four Protestant children of school age in the seitlement. The congregation is almost entirely made up of young bachelor policemen and farmers. The Sabbath schools have been very much encouraged by unsolicited presents of books and illustraied papers from friends in the east. The children are also supplied with the "Sabbath School Presby-terian" and forty copies of the "Record" are taken in the congregation.

The liberality of the congregation has been of a high order, and it has been continuous. There have been several hopeful indications of spiritual growth; advancement in the moralities has been decided and most encouraging throughout the whole community; the Sabbath is better observed; high-handed godlessness is not so often seen, and there is a greater respect for, and interest in, religious things.

ANDREW BROWNING BAIRD

#### GAELIC SUPPLY WANTED.

MR. EDITOR,—The congregations of Florence and Dawn, forming one pastoral charge, in the Presbytery of Chatham, became vacant in February last and since that time have received supply for only three Sabbaths, and have no prospects of any in the future. The reason of this dearth of preaching lies chiefly in the fact that Gaelic is demanded, and great difficulty is experienced in procuring Gaelic preaching ministers. Should this meet the eye of anyone who preaches in that language as well as in English, and who is willing to give one or more Sabbaths to this needy field, I will be pleased to hear from him. There is here a splendid sphere of usefulness, and abundant material for a large congregation, and what is now wanted is an accredited man of piety and prudence to go up and possess the land. Is there not in the Church some one of lineal or spiritual descent from the McLeods, the McDonalds, or the McTavishses who will hear this Macedonian cry and come J. BECKET, over and belp us?

Moderator of Session.

Thamesville, July 24th, 1883.

THE will of God is my life and dearer to me than life. If I do not stand to this I am undone now.—
Rev. T. Adams.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

ONE YEAR AFTER.

It is just a year since Messrs. Moody and Sankey moved away from Glasgow, after conducting one of the most successful missions they ever held. It was, too, one of the longest, extending over some five months. It occurred to us lately, in order to test the results of the work, to make inquiries, and we mentioned three special cases as those on which information, if it could be obtained would be valuable.

Now with regard to the three persons we have referred to. The first of these was a divinity student, who, at the time of the visit of the evangelists, was a sad backslider. Once a successful preacher of the Gospel, much owned of God, spiritual pride had brought him very low. He had, too, give way to drink, and such a wreck was he, that he had taken a very menial situation in connection with the law. He was seen often about the streets in a deplorable state of intoxication, and was generally regarded by those who knew him as perfectly irreclaimable. Said a gentleman who knew him, and who expressed his wonderment at hearing him give his testimony after his restoration to God, "My wife and I, as we saw him pass along in his degraded state, often prayed, 'God help that man!'" This ex-divinity student again took his stand boldly but humbly on the right side during Mr. Moody's meetings; and now he never loses an opportunity of preaching that Gospel which is once more so dear to him. Only recently he was presented with a valuable testimonial by some of those who have benefited by his work.

The second case is that of a baker, a man well advanced in years, who had been scores of times in prison; in fact he was rarely ever out more than long enough to get drunk and return. He, too, professed his conversion during the meetings, and he still holds faithful to his religious professions. He is living at a village near Glasgow, where recently, at his own expense, he provided a substantial tea for about seventy members of the Mizpah male choir visiting the locality to conduct services there. Our correspondent adds: "He is an earnest, working Christian, and is now as much honoured as he was formerly despised."

Our last case is that of a well-educated man, who acted as a chemist's assistant, and was, in fact, a sort of unregistered doctor in the east end of the city where he lived. He was of a powerful build and strong constitution, which he did his best to destroy, being a very heavy drinker; indeed he was rarely, in latter years, fully sober. Whilst partly intoxicated he was inducted to attend one of the Evangelists' services, and there he was talked with and afterwards attended home, with the result that in a day or two he fully decided for Christ. Quite fresh on our memory is the testimony he gave at a subsequent meeting. "Were you tempted?" asked Mr. Moody. "Yes," said the man; "I met one of my boon companions a few days ago, and he asked me to go and have a drink with him. I took took him in a side street, and there pulling out my Bible, I said, 'This is my tap now.' My 'friend' said 'Do you mean it?' and on my assuring him that I did, he looked surprised, turned on his heel, and left me." The speaker is now engaged in Christian work, and has, by his sincerity and unaffectedness, won the esteem of all who have come in contact with him.

IT remains to say a few words respecting one part of the active Christian life of Glasgow having its origin in the visit of our American brethren.

Meetings have been held in Cowcaddens almost nightly ever since he and Mr. Sankey left this great manufacturing centre. The Cowcaddens Free Church which was lent for the purpose, has been well filled every Sabbath evening. On week-day nights the attendance up to the month of May has averaged 229; and since then, the weather being warmer, and unin viting for indoor gatherings, 179. Some hundreds of names have been taken of those who at this church and at these services have professed to accept Christ as their Saviour, and these persons have been systematically visited in their homes. Deducting a percent age of loss through individuals changing address, and so not found, and a percentage of cases where effects seem to have passed away, there yet remains probably quite three fourths of the whole number of names originally taken, of good cases, now fully particularized of men, women, and young people owning to having been savingly changed through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and apparently growing in grace and knowledge. ledge.

### PASTOR AND PROPLE.

AGNOSTIC MORALITY.

Evolutionism has originated the theory of hereditary conscience, and that theory has had a large share in producing modern agnosticism, and again agnosticism is undermining practical ethics in all directions. Vernon Lee feels deeply the "responsibilities of unbelief." But are not such sentiments the last failing wail of melody from a chord already snapped? Let me explain why I think that almost every virtue is destined to perish one after another, or at least to shrink and fade, if agnosticism prevail among mankind. Morality, on the agnostic projection, of course limits its scope to the field of human relations. It is supposed to have risen out of them and to have no meaning beyond them. Man has brothers, and to them he owes duty. He knows nothing of a father, and can owe him no duty. Altruism remains the sole virtue, piety being exploded. In the language of divines, the second great commandment of the law is still in force, but we have dispensed with the first. Here at the starting-point arises a doubt whether \*Snosticism does not fling away, with the obligation to love God, the best practical help toward fulfilling its own law and loving our neighbour. The sentiments which religion teaches would appear to be the very best qualified to produce altruism. For one so amiably constituded as Mr. Darwin, ready to love all his neighbours by nature, and where he quarrels with them to return equally naturally to friendly sentiments, there are at least ninety-nine persons who "love their friends and hate their enemies," and feel at the best only indifference to those very large classes of their fellow creatures included in the stupid, the vulgar, and the disagreeable. Probably every Christian and theist who has tried conscientiously to "love his neighbour as himself" has experienced an imperative necessity to call up ideas and feelings derived from his love of God to help him in the often d'fficult achievement. It has been the idea of a perfect and all-adorable Being, on which his heart has reposed when sickened with human falsehood and folly. It has been in the rememberance of God's patience and forgiveness to himself that he has learned pity and pardon for his offending brothers. One of the greatest philanthropists of the past generation, Joseph Tuckerman, told Mary, Carpenter that when he saw a filthy degraded creature in the streets his feelings of repulsion were almost uncor querable till he forcibly recalled to mind that God made that miserable man, and that he should meet him hereafter in heaven. Then came always, he said, a revulsion of feeling, and he was enabled to go with a chastened spirit about his work of mercy. The notion (which I have heard a noted atheist expound in a lecture) that we cannot love our brothers thoroughly till we have renounced our Father and our eternal home seems to me simply absurd. If universal benevolence be the one supreme virtue, then again we may say, "Si Dieu n'existait pas il faudrait l'inventer," if it were merely that belief in Him should help us to that virtue. But it is not only on the side of God that the morality of agnosticism stops short. All the personal duties which, on the Kantian system, a man "owes to himself," and which were inculcated foremost of all by the older religious ethics, because they tended directly to the supreme end of creation and the approach to finite souls to divine holiness, these lofty personal duties are retained in the new ethics only on the secondary and practically wholly insufficient grounds of their subservience to the general welfare of the community.—Frances Power Cobbe, in the Contemporary Review.

#### INFLUENCE OF SKEPTICISM.

The Brooklyn "Union," in its supplement of June 30th, gave a very interesting report of the opinion of four leading Presbyterian clergymen in our sister city, in relation to the influence [of scientific infidelity and worldliness upon the religious life of the Church and the community at large. Nearly all the gentlemen interviewed thought the power of skepticism had been much over-rated, that it had not shaken the confidence of Christians or the general belief in the truths of revelation. All attributed greater power to an increasing worldliness. But was not much of the apparent indifference, which was so obdurate for a few years, due to the seemingly compact and complete argument by which a materialistic and atheistical science was

sustained? The argument for a time seemed flawless. It covered the whole ground. It professed to give an unbroken genealogy from an original firemist to the most complicated and exalted forms of life. It found no over-ruling God anywhere. It excluded the supernatural utterly. Now did not this bold and confident statement produce a waiting attitude in many minds? While men were not convinced by it, while they did not surrender their faith in God, in spiritual life, in miracles, were they not brought to a stand-still, to a position of expectancy, and to an indisposition to commit themselves either way until they could form a reasonable estimate of the outcome of the debate? Necessarily the advocates of revelation for a season could only fasten upon a week point here and there, and were compelled to wait for the full expression of the theory of materialism before they could make an answer that would produce conviction. A very decided change has occurred during the past two or three years. The materialists have been put upon the defensive; their argument has been very seriously damaged; enormous gaps have been disclosed in what was claimed to be a continuous line of descent, and thousands of intelligent men and women have come to the conclusion that modern scientific skepticism has failed to form a system of the universe in which God has no place and wherein there is no room for the supernatural. With this conclusion the apparent indecision and indifference have passed away, and during the last winter thousands who have been halting between two opinions declared themselves on the Lord's side. It has seemed to us that the bold assertions of scientific infidelity was causing not a few persons to assume a waiting attitude. Such reports as those of the "Union" are very valuable.—Chrisitan Intelligencer.

#### BEYOND.

#### BY C. FALCONER.

On the far-away shore of a dark flowing river,
A fair land is lying no mortal has trod:
They that dwell their have only this longing forever,
To serve and to praise there great King and their God.
In that land there's no night, for the Lamb is the light,
And His presence inspires them with purest delight.

There's no pain in this land that's beyond the dark river;
No sickness is there, no tears are e'er shed:
All is gone that distresses; sin enters there never,
And joy fills the hearts that with sorrow once bled.
Gone for aye are all woes, and each heart overflows.
With a depth of rejoicing this world never knows.

To us mortals on this side the swift flowing river,
Comes wasted the sound of a song sweet and low;
And the light from that land on the waves seems to quiver:
The song and the light are to cheer those who go;
For this land that's so sair and where enters no care,
Is for all who are willing to cross and be there.

In the land that lies yonder beyond the dark river,
Are loved ones whose rapture no mortal can tell,
And forever they're praising the "Glorious Giver,"
Who knows what is best, and all things doeth well.
When we reach the far strand, clad with beauty they'll
stand
Glad to welcome us home to that fair, deathless land.

Soon I'il come down the valley, and reach the dark river, At sound of whose waves heart and flesh faint and fail; But the One will be there Who is strong to deliver, Whose voice will make calm of the fierce rushing gale. The Redeemer Who died, but now lives, will me guide, And no wave can o'erflow me, no evil betide.

Would you enter that fair land beyond the dark river, And join in the song, and rejoice in the light? You must lock to the Saviour whose blood floweth ever, Must trust in His merit, must rest in His might. 'Tis this Saviour alone who for sin can atone, And can faultless present us before the white throne.

#### THE PREACHER AND HIS SERMONS.

The preacher can hardly give too much pains to the preparation of his sermons. Let him dismiss from his mind the canting temptation to imagine that he renders himself liable to the charge of egotism if he makes much of the business in which he is the sole actor, or that sacred influences, timed to fit his presence in the pulpit, will—if he is earnest in the main—save him the necessity of previous human trouble. Let him rather encourage the thought that, when he preaches, the interest and ir fluence of his sermon depend upon the serious and honest pains he has taken in its preparation. A gardener who wants a good crop is not content with reliance on the beneficent aid of nature. He chooses the best seed he can get. He takes the utmost care to see that it is sown under the most

promising conditions. He feels that his personal credit is at stake in the matter, and that blame for failure cannot be altogether thrown upon the weather and the soil. And, in like manner, the preacher who desires his seed to grow and bring forth well will neglect nothing which is likely to make it wholesomely acceptable. And he cannot do this in a hurry. He cannot do it when he has allowed his power of application to be frittered away by a multitude of petty interuptions. He must sit down to his work, whether he preaches what is called "extempore" or not, with a reserve of force. He must have a good head of steam in his boiler, which is hardly possible if he has been whistling and shunting himself about in sidings all day. Look at an engine waiting to drag a train. See how it glows and bubbles with suppressed energy as it stands ready in the shed. We may be sure that the preacher will acquit himself best, and make the best impression upon his people, who deliberately assists the accumulation of his power before he settles himself down to the preparation of his sermon, and who dares to resent the pressure of other less important business that he may seat himself at his desk with a clear head and a warm interest in the work to be done. He never approaches that work without secret prayer; but he locks his door, and does his utmost to put his message into a shape most likely to invite healthy attention and leave a wholeson e result. Whether he preaches with or without book, he uses his pen. He arranges his subject, he choses his words with care, and patiently reconstructs clumsy or dull sentences, until he feels that, according to his abilities, he has created a fresh and original fabric. He will then go into his pulpit with the encouraging reflection that he has something to say, and that he is prepared to say it in the best way within his power. And I would ask whether a higher ir fluence is not then most likely to accompany his work.—The Cornhill Magazine.

#### AWFUL FIGURES.

There are not more than 300 churches in the city of Chicago, but there are 5,242 liquor saloons, with over 5,000 bartenders, and yet not 400 clergymen, evangelists and lay readers, 1,000 school teachers, 500 policemen, and over 5,000 prostitutes; only half a dezen art gallaries and 350 variety theatres; about a score of missions, but 126 faro shops and 1,000 houses of ill fame; 12,870 places and instrumentalities for the corruption of morals. Or, to put the facts a little differently, of the 689 miles of streets, 12 miles—giving each saloon, etc., 10 feet frontage—are devoted to crime; 8,000 of 100,000 buildings are used for immoral purposes; \$1.500,000 are spent upon schools; \$15,-000,000 for liquor; \$800,000 for our police, perhaps \$1,000,000 for religious worship and charity; \$4,000, 000 for that which destroys both soul and body.

In New York city there are 489 churches, with accommodations for 75,000 persons. The amount expended for ministers' salaries and other congregational expenses in round numbers \$3,000,000. In the same city there are 9,073 licensed drinking houses, and it is supposed that there are about 3,000 unlicensed—say 12,000 in all. The money spent in these drinking houses is set down at \$60,000,000 annually. These places pay into the public treasury \$500,000 a year, while the cost of the police, the courts and the charities, chargeable to the liquor traffic reaches \$9,000,000—Christian Instructor.

WE all can set our daily deeds to the music of a grateful heart, and seek to round our lives into a hymp, the melody of which will be recognized by all who come into contact with us, and the power of which shall not be evanescent, like the voice of the singer, but perennial, like the music of the spheres.

ON a recent Sunday Mr. Spurgeon exclaimed in the midst of his discourse: "I wish I knew how to preach. I wish not to use a single word of fine language, for I believe that oratory has been the curse of the Christian Church. My one aim is to get at the heart and bring the sinner to Christ."

PROFESSOR SCHOLEFIELD used to relate an annecdote illustrative of the best spirit of praise. Three clergymen were represented as speaking thus the language of their hearts. One said, "Give me praise for my preaching because I like it." A second said, "Give me praise that I may give it to my Master." A third said, "Give my Master all the praise and let me not have any."

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PRESSURE on our space this week necessitates the holding over of several communications and other matter

THE "Christian Leader, published in Giasgow, is an excellent religious weekly. It must fault, not without reason, with a too sweeping statement contained in a recent letter by Kev. W. D. Armstrong which appeared in a late issue of THE PRESBYTERIAN. In so far as the latter was blameworthy it makes the amenda to its esteemed contemporary. But stop! The "Leader claims to give the news of the American churches to its rea "rs. So it does, as the following, taken from the very a sue in which the complaint appears, will indicate:

The accretary of the Bishop of Huron not only visited the recent a readyterian Assembly, but also made a hearty fractional speech, which was received with give a cidiality. When will a bishop go bimself?

Now had our scrupulous conferr given a cu cry glance at the pages of THE PRESPUTERIAN he would have learned the fact that the Bishop did go himself and delivered a most cordial and fraternal address, and that the visit of the secretary bearing a synodical resclution of brotherly regard was the proper sequel of the Episcopal visit. Editorial infallibility, like the North Pole, has not yet been reached, not even in North Britain.

IT will not do to contend that even a religious procession may be permitted to infringe on the rights of Cæsar, beyond a certain length, for the obvious reason that Cosar may retaliate. Here is a case in point. A railway company in the States built a machine shop beside a church, and the work carried on disturbed the worshippers in the church, not only on week days but also occasionally on the Sabbath. The Supreme Court of the United States has just decided that the work, are a nuisance, and that the church has a right to damages for "inconvenience and discomfort caused by the noise. It was contended for the railway that the Company was not liable as long as the market value of the church was not depreciated. The court held that the company was liable for causing discomfort and inconvenience, even though the value of the church property was in no way affected. Now, if a railway company may not be allowed to cause inconvenience and discomfort to a congregation, should a moving chagregation cause inconvenierce and discomfort to cit'zens? So there are two sides on this question, you see. If the Salvation Army may make any kind, or any amount of noise on the street, why may not any one else?

WHEN the Hon. Rufus Choate was senator for Massachusetts he attended while in Washington the ministry of Dr. Sprole, recently deceased. Dr. Sprole was the faithful paster of a Presbyterian church in Washington for many years. A Unitarian church was opened at that time in the capital, and a leading member waited on Senator Choate and asked him to attend the services, adding that their minister was a poet, philosopher, and orator. The great senator's answer has a valuable lesson in a for preachers. Said he: "When I wish for poetry I can read the poets; when I want philosophy I can consult the masters; as for oratory, I can do a little of that myself: but when I wish to learn about the Lord Jesus Christ, I propose to go and hear Dr Sprole." That is probably the feeling of nine out of ever, ten really dis tinguished public men. They don't go to church to have the dry bones of metaphysics rattled in their taces, or to listen to jargon about "subjective," "objective," infinite," and "absolute." They take no delight in seeing a preacher pound Darwin, Huxley, and Co. when these gentlemen are not there. The most criminally foolish mistake a preacher can make is to prepare other than Gospel sermons for what are called "distinguished" men. Dudes and cranks may want special treatment, but really great men want the Gospel or nothing.

DON'T know where to go for my holidays. You don't! Well, that is strange. We know a few people not many miles from this effice who could soon settle that question, if they had time and a hundred dollars. Probably we can help you. If you have enough of money, and do not object to railway travel, there is nothing better than the Atlantic coast, around Boston or Portland. A ramble through the Maritime Provinces is good. Bathe at Summerside, and call on Broth Murray at the "Witness" effice, Hallfax A visit to Brother Murray's farm is one of the things a man never forgets, and the best way to get an invitation to the farm is to call at the office. Down the St. Lawrence and up the Saguenay is a trip that might almost put life in a graver image. The Muskoka trip is capital. People come regularly from distant parts of the United States to see Muskoka. The steamboat service on these lakes is first-class, as steamboats managed by a Presbytonan elder should be. From Collingwood to the Sault and return is a good short trip. The Lake Superior trip has tened up many a tired man. A pleasant holiday may be spent at almost any of the towns and villages along our lakes-Lake Huron, of course, preferred. If none of these places suit, go out on a farm and drink milk. We know a few people who always discover at this time of year that they have friends in the country. Few countries in the world have better places for recreation than Canada.

THE infliction of a fine on the drummer of the Salvation Army by the Police magistrate of London has led to considerable writing on the old question of civil and religious liberty No such question was before the court. The good people of London enacted through their municipal representatives a by-law forbidding the making of "unusual" noises on the street. The only question before his Honour was whether the big drum made an "unusual" noise. Given the by-law and the arrest, the only remaining question was o e of music. The magistrate thought the noise "unusual," and inflicted a small fine. If the question of tolerance came in at all it came in before the court had anything to do with the matter. It is a very difficult matter to draw the line and say where the rights of one man end and the rights of his neighbours begin. The drummer thought he had a right to make a noise. Some of his neighbours thought they had a right to undisturbed quiet in their homes. A certain church bell in St. Louis rang the hours during night. People in the vicinity protested. The church authorities contended that they had a right to ring their own bell. The neighbours contended that they had a right to sleep. The Supreme court decided the other day in favour of the people who wished to sleep, and stopped the ringing of the bell during certain hours. One of our equity judges decided not long ago that a manufacturer 'no right to disturb his mainhair rivetting boilers at night. Duty, even religious duty, must be discharged-an equity court would say-in such a manner as not to inflict unnecessary annoyance on our neighbours. 11 Principal Cayen conducted his theological classes in such a boisterous way as to give unnecessary annoyance to his neighbours-a most unlikely supposition—the courts would restrain him.

#### THE LUTHER CELEBRATION.

ONG-CONTINUED preparations on an extensive scale for the celebration of the four hundreth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, have directed general attention to the life and its significance of the great German Reformer. Born on the 13th November, 1483, at Eisleben, where he died on the 18th February, 1546, the place of his birth and death has been selected for the special celebration of one of the leading events in history.

Perhaps of all the reformers, the life and character of Martin Laber are better known than any of the other whose labours secured for their own age and all that came after the inestimable boon of religious freedom. This may be largely due to the man

himself. He was intenrely human, and his sayings and doings strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all who study the story of his life. Besides, the main incidents of that stirring life are so well known, that one wonders how the facts can be so perverted as they have been, not only by contemporary opponents, but by philosophic scholars like Sir William Hamilton, and Henry Hallam. One can see a mouve in the adherents of Rome doing what little they can to lessen the significance of the great work which the father of the German reformation accomplished. It is more difficult to comprehend the reason why the great metaphysician and the constitutional historian should tail to comprehend the greatness of character displayed by Luther.

Roman Catholic pulpits resounded with denunciasons of the arch heretic. The simple spinded Gerwan was taught to hate the man whom the Pope had cursed as he would dread the Evil One. All the crimes of the calendar were heaped on his inoffensive name. The more generous of the Romish historians and critics have yet to learn the true facts of Luther's life and character. Now that the subject is again attracting general attention, an illiterate priesthood are doing what they can to revive the feelings of hatred and bigotry sgainst the reputation of Luther. in quiet baxon villages the great reformer is denounced and his memory traduced. Luther made mistakes, but it is the grossest perversion of fact to assert that he lived an immoral life. He lived his life in the open day. His character was too transparent to admit of charges of hypocrisy. It is a destardly style of poly-nic that has occasion to resort to the vilification of a noble life in order to discredit the reformer's teaching.

The Luther celebration will concentrate attention on his life and work. Estimates of his character and influence will be formed by those holding widely different opinions. Clearer views will be entertained of what he was and what he did. The subject will probably induce some competent biographer to give us a fuller and more comprehensive life of him than has yet appeared. Materials in abundance are at the disposal of whoever possesses the requisite qualifications for giving life-like a portraiture of one who has won for himself an imperishable place in history.

Another result of the Luther celebration will be the awakening of a renewed interest in the great doctrines proclaimed by the German reformer. He was fitted by temperament, by providential leading, by his inner spiritual struggles, by the abuses and corruptions of a dominant but degraded Church, by the revival of learning, the invention of printing, in a word by the birth of the modern age to accomplish a work that will last through all time. He loosened the grasp of human tyranny over the human soul. The shameless treffic in indulgences to supply the funds for the building of St. Peter's at Rome recalled him to the simple but the sublime truth of the Gospel, that God only con forgive sin, and if the Infinite Father pardons iniquity where is the need of so-called priestly absolution? He grasped as the central fact of his own spiritual life that justification is by aith in Christ alone. He shifted the court of appeal in things spiritual from Imperial Diets and the chair of St. Peter to the Word of the Living God and conscience. These truths are vital. The Lutheran Church has no monopoly d them. They are cardinal doctrines in the far more elaborate and comprehensive scheme of truth which the mind of Calvin evolved from the teaching of Scripture. They are tenaciously held by all who accept evangelical Christianity. The consideration they will receive under the stimulus of the Luther celebration will gain for them . wider and more cordizi reception by many who at present view them with indifference.

The various Churches of the Reformation will feel a community of interest in doing honour to the memory of one of the greatest heroes of Protestantism. It will bring the leading men of the various branches of the evangelical Church together on a subject concerning which there is substantial agreement. They will come to understand each other better. Mutual interest and affection will grow deeper. Nor will the coming onebration pass away in idle talk or grand oratory mercly. It ought to have practical and lasting results. It may confidently be expected that a strong impulse will be given to the cause of evangelical truth throughout the churches of Germany. A rationalistic theology with chilling effect has in too many justances had disastrous results. The human heart cannot long remain satisfied with negations. Deep feeling is characteristic of the German people. The grand historic memories that Luther's deeds recall will touch their hearts. He freed the Fatherland from the grasp of the papal tyranny. He proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in opposition to the superstitions of Rome. He gave them a graphic translation of the Sacred Scriptures, and thereby laid the foundation of that noble fabric, the literature of modern Germany. He has left an example of a great and time use, transparent in its simplicity and sincerity, intensely human in its laughter and its tears. His bearing is that of a true hero as he stands before the Imperial and papal magnates in the Diet of Worms; in beauti ful simplicity be plays with his children in the home at Wittenberg. This many-sided German, the four hundreth anniversary of whose birth is about to be celebrated, is

"The solitary monk who shook the world."

#### STRIKE OF THE TELEGRAPHERS.

THE strike of the telegraph operators has evoked a large amount of popular sympathy. Both sides—the representatives of the Great North West ern and the Western Union, and the Brotherhood of Telegraphers have been my pronounced in their antagonism. A spirit of determination has been expressed that there can be no compromise. Each is determined to grasp the victory. So long as this attitude is maintained no satisfactory solution of the difficulty can be reached. Up to the present writing the strike has only been partial. The railway service has not been interfered with, nor have the press despatches been cut off. Commercial telegraphy has suffered most. Business men have had to submit to renatious delays, but bitherto they have with exemplary patience endured the inconvenience.

The operators have formulated their grie ances. They want increased pay for their work and fewer hours of labour. This demand the officials declare to be unreasonable. They also state that they did not receive proper and courteous treatment by those who proffered the request. In view of the contradic tory statements given to the public it is difficult to arrive at a proper comprehension of all the facts. Two things are plainly apparent: the operators are carnest and united in their endeavour to obtain an improvement in their circumstances, and the companies are equally determined to resist the demand of the employés.

The telegraph service on this continent has become a gigantic monopoly. Vutually that monopoly controls the lines in Canada and the United States. When competition was possible, and rates lower than at present, far more money was expended to trying to outscrip rival companies than would have satisfied the present demands of the operators. Since the competing companies have been amalgamated there has been rigid economy in some directions. The shareholders and prominent officials have profitted by the cessation of competition, but the operators have derived no benefit in an arrangement that has been so prefitable to others. The Western Union has been subjected to considerable criticism on account of its method of doing business. The stock has been manipulated by what is known as the watering process. By this means its shareholders obtain large dividends from fictitious capital. This fact and the arbitrary manner in which the employes have been treated has excited general sympathy for them. Their conduct has throughout justly entitled them to that friendly consideration which has been so largely

The conflict between capital and labour is one of the serious problems of modern civilization. If other considerations do not come in to modify the antagonism between them it is easy to see that the contest will be far from equal. On the side of capital there is power. The lot of lybour will become more difficult if existing tendencies continue in their present direction. The Gospel of Christ throws light on this as on so many other questions of practical human interest. The embittered relations between employer and employed come of forgetting that the principles of Christianity have a direct application to the affairs of every-day life. The golden rule is applicable to more conditions of existence than the Church and the home circle. Look at the business relations between man and man and the painful discovery is soon made that the application of that divinely simple rule is most too limited. It is but a poor compliment to

pay it in moments of .effection merely to admire its beauty, and whenever there is opportunity for its exercise to displace it b an "enlightened" or any other kind of selfishness.

There is a growling conviction that strikes are barbarous. No doub, they are. So often are the conditions that impel .nen to resort to them. It is idle to declaim against unions among workmen. The laws imposing penalties against them have been removed. According to the laws of most modern States such unions are legitimate. At all events it is not with a good grace that objections from gigantic monopolies can come. The next step in advance will be the agreement of employer and employed on some authoritative method of arbitration by which disputes can be settled and fair and reasonable remuneration for labour be satisfactorily agreed upon. The sooner strikes become a thing of the past the better for all parties. They entail much suffering and loss to all concerned. They widen the gulf between employers and employed, giving rise to resentments difficult to allay. The less friction there is in the industrial machinery the better for society as a whole. The application of that fair and just rule, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," would work wonders. This is the essence of practical Christianity, the day will arrive when it will become a recognised maxim of political economy.

### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

St. Nicholas. New York. The Century Co., St. Nicholas" is for the young what the "Century" is for older readers, one of the most attractive maga-210cs that issues from the press. A large staff of writers possessed of the happy talent of securing the interested attention of young people, and a profusion of time specimens of pictorial art, make the midsummer "St. Nicholas a number that will delight every

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY. (Boston: The Russell Publishing Co.)—The publishers of this attractive magazine thoroughly understand how to adapt it to the readers for whom it is intended. It is a regular joy-bringer to the little ones. Its contents are varied; there is an amount of judicious and instructive reading, and plenty of the healthy innocent fun in which children delight. The pictorial illustrations are beautiful and life-like.

HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE. (New York: Harper & Brothers )-This first-class juvenile weekly continues as bright and attractive as ever. Much useful information is communicated in a most interesting manner. There is the usual variety of sketch, story and poetry admirably adapted to the large class for whom the magazine is specially designed. The very fine artistic illustrations with which it is embellished are alone more than worth the subscription price.

INDIA: WHAT CAN IT TRACH US? By F. Max Müller, with an Introduction and Notes by Prof. Alexander Wilder, M.D., (New York: Funk and Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.)—This is another of the excellent publications of the "Standard Library." It is the aim of the publishers to place within reach of general readers what is best in religious, scientific and general literature. Recent works issuing from the British press at high prices are reproduced in this series at rates which enable those of slender means to enjoy the luxury of the best class of new books. It would be a difficult thing to name a living scholar occupying a higher place in successful philological research than the author of the volume now under notice. Max Muller has gained the highest place in comparative philology by his life-long devotion to this his favourite pursuit. The present volume contains his latest contribution to Indian research. He has mastered the subject. It was discussed by him in a series of lectures recently delivered at Cambridge University. These lectures form the present volume, are of abscrbing interest, and are very instructive. The religious views of the author will not be at all times regarded as accurate, but the American publishers append corrective notes wherever in their judgment they are considered necessary.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company.) - Though destitute of pictorial adornment, the "Atlantic Monthly" is by no means deficient in enterprise. In solid literary merit and general excellence it is abreast of all competitors.

Writers of the highest rank in American literature are among its regular contributors. Brooke Harford writes on "The Trustworthiness of Early Tradition" Henry James continues his descriptive sketches " En Province," and Charles F Lummis gives interesting "Glints of Nahant." "Academic Socielism" is dis cussed by Herbert Tuttle. Ernest W Lonfellow gives very readable "Reminiscences of Thomas Couture," the French artist. "In the Old Dominion," by F C. Baylor is an interesting though brief paper. Olive Thorne Miller made a "Study of a Cat bird" with the results of which she acquaints her readers. "Around the Spanish Coast" is by Charles Dudley Warner John Bach McMaster's "Listory of the United States" and the Memoirs of John A. Dix supply subjects for two critical articles. The tirst work comes in for rather severe, though apparently just treatment. "Reminiscences of Ernest Renan." The Contributor's Club and Books of the Month complete the contents of the August number of the "Atlantic Monthly."

FPANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE. Edited by T. De Witt Talmage, D.D. (New York. Mrs. Frank Leslie. The exposition of episcopacy as one of the Religious Denominations in the United States" Is continued by the Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D. The present contribution is free from the confident assump tion so marked in a former paper on the Protestant Episcopal Church. Among notoworthy articles in the August number of the "Sunday Magazine" may be mentioned "An Esthetic Poet," by Ida E. Harvey; "Historical Influence of Christianity," by Rev. W. W. De Hart, S.T.B.; "Michelangelo Buonarotti;" " Sacred Musicians of the Nineteenth Century Mendelssohn," by Alfreton Hervey, "Among the Natives of the North," by Lieut. Schwatka, U. S. A.; "The Home Pulpit- Spice ir Religion," by the Editor, The American Pilgrim in Palestine," by Edwin De. Leon. In addition to these there are several serial stories and a variety of articles of devotional and generel interest. A number of poems, some of more than average excellence, appear in the present number. The illustrations are numerous and in several in stances superior to any that have yet appeared in this magazine. The "Sunday Magrane" is a marvel ci For general family reading it is most cheapness. admirably adapted.

Dio Lewis's Monthly. (New York: Clarke Brothers.)-This is a new competitor for public favour, but it is a magazine with a mission. The title of this new publication will to most readers indicate what its mission is. The Editor, Dio Lewis, has long been known as a practical and popular writer on medical subjects. If any man should be able to make such an undertaking a success he should. There is every reason to believe that he will. There has been in the past and there is still. > much apathy regarding most matters pertaining to health. Too often it needs the presence or the apprehension of an epidemic to dispel the indifference of guardians of the public health, and to arouse the interest of people generally. There is a useful sphere for this laudable enterprise of Dio Lewis. The publishers state that the aim of the magazine is to popularize sanatory science. They promise to make the subject of bodily health as simple and interesting as a story. The principle contents of the first number of this new monthly are "A ride for Life," "Parental Impressions," "A Signal Triumph," "Woman's Figure." "The Pale and Melancholy Young Man," "The good Old Times," and "The Weight of Brains" by the Editor; " An Italian City," by Anna Ballard; "India," by Amrita Lal Roy; "Insane Asylums," by M. Eugenia Berry; "Out-of-Door Life for Girls," by M. L. Holbrook, M.D.; "Herbert Spencer and Grumblers," by Adele Gleason, M.D.; "Health for Women," William B. Garside, M.D.; and "A Reverie of Forgotten Girls," by Lillie Devereux Blake. In addition to these, there is a Hygienic Department and Function of Sunshine under which short but useful health counsels are given. The care of the body is now generally inculcated as a Christian duty. This magazine is designed to spread Christian duty. This magazine is designed information of the greatest practical value, tended to enlighten the ignorant and thoughtless of the terrible risks they run if they give way to vicious indulgences. To desire a successful career for "Dio Lewis's Monthly" is to wish for the advancement of intelligence and morality.

RECEIVED-"The Canadian Independent"; "Official Guide Book to the Canadian Pacific Rallway Lands Sugated in Manutoba and the North West Territory."

### Choise Witerature.

IN ALSAUS.

BY MADAME GUIZOT DE WITT.

Translated by the author of John Isasfas, Gentleman." CHAPTER III. - Continued.

Spring came at last. The snow began to melt, and communication with the outside world was once more possible. Father Dominic sometimes got his newspaper; if he read it upside down nebody noticed; if the paper dropped, nobody picked it up. His wife was dead.

One day he shut himself up in her room and wrote a letter, gave it to the postman, took his gun, and, without calling Morand, went out into the forest. A week after he gave the young man a letter. It contained Morand's appointment as head forester in another part of the country. But appended was a postscript, saying, "that Domine Friechard had asked for him as assistant, and he was free to choose either post; but the former would be much more advantageous." advantageous

Morand hesitated. The old forester, who had guessed

the contents of the letter, had turned aside.

Salome watched both with evident anxiety. Frederika, busy preparing dinner, was the only one who took no heed.

Morand met Salome's inquiring eyes. "I am appointed forester to a place, very prefitable, but a long way from

here."

"A long way from here," repeated the old man. "I begged a favour. I wanted to keep you here; I am not the man I once was, my strength does not come back with spring; I think she must have taken it away with her, all my ceurage and all my hope."

Its daughters tried to comfort him, but he shook his head without replying Morand precipitately escaped from the room.

When the young man came back, his dinner had been laid for him only. But Freder ka had taken care that all should be quite comf. itable for him, even more so than usual, and she was in the kitchen alone. Morand street her hands.

her hands.

"If I go to that far-off place, will you go with me?"

"Wherever you like," said she simply.

She had hither o been too busy to think of love But when Morand took her in his arms a deep joy took possession of poor Frederika. In the morning Morand had been to her a mere brother, nothing more. Now he seemed everything, beyond her father, balome, and the drar memory of her mother. She sat down on a chair by the fire, for in truth sue trembled too much to stand. Morand also was deeply affected. deeply affected.

At this moment the door opened and Salome entered.

Frederika hastily drew back, but her hands were still clasped in her lover's, and Salome saw it.

"Sister!" said Morand, with a smile

Amezement, almost supor, was written on the poor gul's white face. All she mutered was, "Does father know?"
"Not ye!," answered Morand. "I was just going to look for him in the forest."

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"He is in the stable with the sick c.w., siammered Salome. Then going up to her sister, she kissed her on the forehead and mouth. "Be happy?" she said. But when Frederika lifted up her countenarce, glowing with the newfound happiness. Salome put her hand before her eyes as if semething blinded them. Then, turning to Morand, who stood irresolute at the door, "Brother?" she added, holding out her hand, "now let me go and tell father."

Morand and Frederika sat down again, both silent. Perhaps they felt that their joy was bought by another's pain. But Morand soon recovered himself.

"Thine only, for life and death," whispered he to his fiancée, and thought no more.

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Meantime Salome mechanically went to the stable. Her father was not there. She sat down on a heap of hay, looking straight before her with blark, dazed eyes. Her pet cows came round her, she noticed their familiar faces, and even the broken horn on the head of one of them, with a vague, stupid tenderness. She suffered cruelly, yet could hardly explain to herself why.

"Take care, Salome, take care."

The very sound of her mother's voice seemed to come to

her from afar. Poor Salome dropped her head in her hands

Like Frederika, she had enj yed simply and freely the companionship of young Morand, but unlike her, being given to dreaming, she had allowed her dreams to rest upon him, making him the one object of her existence. When she saw the clasped hands of the two lovers, it seemed as if

she saw the clasped hands of the two lovers, it seemed as if a sword pierced Salome's heart, and even now she felt her life-blood slowly flowing through the wound. Once more she reflected to herself, "Take care, Salome, take care."

The hours passed by: Father Dominic had returned to the house. Morand and Frederika drew their chairs close together and talked in whispers, absorbed in their own plans and hopes, and already smitten with that instinctive selfishness, of which none of as are ashamed when it takes the pleasant form of devotion to somebody else. pleasant form of devotion to somebody else.

Nevertheless, when she saw her father stand silently on the threshold, the zirl's other affections woke up again. She ran to the old man and hid her face on his neck.
"Morand loves me, he wishes me for his wife," murmured

The old intester started; an image flitted before his eyes of Frederika's mother at Frederika's age, but far prettier His voice shook as he said tenderly, "God bless thee, child; make thy husband as happy as she made me for five-and-twenty years." Then he stretched out a hand to the young man, but not forgetting his former wish, added, "Do you on, or star?" go, or stay?"

Both the lovers hesitated, till Morand said, "Von shall decide the matter yourself."

At this moment Salome entered. Her father might well or stay?

looked amazed-even terrified. Colourless cheeks, reddened eyes, disordered hair, and an expression at once black, vague, and wholly pitcous. The old man put his arms closely round his daughter, and then said, es if continuing

closely round his daughter, and then said, as if continuing a conversation already begun—
"Yes, Moraud, when you leave us, and go to your new home in the mountain, and have all the responsibility of a forester upon your shoulders, you must take care that the woodcutters do no injury to the young trees."

Morand looked surprised, but Frederika answered quickly, "Of course, father, when you come to see us you will tell Morand many little things which he has not already learnt."
So Morand understood, to his great joy, that he had won, not only his wife, but his independence.

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Salome and her father went out together. In the open air, in sight of the mountain and the forest, where still lay white patches of the winter anow—that long winter, so happy and so sad-the old man drew his daughter to his

"Thou shalt be wholly my own," he said tenderly.
"Thou shalt replace all whom I have lost."

#### LHAPTER IV.

L'NDER the cottage roof was at once great joy and great pain. No confidences were exchanged between Morand and his betrothed, or between the old man and Salome, only every one united in hastening the preparations for the martiage. Possibly Morand blamed himself for not having sooner made up his mind and expressed it. Frederika had many a bitter thought in the midst of her happiness. The old forester said nothing, but his eyes followed his younger daughter far oftener than the elder.

Morand had to leave a month after his betrothal, and go to establish himrelf in his new home and work. When he came back Frederika was busy, getting ready the trunk filled with household linen, the labour of her busy hands, which she would take away with her to her husband's home.

she would take away with her to her husband's home. Salome helped her salently but energetically. She seemed to have quaffed in one draught her bitter cup, to have cut off the right hand and plucked out the right eye. At she suffered still, no one knew it, not even her father. Frederika even, seeing her sister so busy, often said to herself, "How quickly she is consoled? If Morand had loved her irstead of me. I think I should have died of griel." But people do not die of grief whose hearts are true and whose will is firm. Salome, bent on rooting out of her soil a love

people do not die of grief whose hearts are true and whose will is firm. Salome, bent on rooting out of her soul a love which, however innocent at first, was innocent no longer—Salome watched and prayed night and day.

Morand came back for his bride. Frederika herself did not take more pains to set off her beauty in her bridegroom's sight than did Salome to conceal all traces of her suffering. Her eyes looked brighter than ever when the "oung forester led his wife to the altar, insomuch that many said, "If I had been Morand I would have chosen Salome." But the mothers shook their heads and said that "beauty was not everything, and Frederika was such an admirable manager of a household"

Joseph was at the wedding. When he went to ask for a holiday it was with so dull a face that his master inquired laughingly whether he was off to a marriage or a funeral. Joseph might well have said the latter All his hopes seemed dead and buried.

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But the blow had not struck him suddenly as it had Salome. He had time to compose his features, and even put on a fitting manner as he apologized for his long absence.

"But you never missed me," said he to the bride. Fredcrike blushed, for it was only too true.

Busy, even with her orange-blossom crown on, she was beiong Salome to lay the dinner. Joseph gave her a gold cross, bought out of his slender wages, and her eyes sparkled with delight. She would have hied to put it on at once. Morand was not rich, and had nothing to give her but the gold ring that lay in his waistcoat pocket.

Joseph's secret was tolerably well guessed, but the bridegroom was not jealous. Joseph and Salome walked into church together behind the happy pair. The father looked after them and sighed.

after them and sighed.
"Two griefs cannot make one happiness," thought he "Two griefs cannot make one happiness," thought he.
The young couple were gone, the forester's cottage had become silent. Once Salome used to sing at her work, now she worked without singing. It was with difficulty that the remembered intile details of housekeeping, so easy to Frederika. But she would not let herself dream. "What use would it be?" she often thought. "As mother said, Take care, Salome.'" So she redoubled her activity in the house, her watchful care over her old father, who often smiled when she came to relieve him of his gun, and even to inbutton his griefs.

"I am still stout enough to take care of myself, and I want no assistant," said he. "It was Morand I wanted, but the lad knew better how to shift for himself."

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but the lad knew better how to shift for himself."

While her father was in the forest Salome spent many a lonely hour, but sometimers she went with him and watched the long slides. like the slide of Alpnach, down which the huge logs were thrown. It was the brightest day of the very dull week, when Joreph paid his usual visit; he never failed to come early and depart late. But he spoke little, and not even the news which the old man was always ready to tell about Frederika and her affairs provoked from him a reply He entered, tactium and cold, arranging on his lap the flowers he had gathered in the forest, great handfuls of which he often took back to his city home. Never once had he exchanged confidences with balome, yet he felt she understood him. Whether he spoke or not, her presence was a rest to him. She, on her side, began to find the time long between his visits, and each time when Joseph went away she said to him, "You will be sure to come again?"

Winter returned, but a little less severe than the last. The valley lay deep in snow, and the forester's cottage was once more shut out from the world. Not from Joseph, who got a sledge and succeeded in coming every week as usual. He brought Father: Dominio town news, not over-interesting, and newspapers full of the war, which was a ceaseless cariosity to the old man, who had once served as a soldier in Algeria.

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after I like to know what is passing in the world. Last wanter I had nearly come to the end of my tobacco, but I do believe I could better want my pipe than my newspaper."

Salome laughed. "Happily, father, you can read the same paper twenty times over, but you can never re-commence an ended pipe. That which vanishes in smoke vanishes forever."

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"Thanks Her voice was a little sad; Joseph looked at her surprised; the old man tapped his nephew on the shoulder. "Thanks to thee, lad, I have wanted neither pipe nor newspaper all the winter. I do believe you think all the week what you can bring us when you come."

"No, uncle, I do better than that; Salome writes down what she wants one week, and I bring it the next."

"As you brought the books which I saw you reading together, and the crystal cup with her name on it that she got last week."

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"The barometer is falling," he said absently.

"Nonsense of barometers. I make taine out of the winds and clouds, the flight of birds, and the leaves of trees. These show, as cleverly as you can, the state of the weather. When you come next week, nephew, you will require no sledge."

Lusty language.

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Joseph langhed. It had served me well all winter, but I prefer my legs. They cost less money."
For though his wages had increased, he was still very economical. They laughed at the large account Joseph was beginning to have at his banker's. But the young fellow liept his own counsel over his own affairs.

#### CHAPTER V.

The clouds were low and the sky grey, when Joseph, stick in hand, took the next time his way to the forester's stick in hand, took the next time his way to the forester's cottage. Streams long frozen came tambling down the rocks or filtering through the ground, the mutmur of waters was heard on every side. The snow was fast disappearing in the forest, but many times the road was blocked up by trunks of trees which the now freed torients had tora up, and brought tumbling with them down the mountain-side. Joseph tried to lift them away, so as to make an easier path for those who might follow him. But it was hard work. His bag slipped from his shoulders, it was henvy, for, sledge or no sledge, he would not forget Salome's commission. Very tired and breathless was he when he reached his nucle's door.

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Salome stood there alone. "Father is gone to the forest; he is troubled at the rapid melting of the snow. Sometimes our stream overflows its hanks and does a deal of harm."

Joseph had spent many an hour by the brook-side, gathering flot ers or catching trout. It had never occurred to him that it could do any harm—the innocent little stream!

"The sky is not brilliant to-day, and the ground is well soaked with rain. Still, I think you could walk easily, Salome, if you will lean sometimes on me. Shall we start and go and look after your father? I own I shall be rather interested to see that pretty, merry little rivulet in a fury."

Salome did not laugh. "Accidents happen sometimes."

Said she gravely, and agreed at once to Joseph's proposa! Young and strong, steady-headed, sure-footed, she had no fear except for her lather. "But if we meet him, and you take his gun and give him your aim, he will come safely home in spite of this horrible weather."

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So chatting, the two cousins went merrily on. Joseph had got into the babit of telling Salome all his cares, which this mother was too old and infirm to be troubled with, and she in her turn had many things to say to him which she never said to her father. They spoke of present and future unhesitatingly, but the past was always a sealed book with

They reached the stream without finding the old man. There Joseph stopped, horrified at the change. It was not a rivulet at all, but a foaming, roaring torrent, pouring down the mountain-side.

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"For the love of God, let us hurry on 1" cried Salome.

"Close by is a raised house, with a cottage built against it. If the stream sweeps it away everybody will be drowned." Joseph sevzed Salome's hand, and they both ran as fast as they could. The noise of the waters and the occasional crash of failing trees almost deafened them, but above it all Salome thought she heard cries of distress. She leaped from stone to stone, her long hair floating behind her.

Joseph's eyes followed her in admiration. "Never did I see a woman so strong and brave as this gentle Cousin Salome!" thought he.

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Arrived at the abandoned house with the little cottage clinging to its wall, they found it already half destroyed by the violence of the flood. A woman stood at the window with a child in her arms, and just opposite, on the farther shore, stood the old forester, gun in hand, making signs to her that he would try to swim across.

Father Dominic used to say of quiet Joseph, "He his milk in his veins instead of blood," but it did not seem so now. He called out to the bewildered woman, with a strong, clear voice accustomed to be obeyed. And she did obey. She rushed out of her cottage with the child in her arms, and that instant the old wall fell upon it with a crash. She had only just escaped death, and her shricks of terror rang through all the noise of the flood.

"Salome," said Joseph, "hold your father fast, don't let him take off his clother; it would be useless, he could not breast the stream; I can 1" and he was gone.

Salome fell on her knees upon the bank. Her father stood by her, shouting out advice to the brave fellow who was already fighting with the torrent.

"Mind those branches! That round stone is not firm! There is a hole in the bed of the stream, where the current is always ray "!! Brave lad! he guesses what he can't know. That stupid woman! She clings to him! She will hinder his getting ashore!"

But Joseph's feet were firm on shore; he was able to make sign to Salome that he would go straight home with the woman and child.

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"Let us hurry back and see that there is a good fire and wine and food I" cried Salome.

But her father lingered. "If I had been only ten year

younger, a lad brought up in towns would not have shown me how to save a woman and child."

Meantime Joseph, carrying the child and helping the woman, had succeeded in getting home first. He had not changed his clothes, but he had made up the fire, placed the woman in Father Dominic's armchair, and wrapped the child in a rug, where it lay warming his little feet in the hearth and smiling up at its preserver.

Salome stood an instant to watch the pretty sight, then took the child in her arms. "Go, Joseph, get yourself dried in father's room. You have done enough for one day. You will be ill yourself."

"Then will you nurse me?" and he took her hand.

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clothes.

Some months after Joseph and Salome were walking along the banks of the stream. It was Sunday, and the little waves seemed singing a Sunday psalm.

"What a transformation," said Salome, "since the day when you saved that poor woman and her child! How contented she is now! This stream is not more changed than her life, poor soul! thanks to you."

"And our life too," said Joseph tenderly.

"Yes," answered Salome, pressing her husband's arm; "our storms are past; the stream flows peacefully on. I understood to-day that one may yet be happy."

"I understood it a little before you did, perhaps," said Joseph smiling.

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#### THE INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY UPON LITERATURE.

LITERATURE.

One of the influences of Christianity is, that it has opened nothing less than a new world of literature. The rise of the Christ-religion proclaimed itself by that record which was an entirely new departure from all that had gone before in the literary world; and that new departure contained a germ from which has grown a great and mighty literary life. Consider the works of philosophy, science, theology, that for eighteen centuries have fallen like drops of intellectual light from the pens of its followers. The "Civitas Dei" of St. Augustine, the "Summa Theologia" of Thomas Aquinas, the "Imitatio Christi" of A'Kempis (of which more than fifty million copies have been printed), the "Novum Organum" of Bacon. Side by side with these heavier works, poetry and imaginative literature have imbibed a new spirit. All the master-pieces of later ages have sprung from Christianity. The "Jerusalem Delivered" of Tasso, the "Divine Comedy" of Dante, the "Fairy Queen" of Spenser, Milton's "Paradise Lost," the immortal works of Shakespeare, which alone contain and exhaustive treatise of moral philosophy and systematic divinity. It is the secret influence of Christianity which lends such power to, and sheds such lustre through, the pages of Scott, and Dickens, and many others that I might mention. In fact, it alone has given that tone of true refinement and honest merit to all our modern literature of fiction which is worth the reading.

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If space permitted I might show also how it has influenced music and art, but I merely suggest these heads, and add a word from Archbishop Trench. "Who would have supposed," says he, "that, nourished by the Christian books, by the great thoughts which Christ set stirring in the heart of humanity, there should unfold itself a poetry infinitely greater, an art infinitely higher, than any which the old world had seen; and that those skilless Christian hymns should yet be the preludes to loftier strains than the world had ever listened to before? Or who would have supposed that those artless drawings of the catacombs had the prophecy in them of more wondrous compositions than men's eyes had ever seen—or that a day should arrive when above many a dark vault and narrow crypt, where now the Christian many a dark vault and narrow crypt, where now the Christian worshippers gathered in secret, should arise domes and cathedrals embodying loftier ideas than did all those Grecian temples which now stood so fair and strong?"

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But to return once more to literature for a moment. Not only has Christianity been the motive power to all the best of modern literary works, but it has been the very preserver of all ancient literature, and at certain epochs the only patron of learning. "That the clergy," says Mill, "were the preservers of all letters and all culture, of the writings and even the traditions of literary antiquity, is too evident to have been ever disputed; but for them there would have been a complete break between the ancient and modern world." So, then, the ministers of Christianity kept alive the torch of learning; in her monasteries were preserved and reproduced the ancient MSS., and there she taught he generations, as they followed one another, all that they know of art, of science and religion.—By W. W. De Hart, S.T.B., in Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for August.

#### ESQUIMAUX GRATITUDE.

When Sir John Ross was wintering in Felix Harbour, Prince Regent's Inlet, in 1829-30, his vessel, the Victory, was visited by some tribes of Esquimaux that had arrived from Iwillik and vicinity. One of the men, Tulluahui, had lost a leg, just below the knee, at some period of his life, the stump of which had healed perfectly, and which in all other respects was an excellent case for a sailor's false leg of wood, which the ship carpenter was instructed to make for the poor cripple. When shown its use and benefits, his joy and appreciation were unbounded, and one of the first thoughts that entered the grateful creature's heart was, how he could repay the kindness. The making of the false leg was at once decided as the work of the white angeko, and Tulluahui thought it meet and proper that payment should be, in some way, of the same general character. He had noticed that the ship's carpenter was worn by some wasting disease to almost a skeleton, and he therefore repaired to his village, procured the most eminent angeko, and returned, intending that Mr. Carpenter should be made whole, physically, at least. The proffered compensation was so comical, although offered in the best of faith, and the poor workman's

condition really so bad, that Otookiu, the angeko, was not allowed to practise his performances, and the occasion was soon forgotten amid the other objects of attraction by which their attention was so fully occupied. This case typifies the remark I have already made, that the Esquimaux are more prone to force their superstitions on others than to receive the religion of others, and do not couple it with the secrecy and exclusiveness of the Indians of our continent. Poor Maslin, the carpenter, shortly afterward died of consumption, and Tulluahui got along famously with his wooden leg, that bore a brass plate with the name of the ship, her locality and date of wintering; which the poor savage, deeming it to be of some mysterious power—and it being, as well, a beautiful ornament to his eyes—always kept brightly polished—Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, in Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for August. day Magazine for August.

#### A MONOSYLLABIC PROTEST.

Think not that strength lies in the big round word,
Or that the brief and plain must needs be weak.
To whom can this be true who once has heard
The cry for help, the tongue that all men speak,
When want or woe or fear is in the throat,
So that each word gasped out is like a shriek
Pressed from the sore heart, or a strange wild note,
Sung by some fay or fiend? There is a strength
Which dies if stretched too far or spun too fine,
Which has more heighth than breadth, more depth than

Length.

Let but this force of thought and speech be mine,
And he that will may take the sleek, fat phrase,
Which glows and burns not, though it gleam and shine—
Light, but no heat—a flash, but not a blaze!

Nor is it mere strength that the short word boasts; It serves of more than fight or storm to tell, The roar of waves that clash on rock-bound coasts, The crash of tall trees when the wild winds swell, The roar of guns, the groans of men that die On blood-stained fields. It has a voice as well For them that far off on their sick-beds lie; For them that weep, for them that mourn the dead, For them that laugh and dance and clap the hand To joy's quick step, as well as grief's slow tread, For them that laugh and dance and clap the hair To joy's quick step, as well as griet's slow tread, The sweet plain words we learn at first keep time, And though the theme be sad, or gay, or grand With each, with all, these may be said to chime, In thought, or speech, or song, or prose, or rhyme. -Prof. J. A. Alexander, D.D.

### CARLYLE'S TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

In a strong and entertaining view of Carlyle's life and character, John Burroughs says, in the midsummer (August) "Century": "Carlyle owed everything to his power of will and to his unflinching adherence to principle. He was in no sense a lucky man, had no good fortune, was borne by no current, was favoured and helped by no circumstance whatever. His life from the first was a steady pull against both wind and tide. He confronted all the cherished thoughts, beliefs, tendencies of his time; he spurned and insulted his age and country. No man ever before poured out such withering scorn upon his contemporaries. The opinions and practices of his times in politics, religion, and opinions and practices of his times in politics, religion, and literature were as a stubbly, brambly field, to which he would fain apply the match and clean the ground for a nobler crop. He would purge and fertilize the soil by fire. His attitude was at once, like that of the old prephets, one of warning and rebuking. He was rejused every public place he ever aspired to—every college and editorial chair. Every man's hand was against him. He was hated by the Whigs and feared by the Tories. He was poor, proud, uncompromising, sarcastic; he was morose, dyspeptic, despondent, compassed about by dragons, and all manner of evil menacing forms; in fact, the odds were fearfully against him, and yet he succeeded, and succeeded on his own terms. He fairly conquered the world—yes, and the flesh and the devil." opinions and practices of his times in politics, religion, and

#### COLOURS MADE BY THE HUMAN VOICE.

The "Philadelphia Press" says : An optical demonstra-The "Philadelphia Press" says: An optical demonstration of the effect of sound on the colours and figures in soap bubbles was given at the Franklin Institute recently by Prof. Holeman. A film of soap was placed across the end of a phoneidoscope. To bring the sound in direct contact with the soap a tube was used. A reflection of film was thrown on a canvas screen, where it first assumed a bluishgray appearance. An intonation of the voice, with the lips close to the mouth of the tube, caused a number of black spots to appear on the reflection. When these passed away a beautiful light green, intermingled with pink, remained. These two appeared to be the principal colours caused by sound. It was noticeable, however, that, while a certain tone would cause the same figure to reappear, it had no control over the colour. A tone which, for instance, caused tone would cause the same figure to reappear, it had no control over the colour. A tone which, for instance, caused one solid colour to appear, would bring out, perhaps, a dark blue at one time and a yellow at another. No difference was noticeable in the effect of the male and female

#### WAR ON THE CIGARETTE.

A crusade against the cigarette has been started among the children of the public schools of Philadelphia. One of the principals has called the attention of the Board of Education to the subject, in a letter in which he says that, of the 50,000 pupils in the public schools of the city, a large proportion use tobacco in various forms; and that the habit has increased to an alarming extent since the cigarette was instituted. A short statement of the physical and mental disorders produced in children by the use of tobacco has been printed and posted on the inside of the cover of every text-book used in one school. The association of male principals has approved his letter to the Board, and an energetic campaign on that line is the expected result.

### British and Coreign Atrus.

THE Vicar of Downholme, in Yorkshire, committed suicide lately by cutting his throat with a pair of scissors.

MISS AGNES MURRAY, Merchiston, Edinburgh, has bequeathed the bulk of her estate to the schemes of the Established Church.

It is reported at Williamstown, Mass., that the "friend" who gave \$5,000 for a new dormitory in Williams College was Governor Butler.

MR. H. F. TURLE, son of the late organist of Westminster Abbey, has died very suddenly of heart disease. He was editor of "Notes and Queries."

DAVID DUDLEY FIELD has placed a monument in the Williamstown cemetery in honour of the Rev. Dr. Calvin Durfee, historian of Williams College.

It is probable that the marriage of Prince Louis of Battenberg and Princess Victoria of Hesse will be celebrated in the private chapel at Windsor Castle.

A CHURCH congress is to be held at Dumfries on 8th and h October when Principal Rainy, Dr. A. A. Bonar, Rev. Wells and others will deliver addresses.

THE shrine of Garavaggio is to be tried by the Earl of Arundel, whose ailments have not been alleviated by a pilgrimage which his parents recently made to Lourdes.

JOSH BILLINGS is a native of Lanesboro', N.H., and there he hopes to buried. He has directed his children to mark the grave with a rough stone from the quarry near by,

ENGLISH persons who want to get married are obliged to do so before noon unless they can obtain a special license. A bill extending the hour to four o'clock is under consider-

MR. W. CARRUTHERS, of the British Museum, has, subject to the approval of the College Committee, been appointed lecturer for next session on natural science in Aberdeen Free Church College.

THE Duke of Marlborough takes his title from a small town in Wiltshire, where he has only a thousand acres, while historic Blenheim, with twenty-two thousand acres of the Duke's property, is in Oxfordshire.

PROF. FLINT has been elected a corresponding member of the Institute of France in the moral and political section. Dr. Chalmers was the only minister of the Church of Scotland who had previously received this honour.

PROF. LINDSAY, of Glasgow, delivered one of the most telling speeches at the great meeting in St. James Hall, held in support of Mr. Mason's resolution relating to the female franchise on the evening before the parliamentary debate.

THE London Crystal Palace is in decay. The great building, still a marvel of construction and convenience, still singularly impressive and curious, cannot much longer hold its place among the sights and wonders of the city.

A CONNECTICUT railroad has an order that all dogs shall be carried only in the baggage rars. The rich women going to the country are angered. One of them rode on a broken-down chair among the trunks with her pet rather than leave it.

DR. KENNEDY of Dingwall has issued an appeal for funds to defend the men who are to be tried at Edinburgh for their protest against the breach of the Sabbath laws and the desecration of the Lord's Day by the railway company at

MONSIGNOR CAPEL, who is coming to this country, has a reputation for the ease and grace with which he converts fashionable women to the Roman Catholic Church. Lord Beaconsfield made him one of the characters in "Lothair" on that acount.

It is proposed to erect a new church in Paris. Worship has been held for twenty-five years in an upper room in the Church of the Oratoire, Rue de Rivoli, rented from the French Protestant Church. Mr. Beaton, retired army chaplain, has recently been appointed to the charge.

In the House of Lords are to be found numerous soldiers who owe their positions to their successful sheddings of human blood. Not a single medical man has a seat in the gilded chamber; and there are not more than a dozen medical baronets or knights in the three kingdoms.

LORD M'LAREN has given judgment in favour of the town council of Arbroath in their appeal against the decision of the sheriff-substitute, ordering them to design a glebe for the minister of Arbroath parish out of the burgh lands. Ministers of royal burghs, says his lordship, have no right to glebes.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA objects to "public feeds, sitting for hours at a crowded tavern table surrounded by viands you do not wish to eat and liquors you do not wish to drink." This is a little ungrateful from a man who for years has been among the most habitual public diners in London.

An argument used in England against the enfranchise ment of women is the power it would throw into the hands of the clergy. "The vast majority of their weaker sisters," it is urged, "would undoubtedly have recourse to their pasters, not only for ghostly counsel and advice, but also for political principles."

THE visitor to the Cologne Cathedral is met at the entrance by a shaven crowned, serge-robed, and sandal-footed monk, whose duty it is to present with his left hand a card printed in German, English, and French, politely requesting a contribution for the building fund of the church, while with his right hand he holds out a silver platter.

THE Free Presbytery of Loch Carron has declined to co-operate with the deputation that is to visit their congregations from the from the General Assembly, or to take part in evangelistic meetings which they may hold. They express the opinion that their people will not cordially receive such a deputation in consequence of the decision regarding instrumental music.

### Ministers and Churches.

A CANVASS just finished of Knox Church, Scarboro', and of St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro', and St. John's Church, Markham, has resulted in an addition to the subscription for the Endowment Fund of Knox College of \$2 000, over \$500 of which has been paid. The district, as is well kown, is a purely agricultural one. There were, however, seven subscriptions of \$100 each, with others of \$50, \$40, and \$30, with of course many of smaller amounts. Between \$1,300 and \$1,400 was subscribed by the congregation of Knox Church; over \$700 by St. Andrew's and St. John's-one pastoral charge-being a very creditable amount when account is taken of the large sum which the people of this charge subscribed some years ago to Queen's College. The money was in most cases very cheerfully subscribed. Dr. King takes this opportunity to thank the friends for the readiness with which they responded to his appeal, and the ministers, Messrs. Mackay and Tanner, whose hearty co-operation was invaluable. The hope is entertained that, with two pastoral charges contributing \$2,000, the rural districts of the Presbytery of Toronto may be counted on to make up \$12,000 of the Endowment Fund.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An extra meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place on the 26th ult., Rev. J. M. Cameron, moderator pro tem. The main object for which the meeting was convened was to dispose of an appointment, by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, of Rev. W. McWilliam, of Streetsville, to Prince Albert, in the North-West Territory. It was reported that the congregation of Streetsville had been duly informed of said appointment, and cited to appear for their interests at this meeting. Papers were then submitted and read from the session and congregation just named, expressing their warm regard for Mr. McWilliam, both because of his worth and labours; praying also that his connection with them might not be dissolved, and resolving, in tangible evidence of their earnestness in this matter, to raise his salary to \$1,000, payable from January last, in the hope of soon making it more. After the reading of these papers, Rev. Dr. King was heard on behalf of the Home Mission Committee; Mr. Wm. Barber and Mr. Thomas McCracken were heard on behalf of Streetsville session, and Dr. Thom and Mr. Wm. Steen on behalf of the congregation. Mr. McWilliam was then heard on his own behalf when he stated in substance that without overlooking the expressions of regard for him as set forth in the papers above mentioned, and as brought out in the statements of the commissioners, he was strongly or opinion that the territory of the North-West had weightier claims on his services than his present sphere of labour, and, therefore, that he was willing, with the concurrence of the Presbytery, to act on the appointment given him by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. It was then moved and seconded that the Presbytery agree to loose Mr. McWilliam from his present charge. In amendment, it was moved and seconded that the Presbytery refuse to loose Mr. McWilliam from his present charge. On a vote being taken, the motion prevailed over the amendment, and the Presbytery decided accordingly. It was also agreed that this decision shall take effect at the close of August; that Rev. E. D. McLaren, on the first Sabbath of September, shall intimate the decision to the congregation, and that during the vacancy he shall be interim moderator of session. A minute was further moved and adopted, expressive of the Presbytery's appreciation of Mr. McWilliam's worth and past labours, as also of their sense of his admirable fitness to represent the Church, and to care for its interests in the North-West. An extract minute was read from the Presbytery of Guelph, arent the call from Knox Church, Guelph, to Rev. R. P. McKay, minister of Knox Church, Scarborough. The call, the paper of concurrence from adherents, the guarantee for \$1,400, payable weekly, and reasons for translation were all produced and laid on the table. It was then moved, and agreed to appoint Rev. D. Mc-Intosh to preach to the congregation in Scarborough not later than the 26th of August, to inform them of the foregoing, to put into their hands the reasons for translation, and to cite them to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. McKay was also to be notified of the foregoing by the clock, and cited to appear on his own behalf. Agreeably to a suggestion made, a committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Dr. Reid, P. Macleod, D. J. Macdonnell, Messrs. John Harvie and W. B. McMurrich, to consider what should be done to secure public religious services on the Lord's day for the benefit of our church members and others, who reside for weeks or months in the summer season on the Island opposite Toronto. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the 5th of September at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY .- This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting at Port Perry on the 17th July; Mr. Abraham, moderator. There was a good attendance of members. Eiders' commissions were presented, and the roll made up for the year. The Home Mission report was given in, and, as in former years, the report mentioned the fact, that there were no mission stations within the bounds. Messrs, Carmichael, Abraham, and Madill were appointed the Home Mission Committee for the current year. The commissioners to the General Assembly reported diligence, and their travelling expenses were paid by the Presbytery. The finding of the Synod was read on the reference submitted to it, v.z : Is it competent for the Presbytery to sanction the alienation of any of the proceeds of the Endowment farm of St. John's, Pickering? The Clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the trust deed, and also full extracts from the Presbytery records of Toronto (Old Kuk) bearing on the question, and forward them to the convener of the Assembly's Committee on the Protection of Property. The Presbytery took final action in the case of Mr. Spenser. A pro re nata meeting had been held a fortnight before, at which it was agreed to dissolve the pastoral relation between Mr. Spenser and St. Andrew's Church, Bowmanville, at the quarterly meeting, and the congregation had been cited to appear for their interests at this meeting, but no one appeared in behalf of the congregation. Mr. Spenser had submitted two papers containing objections; but, as these had formed part of the case adjudicated upon by the Synod and the General Assembly, the Presbytery feit that it was not competent for it to deal with them, Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Roger, and unanimously agreed to, that, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and of the General Assembly, this Presbytery now dissolves the pastoral relation between Mr. Adam Spenser and the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Darlington, and declares that Mr. Adam Spenser be no longer the pastor of the congregation of St. Audrew's Church, Darlington. The moderator solemnly pronounced this separation as the finding of the Presbytery. A committee was appointed to deal with the congregation with regard to the claims of Mr. Spenser, and endeavour to rocure from them an adequate portion of the arrears. Mr. Spenser's name was removed from the roll of the Presbytery, and placed on the list of ministers without charge. Mr. Spenser was instructed to deliver over to the clerk for the congregation the session records, the treasurer's books, the key of the church, and whatever other records or property he may now have in his possession, that belong to the congregation. Mr. Spenser demanded his Presbyterial certificate; the Presbytery agreed that this request should lie on the table till he had complied with the above instructions. Mr. Drummond was appointed moderator of session, and Mr. Kennedy was appointed to preach in St. Andrew's Church on Sabbath the 22nd inst., and declare the church vacant. A call was laid on the table from the congregations of Dunbarton and Highland Creek, in favour of Mr. R. M. Craig, probationer -signed by 122 members and forty-five adherents, and was sustained as a regular Gospel call. Mr. Craig accepted it and trials were prescribed to him and the ordination fixed for Tuesday 14th August. A petition from the congregation of Ashburn was presented, desiring that steps might be taken to separate Ashburn and Utica and uniting them with other congregations, believing that, were this done, more adequate support for Gospel ordinances would be thereby attained. The Presbytery descreed the consideration of this matter, till they would have before them the Scheme for the Better Support of the Ministry, which was agreed upon at the General Assembly in London, hoping that it would give relief to congregations in such circumstances, and obviate the necessity of any change in this case. The subject of the increased post-office work required of all the post-office employ és

along the line of the Grand Trunk from Montreal to Toronto, was before the notice of the Presbytery, and a small committee was appointed to draw out a resolution condemnatory of this desecration of the Sabbath, withinstructions to send a copy of it to the Postmaster. General. Mr. Spenser has refused to give up the key of the church, and on Sabbath when Mr. Kennedy went to conduct service he found a goodly number of the congregation, but the door was locked. Standing on the platform he engaged in devotional exercises and read the notice declaring the charge vacant. Mr. Drummond preached to the congregation in the town hall last Sabbath afternoon at half-past two o'clock—A. DRUMMOND, Pres Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON, -This Presbytery met on Tuesday, July 10th, in the First Presbyterian Church, Park avenue, Rev. Mungo Fraser, me derator Rev. J. K. Wright, of London East, acting as clerk There was a fair attendance of members present Rev. J. A. Murray rose to a question of privilege He complained that in reference to certain remarks made by him in the discussion on the State of Res gion, he was represented by the Toronto "Mail" a associating card playing with the gallows, pistol, daggers, as A bloodshed, and in consequence he had been held up by a certain portion of the press u speaking of this question with marrowness, ignorance and bigotry. He stated further that he was responsible not for what he did not say on this matter but for what he did say. What he said was the "within his own observation, card-playing for money a gambling was associated with the pistol, the dagge, and the gallows. Mr. Murray holds that there is a wide distinction between card playing and gambling In his speech on the occasion referred to he had said that cards may be played, and often were played, a an innocent amusement, but that in every such care great caution must be used. Rev. Mr Martin d Exeter, was asked to sit as a corresponding member The clerk read the report of the committee appointed to prepare answers to Rev. Mr. Henderson's reasons for dissent to the adoption of the minutes of a previous session. Moved by Rev. Mr. McDonald seconded by Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, that the report k adopted. Lost. After a lengthy discussion the mater was dropped. Rev. Mr. McKinnon reported: minute in regard to the resignation of Rev Aks Fraser, who has gone to Manitoba. The minut set forth the high esteem in which Rev. Mr. Fraser was held by the members of this Presbyten. and followed him with their prayers and best wishes in his new sphere of labour. Rev. Mr. Renne, covener of the Home Mission Committee, submitted the following report: "The Presbytery of London, haring had under consideration the circumstances of the musion station of Springfield, resolved respectfully to submit the following statements and request to the Presbytery of Paris: (1) This station was formed some years ago, and has been supplied mainly by students, with exception of a short period during which, in connection with Aylmer, it enjoyed the sevices of a settled pastor. (2) Springfield has it present about twenty-four families connected with it thirty communicants, and its revenue is about \$300 per annum. (3) The character of the field is sad. that there is little possibility of the station becoming a self sustaining congregation, unless a contection be obtained for it with neighbouring congregation. W It is believed that the congregation of Culleden, 297 in connection with Tilsonburg, in the Presbyttry d Paris, might, without injury to the latter, he de jourd therefrom, and if united to Springfield there would be formed a new pastoral charge, which, it is believed would be self-sustaining very soon, if not from the first. (5) This Presbytery there are respecially a quests that the Presbytery of Paris will take the near sary steps to effect the change above referred to." 'It' above was adopted, and Rev. Mr. Rennie empowerd to appear before the Paris Presbytery in advocate of the proposed change. Rev. Mr. Rennie proposed that a member of the Presbytery should visit Patie Burwell and dispense the communion, and suggested that this duty be performed by Rev. Mr. Paradis, of Port Stanley. Agreed to. Rev. Mr. McDonald, de Belmont, stated at length the necessity for additional mission work in Aylmer, and throughout the surrous ing districts, as far south as the lake. Rev. Mr. Mo. Donald was authorized to make a full report to not Presbytery on the condition and prospects of this field, with a view to its spiritual improvement and the

establishing of a permanent missionary. The clerk read the papers in a call from Milibank to Rev. A. H. Kippen, of Dorchester station. Rev. Mr. Kippen intimated that he did not accept the call. A deputation consisting of Messes. Alex. Gould and A. Mc-Queen, of London South, appeared on behalf of a neutition for the formation of a new congregation in that suburb of the city. Rev. J A. Murray spoke on hehalf of the petitioners, who, he said, were very anxious to be formed into a separate congregation. They had secured a very desirable site, about one hundred and twenty feet square, at the corner of Bruce street and the Wortly road, and it was estimated that the cost of the church, completed, includ ing the site, would be about \$11,000. The building was to be a very beautiful and commodious one, costing \$9 000. Already the subscription list has reached the amount of \$5,000 The petitioners desired to have immediate organization, according to the rules of the Church, and wished to have the site approved. There was a large and wealthy Presbyterian populauon in London South, and every reasonable prospect of the establishment of a successful church. It was mored by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Rev. L Cameron, that the petition be granted, the site selected approved, and that Rev. J A. Murray, with Mossrs. Gould, Webster and Adam Murray, be a committee to organize the congregation at an early date, and that Rev. Mr. Murray administer the Lord's Supper. Carned. A claim was read from Rev. John Fothering ham for \$5 arrears due him for preaching at Lucan and Fraser churches. The Home Mission Convener was instructed to write to these congregations in reference to the matter and report at next Presbytery. A request was made on behalf of Guthrie Church, Caradoc, and Cook's Church, Longwood, for permission to moderate in a call, and also that they make their own arrangements for a supply for two or three months. Granted. The resignation of Rev. W. R. Sutherland, pastor of Knox Church Ekind, was read by the clerk, and Mr. Sotherla d was heard. He has been pastor of the church for some thirty years, and thought for various reasons that a change was desirable. On motion of Dr. Proudtoot, seconded by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, the pelition was received and ordered to lie on the tab e until the next meeting of the Presbytery, when representatives of the congregation will be cited to appear. Both the mover and seconder spoke in touch ng terms of the long, faithful and noble services in pioneer church work of Rev. Mr. Sutherland. It was ordered that the congregation be notified by the clerk. A letter was read from Wm. Sutherland, secretarytreasurer, Dorchester Station, stating that an addition of \$50 per annum to the salary of Rev. Mr. Kippen had been guaranteed, making the total now \$ 00. The clerk was instructed to notify the congregation that the Presbytery commended their action, with the hope that the other congregation (Crumlin) under Mr. Kippen's charge would follow the example of Dorches ter Station. The reduction of the Home Mission grant in London East from \$300 to \$250 was discussed, and Messrs. Cheeseborough and Brown were heard on behalf of the congregation, asking that the amount be again raised to \$300. It was stated that they had mcreased the salary of their pastor \$100 per year, and if, in addition to this, the \$50 were taken from them, they would feel the burden seriously. They needed encouragement. Rev. Mr. Wright said the givings of the congregation last year amounted to \$19 per family. Rev. Dr. Proudfoot spoke in high terms of the liberality of the London East congregation, particularly as nearly all of the adherents were labouring men, and he was in favour of continuing the \$300 grant, He proposed to lay the matter over to : September session of the Presbytery, when the new scheme by the General Assembly would be before them. A motion was passed to this effect, and also expressing sympathy with the congregation in their difficulties, and encouraging them in their earnest, liberal work. Rev. Dr. Proudfoot addressed the Presbytery on the proposed scheme for the endogment of Knox College, It was felt that a crisis had arrived and failure would be disastrous. Already there had been subscribed \$100,000, and the work could not now be dropped. li the canvass were systematically and thoroughly made all through this western constituency of the Church the endowment would be made secure. The reports of canvassers should be in by the September session of the Presbytery. In London, on account of the recent disasters by the overflow of the river,

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the canvass w u'd be postponed. The following had been recommended to prosecute the canvass. In Lordon and St. Thomas—Rev. Principal Caven and Rev. D. H Fletcher; Westminster and Delaware-Rev. Mr. Henderson; Thamesford-Rev N McKinnon; Dorchester, Crumlin, and Hyde Park-Rev J A Murray; Fingal, Argyle Church, Aldboro', and New Glasgow-Rev. K. McDonald; Mosa and Glencoe-Rev. L Cameron; Ailsa Craig, Carlisle, Wallace town, and Lobe Rev J K Wright; Kintore, Eng lish Settlement, and Bethel-Rev. Mr Ball; Longwood, Chalmers and Duff's Church, Dunwich-Rev. H. Cameron and Rev. Mr. Connell. Arrangements will yet be made for canvassers in other places, and books and other canvassing materials will be sent as soon as received by Rev. Dr. Proudloot, convener of the committee. The standing committees were then appointed. Reports of commissioners to the General Assembl, were made by the following Revs. Dr. Proudfoot, Kennie, McKinnon, Henderson, and Kippen, and Messrs. McKenzie, Robinson, and Short. Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, on behalf of the committee, re ported having examined John Woods, a candidate for the ministry, and found him in every respect satis factory They recommended him to the Board of Examiners of Knox College. A verbal report having been made by Revs. Dr. Proudfoot and N. McKinnon, it was moved by Rev Mr. Marray, seconded by Rev. A Stewart that, inasmuch as havi ig heard the statements of Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. M. K.n. on, vouching that leave was granted by the General Assembly to this Presbytery to receive Rev George Crombie as a minister of this church, we now proceed to receive him, notwohstanding the absence of the regular papers from the Assembly Carried Mr. Crombie then came forward, assented to the us uil questions, agreed to sign the formula, and was duly received by the moderator. The following committee were appointed to visit ald receiving congrega tions, Wardsville-Revs. Messrs. Stewart, and L. Cameron. Port Stanley - Revs. Frazer, and D K. McKenzie. London East-Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, and Mr. Ballantyne. Delaware -Revs. Urquhart, and Henderson. Springfield-Revs. Paradis, and McDougall. Lucan and Fraser Rets Ball, and Johnstone. Rev. Mr. Rennie road a letter from Dr. Mills, of Springfield, stating that the congregation cannot raise so much as \$6 per Sunday as here; fore and that \$4 is the full amount possible. The debt is \$90 . Mr. Murray mived that the Convener of the H.M.C be empowered to assess the congr gation pro rata to meet the deficiency of the past. Rev D Proucfoot second with the understanding that the assist-Carried ance is simply requested, not authoritatively demander, by the Presbytery Rev. Mr. Ball gave notice of a motion in reference to the work of the French Evangelization.—J. K. WRIGHT, Pres. Clerk, pro.

### Sabbath School Seacher.

#### INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

LESSON XXXII.

AUE. 12-10-1532. THE LAST DAYS OF YOSH. A. (Josh xxiv

GOLDEN TEXT -" Choose ye this day whom ye

will sorve."- Josh. 24: 15.
CENTRAL TRUTH.-We ought to serve God.

CONNECTION.—Twenty five years after entering Cannan, Joshua, now "old and stricken in age," gathered the tribes at Shechem (afterward Sychai") to give then, his last

-Gods: These were idols which men worshipped instead of the true God. These gods were Dagon, Basl, and Ashtaroth. The Egyptians worshipped th bull, the crocodile and other animals. Other heathens make figures of wood and stone and bow down to them. Some wor-shipped the sun and the stars. Egypt: one of the oldest countries in the world. Joseph was sold by his brothers into Egypt, and afterwards his father and brothers dwelt there. It is enriched by the Nile, and has some of the there. It is enriched by the Nile, and has some of the grandest ruine, and the grandest history of any country in the world. Flood: the river Euphrates, which was called the "great river." (Geo. 15: 18.) On its banks was the splendid city of Babyion, and in the land through which it flows Abraham lived before he went to Canaan. Seven hundred years after this the children of Israel were captives and its banks.

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I. THE GOOD CHOICE.—Ver. 14.—Fear the Lord:

"The fear of the Lord is the eiginning of knowledge."

(Prov. 1: 7.) A deep reverence, and fear to offend; sincere worship. Sincerity and Truth: God sees the heart and cannot be deceived. Mere outward worship or pretended religion he will not accept. Put away the Gods: remains of heatherism long survived among them. Other side of the Flood: of the river Euphrates, from whence Abraham came. (God. 11: 31.) whence Abraham came. (Gon. 11: 31.)

Ver. 15.—Soom ovil unto you: if it is too burdensome; if you know some better way than serving God. some; if you know some better way than serving God. Choose you this day, so Enjah chauenged the people long after, (1 Kings 18.21) The most important the act a person ever makes is to serve God. We will serve the Lord: Joshua had decided for himself, and his family had decided. Our anamaly man decided, others. Our example may decide others. Instead of wateing to be influenced by others, we have the privilege of influencing them.

Ver. 16.—God forbid that we should forsake the Lord: it seemed easy and pleasant to serve God that day. Joshua had told them of God's great deliverances,

day. Joshua had told them of God's great deliverances, and given them his own good example. Such times are good to strengthen the heart against the time of temptation and weakness. "In summer prepare for winter"

II Good Reasons Given—Ver. 17.—Out of the Land of Egypt: to the Israelite God's crowning metry was always the deliverance from Egypt. So to the Christian, God's great mercy is always the forgiveness of his sins. It is such a great deliverance! All the way in which we wont: in the wilderness—preserving them from enemies—from starvation and thirst—and bearing with all their waywardness. Drayo out before us all the all their waywardness. Drave out before us all the people capecially they mention the Amoutes, the people of the hills, powerful in war; yet God drove them out before Israel. Ho is our God: they had such overwhelming reasons (but no more than we'l) for serving God that they solemnly vowed to choose Him as their own God.

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Ver. 19.—Ye cannot serve the Lord. Joshua meant by this caution that it was an important and difficult thing to be godly. To be hearless in our hearts, and to go to hell, we have only to follow our natural bent. If they decided to serve God they must give their whole souls to it. Will not forgive your transgressions, their ain would be of a very aggravated type—for they knew that idols were vain. Ignorance may lessen sin, but only penitence and atonement can secure its pardon.

Ver. 20.—Turn, and do you, but the when toes

Ver. 20.—Turn and do you hurt: when they turned to idols, God always punished them, often by le ...ng

their fies oppress them.

III THE COVENANT —Ver 21 —Nay, but we will serve the Lord: they deliberately and heartily chose God. It is good to give words to the decisions of our hearts.

Ver. 22.—Ye are witnesses against yourselves. you have chosen God; if you turn away how great with ice your sin! And they said. We are witnesses. they were quite ready to take all the responsibility which belonged to their avowed choice. So the Christian; he openly chooses God, and takes everything that goes along with that choice.

Ver. 23.-Put away, said he, the strange Gods there must have been some hidden idolatry among them. just as among us, secret unbelief, and trusting in something else than Christ.

Ver. 24—The Lord our God will we serve. they again and again repeated their work to serve, and worship, and love God. Perhaps there are ome in your class who have never said in words that they would obey God and love Christ. Get them to commit themselves!

Ver. 25 .- Made a covenant. twice the ver. 25.—Made a covenant, twice the covenant had been publicly and in a national manner made before—once at Sinai, or "Horeb," and again in the land of Moah (See both mentioned, Deut. 29:1.) Now this covenant was solemnly renewed. Statute and an ordinance: Joshua fixed the transactions of this day as a standing law-an article of their "Constitution."

Ver. 26.—Wrote these words. Moses and Joshua are each spoken of as "writing" in a book. An official copy (perhaps the original one) was found by Hilkiah, the High Priest, long after. (1 Kings 22:8) And doubtless copies were more or less multiplied even in those early days. A great stone: such memorials are often mentioned—evidences of covenants made or mercies received. So Bethe. Galeed, Exercer, etc. This stone, called a "pillar," mained long in Shechem. (See Judges 9.6.)

Ver. 27.—A witness unto us. the advantage of such a witness is that it reminds us of our vow and engagement. So the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. So sickness, deaths, or providences in our path of life. It is for God thus to remind us, and it is for us thus to remember.

Ver. 28.—Every man went unto his inheritance: having in the public assembly pledged ourselves to God, the best thing we can do is to go home and live for God in our private and home life. These people would be very happy that day, as they went home to their villages and fields.

Ver. 29.-Died, being a hundred and ten years Ver. 29.—Died, being a hundred and ten years old: Joshua died at the age of his ancestor Joseph. He was forty five years old when he left Egypt, eighty-five years old when he entered Canaan, and had ruled in Israel twenty-five years. A faithful man, whose only ambition was to please God and have the people serve and worship Him.

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- 1. We must choose. Professing to be neutral is choosing to remain on the side of Satan and sin.

  2. "This day" is the best time we shall ever have for
- choosing God 1
- choosing God!

  3. There are "gods" other than those of wood and metal; fashion, pride, evil passion, selfishness, bad habits.

  4. Remembrances of God's mercies it a good reason for choosing and serving Him. (Ver. 17, 18.)

  5. Joshua and his household would serve God, even if all others turned away. We should be decided for God.

  6. Let us often look on the Shechem stones we have exceled, and renew our rows to God!
- crected, and renew our vows to God!

#### TRUTHS.

No man can serve two masters. Make good pledges and keep them. They that seek the Lord shall find him. A godly old age deserves respect.

### OUR COURC COLKS.

AN OLD PROVERB.

Pouting my derling because it rains.

And flowers droop and the rain is falling.

And drops are blurring the window-panes.

And a meaning wind through the lane is calling

Crying and wishing the sky was clear.

And roses again on the lattice twining?

Alt, well, remember, my foolish dear.

""Tis easy to laugh when the sun is shining I"

When the world is bright fair and gay.
And glad birds sing in the fair June weather,
And summer is gathering, night and day,
Her golden chalics of sweets together,
When blue seas answer the sky above,
And bright stars follow the day's declining,
Why, then 'tis no merit to amile, my love;
"'Tis easy to laugh when the sun is shining!"

But this is the time the heart to test,

When winter is near and storms are howling,
And the earth from under her frozen vest
Looks up at the sad sky, mute and scowling.
The brave little spirit should rise to meet
The season's gloom and the day's repining;
And this is the time to be glad; for, sweet,
"'Tis easy to laugh when the sun is shining!"

#### "NOTHING FINISHED."

I once had the curiosity to look into a little girl's work-box; and what do you suppose I found?

Well in the first place, I found a "bead purse" about half done; there was, however, no prospect of it ever being finished, for the needles were out, and the silk upon the spools was all tangled and drawn into a complete wisp Laying this aside, I took up a nice piece of perforated paper, upon which was wrought one board of a Bible, and beneath it the words "I love"—but what she loved was left for me to guess. Beneath the Bible-board I found a sock, evidently commenced for some babyfoot; but it had come to a stand just upon the little heel, and there it seemed doomed to remain. Near to the sock was a needle-book, one cover of which was neatly made, and upon the other, partly finished, was marked, "To my dear -- ." I need not, however, tell you all that I found there; but this much I can say, that during my travels through that work-box I found not a single article complete; and silent as they were, these half-finished, forsaken things told me a sad story about that little girl

They told me that, with a heart full of generous affection, with a head full of useful and pretty projects, all of which she had both the means and skill to carry into effect, she was still a useless child—always doing, but never accomplishing her work. It was not a want of industry, but a want of perseverance.

Remember, my dear young friends, that it matters but little what great things we morely undertake. Our glory is not in that, but in what we accomplish. Nobody in the world cares for what we mean to do; but everybody will open their eyes by and by to see what men and women and little children have done.

#### THE QUEEN OF ALL.

Honour the dear old mother. Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, ploughed deep furrows on her cheek. The lips are thin and shrunken, but those are

the hips which have kissed many a hot tear from the childish cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in all the world. The eye is dim, yet it glows with the soft radiance of holy love which can never fade. Ah, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go further and reach down lower for you than any other upon earth. You cannot walk into a midnight when she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars will keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach that she may kiss and bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsako you; when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mether will gather you in her feeble arms and carry you home, and tell you all your virtues, until you almost forget your soul is disfigured by vices. Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.

#### BEYOND.

Never a word is said

But it trembles in the air,
And the truant voice has sped,
To vibrate everywhere;
And perhaps far-off in eternal years
The echo may ring upon our ears.

Never are kind acts done
To wipe the weeping eyes,
But, like flashes of the sun,
They signal to the akies;
And up above the angels read
How we have helped the sorer need.

Nover a day is given,

But it tones the after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears
While the to-morrows stand and wait,
The silent mutes by the outer gate.

There is no end to the sky,
And the siars are everywhere,
And time is eternity,
And here is over there;
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far-away.

#### DID NOT GO WHERE THEY WERE.

"I've been in India for many a year, and I never saw a native Christain the whole time." So spake a colonel on board a steamer going to Bombay. Some days after the same colonel was telling of his hunting experiences, and said that thirty tigers had fallen to his rifle.

"Did I understand you to say thirty; colonel?" asked a missionary at the table.

"Yes, sir, thirty," replied the officer.

"Because," pursued the missionary, explanatorily, "I thought, perhaps, you meant three."

"No, sir, thirty;" this time with emphasis.
"Well, now, that's strange," said the missionary, "I have been in India twenty-five years, and I never saw a wild live tiger all the while."

"Very likely not, sir," said the colonel; but that's because you didn't know where to look for them."

"Perhaps it was so," admitted the missionary, after a minute or two of apparent reflection, but may not that be the reason you never saw a native convert, a you affirmed the other evening at this table?"

#### A WORD FOR BOYS.

Ashanied of work, boys? -good, hard, hen est work? Then I am ashamed of you ashamed that you know so little about great men.

Open your old Roman History now and read of Cincinnatus. On the day when they wanted to make him Dictator, where did they find him? In the field ploughing.

The great Cato; you have surely heard of him—how he rose to all the honours of the Roman state—yet he was often seen at work in the field with the slaves. Scipio Africanus, who conquered Hannibal and won Carthage for Rome, was not ashamed to labour on his farm.

Lucretia, one of the noblest of Roman matrons, might have been seen many a day spinning among her maids.

Better even than the example of noble Romans is the advice of the wise man. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Better than this even are the beautiful New Testament words: "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

There! after this you will feel ashamed not to work.

#### LESSON FROM A CHILD.

I remember hearing of a little girl who went to her Sabbath school, and when she came home her mother asked her what she had done at school, and she, in the simplicity of her little soul, said:

"Oh, dear mother, I am afraid I have done nothing; for you know there was little Mary Curtis, whose baby brother was buried this week, and she was sorry, and she cridd so that I cried with her, and I took her hands in mine, and kissed her, but it took all the lesson out of my head; and poor Sarah Miles, who is always behind with her lessons had them this morning quite perfect; and she was so happy that, although she got more tickets than I did, I was quite glad too."

"My dear," said the happy mother, "you have fulfilled the apostle's injunction, you have wept with those that wept, and rejoiced with those that rejoiced."

#### A CLEVER REPLY.

Some time ago a working-man was urged by his employer to do some work on the Sabbath. The man courteously, but firmly declined to do it. "Why!" said the employer, "did not our Lord himself say that "the Sabbath was made for man'?" "Yes, sir," was the shrewd reply of the work-man, "you are right—the Sabbath was made for man, and is therefore not to be taken from man."

"I'll do better to-morrow," said a little boy one day to his mother, but this was very foolish. Why not do better to-day? There is not one word in the Bible which calls upon you to be better to-morrow. It is always to-day.



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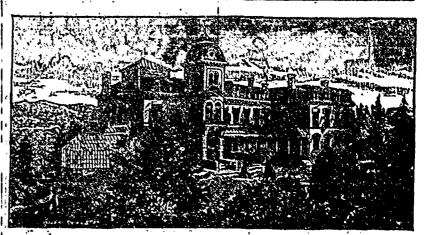
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