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Tue Irish Presbyterians desire that the Rev. R. J. Lynd of May Strect I'resbyterian Church, Belfast, should succeed Dr. Porter as president of Queen's College, Belfast. Cork College is presided over by a Rom?n Catholic, and Galway by an Episcopalian. and it is thought reasonable that Belfast should have a Presbyterian. Mr. Lynd, who is an eminent pulpit orator, has taken a very prominent part on the Unionist side, although previous to the Home Rule departure an ardent supporter of Mr. Gladstone.

Tue Chiristian Leader says: The pulpit buffoon is not likely to have a long lease of life in Scotland. At the settlement last week of Mr. Hugh, in the Livingstone Church, Blantyre, no hearticr applause was heard than that which Dr. Fergus Ferguson elicited by his allusion to a line which he saw the other day on a newspaper bill: "New departure in preaching: Funny fellows in the pulpit." The pulpit, said Dr. Ferguson, was not the place for mere jocularity and buffoonery. It was said the pulpit was dying of dignity ; but he said, Let it die if it camot be kept alive by any other means than jokes.

Tine New York Independent used to be accurate in its statements concerning Canadian matters. What has come over it oflate? The announcement made at the close of the following paragraph will simply amuse Canadians: We have mentioned that the party bonds are drawn so tightly in Canada that of the two parties only thirteen men voted to request the Government to veto the Provincial Act of Quebec, giving $\$ 400,000$ to the Jesuits, if the Pope approves, as indemnity for property sequestrated more than a century ago. Of these thirteen one has felt it necessary to resign and appeal to his constituency for an approval of his act. They have sustained their member.

The New York Independent says: The women voted by the thousands in Kansas last week, the number far cexeceding those of 1857 . Over 2,360 voted in Topeka, aud corresponding numbers elscwhere. The one issuc now, as then, was decent municipal government, and our readers do not need to be told which side the women were on. It made very little difference to them whether the ring candidates were Democrats or Republicans; their votes went for pure government every time. Oskalonsa has re-elected its feminine rulers, and two other small cities, (Cottonwood Falls and Rossville, have put their government into the hands of women. Not less than 40,000 women voted, and the policy of female suffrage, like that of prohibition, has apparently come to stay in Kansas.

The Britisll W'eekly says: One of the most powerful, influential, and original of German theological thinkers has been withdrawn by the lamented death of Profcssor Ritschl, of Gottingen. No one since Ewald in his \%enith has more deeply impressed the young mind of his country; few, indeed, have brought to the study of theology a mind so well furnished, so candid and sn keen. Ritschl is a man very difficult to classity. He took his own path, and led rather than followed. Ifis position cannot be fully understood from the English translation of one of his books. His literary activity was continued to the end, and he did not live, like Ewald, to see his lecture room empty. It will not be easy to forget that clear, serene face, with its look of unstudied dignit"-not unlike that of the author of "Fece llomo."

Tine writer of the "Welsh Notes" in a Welsh periodical, states that no reference is made in "The Mcmoir of the late Dean of Bangor" to the interesting debate on "Episcopalianism eversus Nonconformity," which took place many years ago between the Rev. Dean and Principal Edwards, in the columns of the Golcuad. "Many a time did the Dean," says the writer, "come to the office of the Goletad, evidently with a consciousness that he had met with his stronger. But," proceeds the writer, "what gave us much amusement at that time was the way in which the Dean tried to account for the
ability of his opponent's contributions. 'His father writes them for him, he said, 'and he signs his own name to them!' That," says the writer "is the strongest acknowledgment I heard that the Dean felt he was floored.

AT the annual mecting of the Toronto Mission Union, held last week, these gentlemen were clected on the general committec. Ilon. S. H. Blake, R. P. Dixon, Rev. J. Salmon, William Gooderham, G. E Gillespie, W. H. Houston, Henry O'IBrien, R. Kilgour W. H. Howland, R. Hall, Elias Kogers, J. Munn, A. H. Brace, E. Taylor, H. B: Gordon, H. C. Dixon, E Berkinchaw, J. D. Nasmith, W. Ferguson, Arthur Burson, J. J. Gartshnre, secretary; A. P. Brace assictant secretary and $\Lambda$ Sampson, treasurer. .The reports for March showed that good work had been done during that month $\Lambda$ special committee was named to make arrangements for the annual public meeting to be held in Sackville Street Hall in May: The treasurer reported that the receipts for the past month amounted to $\$ 200$. In addition to this, $\$ 1,000$ has been received towards the erection of a new hall in the central district.

- Tue following appears in the New York Independent: As it fell to the lot of Dr. Rand to organite the free school systems both of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, he speaks with authority on the subject in the following note to us: Contrasting British Canada" and "French Canada," Mr. Goidwin Smith, in the Independent of March 28, says In British Canada the Roman Catholic Church has managed to secure for herself separate schools. This is true of Ontario and Manitoba. The gallant and successful struggle of New Brunswick, from $1 \$ 72$ to 1876, to maintain her non-sectarian system of cducation against the combined influence of the Roman Catholic Church throughout Canada, despite the attempted interference with the constitutional rights of New Brunswick by the majority of the Dominion House of Commons, is notorious in Canada. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, l'rince Edward Island and British Columbia-all parts of "British Canada" -maintain each a most efficient system of non-sectarian public schools.

Shenking at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Prison Gate Mission, Professor Henry Drummond pointed out that the mistake in the present criminal system was that almost nothing was done to change the nature of delinquents, and develop it in a new direction. Until something in this way was effected, prison gate and other missions must be upheld throughout the country. The community at large was implicated in the crime of every man or woman who was not sent to prison. Society was half to blame for it, and the least they could do was to give a helping hand to enable those persons to start afresh or lead a new life. By-and-by, he hoped, the time would come, when society was educated up to the point of trying to deal with the masses before they had committed sin, that such organizations as that one would be uanecessary. It would be much less cexpensive to ${ }^{\circ}$ keep people straight from the start: but the strange thing was that while any amount of money was given to help people after they had gone down the hill, very little money indeed was available to prevent them from getting there.

Every Saturday afternoon there is a notable gathering of Sabbath school workers at Crescent Street Church lecture hall, Montreal, under Dr. A. B. Mackay. The opportunity is seized by a very large number to perfect themselves in their great work. At a recent meeting, the subject was "Reviewing," and was introduced in a fifteen minute address by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of Point St. Charles, who insisted that the teachers, in recapitulating the Bible lesson of the previous quarter, should studiously kecp in mind the purpose and manner of the review. He spoke warmly in favour of the system of reviewing adopted with so much success in our Sunday schools, because it emphasized the Scriptural truths brought before the scholars during a series of previous.Sundays; and impressed them with clearer distinctress upon their memories. The teacher, he urged; should seek to make a lasting impression on the mind of
the child, and then to fix the truth as a living convietion in its soul. Reviewing compelled a recognition of old truths by different methods, and the work of preparing for review must not be intermittent or spasmodic, but contimuous on the part of the teacher. He also advocated verbal and written cxaminations as the best method of ascertaining the exact measure of kinoledge which the child has acquired.

Ar one of a series of Free Church Conferences in lidinburgh, on the condact of public worship, Dr. Walter C. Smith presided. In his opening remarks he directed attention to the sermon. It passed as an axiom with many; he said, that people do not so to church to hear a sermon, but to worship God; and there were some clergymen, he understood, who allowed an interval for worshppers to leave, so as to escape the sermon. IIe hoped he was not uncharitable in thinking that in their case the sermon was pretty much of a superfluity. Whether it should be so was another matter altugether. It was emphasized that in the early days of the Christian Church the scrmon was absolutely eveything, because there could could be no common worship until there was a common faith. He admitted the pulpit was not all it should be, but it was not so weak as some of its critics were fain to represent it. There were various reasons for this, some attributable to the ministers, and others to customs that were not easily changed. They must make conscience of their preaching, doing it in no perfunctory manner. What they had to do was to preach the Christian doctrine in its relation to Christian life and character, and it was only the constraining love of Christ that could produce a Christian man. Our Church arrangements made too many demands on the minister, and consequently he could not do his work as he ought. The minister had too much preaching to do, and that was what spoilt it all. for he had no time for proper study, or energy for fresh thought. Something must be done if the sermon was to hold its own against the press. He advised young ministers not to read their sermons, but to look their audiences in the face.

Tי' K... Josi,. I.eslie l'orter, D.D.. LLL.D., D.Lit., President of the Queen's College, Belfast, died on the toth ult. The college he served so ardently and faithfully, and the l'resbyterian Church, of which he was a devoted and loyal son and minister, have sustained a great loss by his removal. He was born in Uctober, $1 \$ 23$, at llurt, County Donegal and was the youngest son of Licutenant William Porter. He was cducated at the University of Glasgow, and graduated 13.A. in 1542 , and M.A. in 1843 , and afterwards studied at the University of ledinburgh and the Free Church College. He was ordained in $1 \$ 46$. In is49) he married the youngest daughter of Rev. Henry Uooke. D.I), I.L.I)., of Belfast, and the same year went out as a missionary of the Irish l'resbyterian Churh to Syria. His books, "Five Ycars in Damascus," "Handbook for Syria and Palestine," and "The Giant Cities of Bashan," which have been read widely and with great delight, established his reputation. ()n his return to Ireland he was appointed professor of Biblical Criticism in the $A$ ssembly's College, Jelfast, in 1859, and subsequently Secretary of the. laculty. He wrote "The Life and Times of 1 ): Cooke," his renowned father-in-law, and furnished articles to important encyclopedias and reviews in Britain and America. The Church conferred upon him the highest honour in its gift by placing him in the Moderator's chair of the General Assembly in 1\$75, and during his year of office te originated a manse fund, which has been an immense benefit to many of his ministerial brethren. He was appointed by Jarliament one of the assistant commissioners under the Intermediate Education Act in 1875 , and resigned his professorship in the Assembly's College, and in the following year, when Dr. Henry quitted his post of President of the Queen's College, be was nominated, by the Crown, P'resident of the college and Scnator of the Queen's University. He was appointed Senator of the Royal University in 188 so. He received the honourable degrees of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh in 1864 ; of IEL.D. from the University of Glasgow in the same year, and of D.Lit. from the Queen's University in IS3I.

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An English gournal contains a lively description of Mr. McNeill's first appearance as pastor in the gulpit of the Regent Square Church, Iondon. After describing the crowd that struggled to get into the church, the appearance and manner of the preacher, and saying some things about the singing, the pravers and the sermon; the writer adds: Then followed
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while the collection was being taken up.
Why did that writer think the silence awkward? Most likely because he was not used to it. He had perhaps been accustomed to a voluntary or something of that kind while the plates were being passed around. Possibly he needed music to stimulate him to give a good contribution. Perhaps he kept time to the music as he put his hand into his pocket and took out a sovereign. He may indeed have felt the silence to be so awkward that he forgot to put anything in the plate. He was not used to contributing in silence.

Another man might have thought a voluntary as awkward as this writer thought the silence. Indeed some people do think voluntartes worse than awkward. Whether you like or dislike a voluntary or ten thousand other things may depend very much on whether you are used to them.

Some years ago a Canadian. Scotchınan - a Canadian Scotchman is a citizen that was born in Scotland but is domiciled in Cianada-worshipped in a Presbyterian Church in a city in the Western States. The preacher gave a rather lively description of the Patriarch Jacob setting out on a journey with his carpet bag in his hand. The patriarch was pictured as travelling very much as people travel on Western prairies. The Canadian did not greatly admıre the picture. He took the liberty of doubting whether Jacob owned a car-pet-bag. On his return home he wold his minister how the sermon struck him, but was careful to add. "Now I am not finding fault, mind. It may have been all right-it may have been all right in preach that way, but I wasn't used to it."

Yes, there is a great deal in being used to a thing. Quite likely that preacher's own congregation liked the picture very well. Perhaps the lessons of the sermon were more vividly impressed because they saw the picture. Perhaps some of them remember the sermon to this day. The final account may show that much good was done by that sermon. The ocotchman, being an intelligent, sensible Christian-all Christhans are not sensible-knen all this, and was careful not to condemn harshly a style that was a hitele too free for him. So like a good, sensible man, he added, "It may have been all right. 1 am not tunding fault. But I wasn't used to it."

Are there not many things that we dislike and condemn simply because we are not used to them: The old-time Methodists used to shout "Amen," "Glory," "Hallelujah" when they were moved by a rousing sermon. Presbyterians never could stand that kind of thing. They like a quiet, orderly service. Is it not possible that one reason why they don't like a hearer to shout "Amen" is because they never were used to it? Had they been brought up that way a vigor. ous response from the Amen corner would never have annoyed them. They are not used to $1 t$, and we hope they never will be.

It is to be hoped that the practice of applauding preachers when they say things that the people like will never become general in Canada. Such conduct is utterly irreverent and altogether out of place in the house of God. It is inconsist. ent with the day, the place and the purpose for which the people meet. But there is no use in denying the fact that one reason why a Presbyterian congregation would feel horrified at a round of applause is because they are not used to it. Nobody is shocked at seeing half a dozen people soundly asleep during public service. A writer in a Detroit journal recently stated that he saw the occupants of scucu pews asleep in a Presbyterian Church in Toronto not long ago. Possibly that write: has forgotten that hatchet story that is related about the Father of bis country. Be that as it may, one vigorous round of applause would shouk an average Presbyterian congregation, more than the snores of a score of sleepers. And why? Mainly because most of us have seen a good many people asleep in church, but comparatively few have ever heard unsecmly applause. Viewed on their merits, ap. plause is less disrespectful than slumber. The man who claps his hands at the end of an eloquent sentence is at least taking an interest, if not a very reverent interest, in what is going on. The man who is soundly asleep is-well, he is simply asleepr, and sleeping is not even remotely connected with worship.

The introduction of res ponsive reading into the Presbyterian service would undoubledly create an agitation. No reasonable man will seriously contend that there is any ques. tion of principle involved in responsive readings. No amount of ingenulty can show that there is anything wrong in the minister and people reading sentence, "verse about," or sentence about. Granted that the few Presbyterians who favour responsive readings have the most exaggerated notions about the amount of attractiveness responsive readings give a service. Some chrurches that have responsive readings are not as well attunded or prosperous as the Presbyterians. There is nothing in responsive readings either to help or hinder a. church. The fact, ho:vever, is, we dislike responsive readings mainly because we are not used to them.

Many good people dislike hymns for no other reason in the world other than that they are not used to them. Hundreds hate organs for cexactly the same reason.

We might all do well to examine ourselves on this question : How many things in the Church and in the yorld do 1 declare wrong simply because I am not used to them-and for no better or higher reason?

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## II REV. R. F. burns, d.d., hatheas.

Mariolatry or jesumism.

In the most solemn manner have the Jesuits sworn allegiance to the cause of Mary. They address her by the most blasphemous titles and laud her in the most extravagant terms. She is styled Mother of God, Advocate and Refuge of Sinners, Morning Star, Gate and Queen of Heaven. Bonaventura, a saint in great repute, published an edition of David's Psalms, in which the name of Jehovah is invariably exchanged for that of Mary. In the eleventh edition, printed at Rome so recently as 18.40 , we find such sentences as these: "We prefer our praises to thee, O Mother of God. All the earth shall reverence thee, the spouse of the Eternal Father. To thee angels and archangels, to thee thrones and principalities humbly bow themselves To thee all choirs, to thee 'Cherubim and Seraphim exalting worship around. To thee all angelic creatures sing praises with incessant voice, Holy, Holy, Holy, Mary, Mother of God. The heavens declare the glory of the Virgin, and the firmament showeth her handiwork. In Thee, $\cap$ Lady, have 1 put my trust. Vnto Thee have I cried, O Mary, when my heart was in heaviness. Come unto Mary all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and She shall refresh your souls."

St Alphonso de Liguori, who was ranonized in 1839, whose life was written by Cardinal Wiseman, and who is at present one of the highest authorities amongst the jesuits, particularly in Rome, has similar statements in his "Glories of Mary." He gives the narrative of a version of two ladders, the one red, the other white. Like Jacob's, they reached from heaven to earth. At the head of the one was Christ, and all who ventured to ascend by it invariably fell back. At the top of the other was Mary, and all who took advantage of it received her helping band, and as invariably succeeded The same is depicted in an altar scene at Milan.

A Jesuit connected with one of the principal colleges in Rome, informed Mr Seymour, a respected Church of Eng. land clergyman, in the course of a conversation a few years ago, that the worship of the Virgin Mary was a growing wor-
ship in Rome, that it was increasing in depth and intense. ness of devotion, and that there were now many of their divines and he spoke of himself as agreeing with them in sentiment) who were teaching that as a woman brought in death, so a woman was to bring in life ; that as a woman brought in sin, so a woman was to bring in holiness; that as Eve brought in damnation, so Mary was to bring in salvation.

Another distinguished Jesuit professor informed Mr. Seymour that it was his own opinion and that of many of the fathers that Mary was more gentle and tender than her Son, and that God "hears our prayers more quickly when they are offered through her than when offered through any one else." And be it always remembered this is the doctrine of the Roman Church in her collective capacity as well as of those accomplished men who have always constituted her most efficient light-infantry. What saith the Breviary or Prayer Book? "If the winds of temptation arise, if thou run upon the rocks of tribulation, look to the Star, call upon Mary. If thou art tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of detraction, of envy, look to the Star, call upon Mary. If anger, or avarice, or the temptations of the flesh top the bark of thy mind, look to Mary. If disturbed with the greatness of thy sins, troubled at the defilement of thy conscience, affrighted at the horrors of the judgment, thou beginnest to be swallowed up in the gulf of sadness, the abyss of despair, think upon Mary."

And what saith lope Pius 1 . ., the recent infallible occu. pant of St. Peter's chair? In an encyclical letter, having all the authority of a Bull, dated February 2, 18.99, the Virgin is described as "raised by the greatness of her merits above all the choir of angels, up to the throne of God," and as having "crushed under the head of two virtues, the head of the old serpent." "The foundation of our contidence [continues he] is in the most holy Virgin, since it is in her that God has placed the plentude of all good in such sort that if there be in us any hope-if there be any spiritual health - we know that it is from her that we receive it, because it is the will of Him who hath willed that we should fave all through the instrumentality of Mary."

These are the very words of Pope Pius N . What need we any further witness in favour of the fact that iaolatry in its most repulsive form, is branded on the brow of a Jesuit and of the Church to which he belongs? And does not this realize in part that feature of the great Apostasy drawn by the pen of ancient prophecy, "She shall change laws." The First Commandment in heaven's moral code is made virtually a nullity. The second has been blotted out altogether.

Most of what we have already advanced goes to show that the Third Commandment also has beenodirectly infringed upon. The extracts we have given from the most approved Jesuit authorities contain the very essence of blasphemy and profanity. Surely it is "taking the name of the Lord our God in vain" to give it to frail and fallible creatures; to have a woman in heaven in the person of the Virgin, and a man on
earth in the person of the lope, receiving the tilles and the homage which are due to Deity alone. To address Mary as "Holy, holy, holy," and his Holiness as "our Lord God the Pope;' and to regard every superior as standing in room of Christ, bearing His spotess character and adorned with his incomparablegifts is certainly to tarnish the lustre of Him who is jealous for His great name and who will not give His glary to another.

## jesutt treatment of samatil.

Respecting the systematic brenches of the liourth Com. mandment, no doubt exists. Jesuits and Romanists generally know no Sabbath. It is almost universally admitted that when the hours of service are over, anything may be done The following extract from Dr. Reilly's Catecluisun (published in Dublin in 1834) whose poetry is about equal to his piety, may serve to show how in their estecm the dnys appointed by human carry it over the day appointed by the divine nuthority:


The service of the mass, short at best, is often rendered shorter by being divided into four parts, each of which is as signed to a separate priest, so that the nudience nre expected to stretch their minds over the four divisions of the one theme at once. There is no difficulty in this, sor ofen there is no audience to listen, and oftener still the mind is overywhere rather than in the service. It is not unusual on a Sabbath evening beneath the mighty dome of St. Peser's to witness a Cardinal or Bishop at the head of a regiment of priests ministering to half a dozen, and sometimes, especinilly in the afternoons, there is not a solitary soul! And ns for the kind of worship required, why Father Barry, in his "Devotion Made Easy," secures salvation to every one (even though he live on in the grossest sin), if he regularly twice a day salute the holy Mary with "good-morrow" and "good-nght," or if that be too troublesome, should he simply wear a chaplet in the form of a bracelet on his arm, or a litule image of the Virgin in his pocket. It could not be expected then when salvation can be got on such easy tems that men would be very partucular about keepmg the Sabbath or attending the sanctuary.

Advancing from the first table of the law to the second we tud that love to our nei, hbour is no more regnrded by the Jesuit than love to God.

Brotherly kindness and chanty are to be cherished only in so far as they may be found convenient, and there is nothing wrong in cherishing the very opposite feclings when any end we deem good may be accomplished. Finther Tambourn declares it "altogether centan that there is no obs. tigation to love him (i,e., our neighbour) by any internal act or motion expressly tending towards him. Father Baumy goes still further, affirming that we may "wish harm to our neighbour without sin, when we are pushed upon it by some good

0 : what a luense is here given to every species of wrong

## INDIAN MIISSIONS IN IMANITOLIA:

The following letter from Rev. Joln McArthur, dated Bent Wah, 25th March, 1889, is forwarded for publication by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: I have delayed my report in order that it might he more complete when I sent it, I hope it will be in time for your annual report. The cloth: ing sent from Stratford and a small box from willing workers, Fergus, last October were all divided among the Indians on the toth and ith of the same month. Most of the clothing sent from Guelpi last winter was left at the Indinn school in Birtle according to orders from Revs. Professor Hart and Baird, the clothing was much needed by the school at the time, some of the clothing I brought home for the old men and women on the Reserve. Some of these people are very help. less and needy, and they desire to thank the kind friends that sent them the clothing. In the future I think it would be well to try and get all who are able to work to do something for the clothing they get, and in this way teach them self-reliance. The best help that we can give the Indians is to teach them to heip themselves. It would be less troublesome to give them what we have to give and then be done with it, but by giving our gifts in that way we are likely to do more harm to the Indian than good, on the other hand by discriminate help we will protect the Indian from suffering and from falling into the ranks of those who are a curse to socicty in all nations, by teaching him to work for his living. On the Beulah Reserve many of the Indians do very well in this respect. Last summer many of them had good crops, one man had 300 bushels of wheat, others one and two hundred bushels. They contributed to the schemes of the church $\$ 31$; and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Socicty sent to Toronto $\$ 20$ as acknow. ledged by your kind letter to the society, making in all \$51 from this reserve for the past year. In answer to your request to state the kind of clothing that should be sent, I may say that all kinds and all sizes can be used to advantage, all clothing for children of school age should be sent to the Birtle Indian School, by sending it there I will be relieved of the responsibility of keeping it from them if they should refuse to send their children to school; we havo snme dificulty in getting the children on this reserve to school, but I hepe we will get over this difficulty heforo long. There are abollt sixteen
nt school now, and Indians are coming in from the difierent reserves around Birtle to see about getting their children to school; for the short time that the school has been opened those attending it have made good progress, the older girls appear to get on well. In learning to do house-work Mr. and Miss Maclaren take great pains in doing all they can for the children. There were nine baptisms during the year, four of these were adults, very often the minister has to find a name for the person that is to be baptized. The first child was bap. tized by Professor Hart on the r2th of August, the child was called Thomas Wardrope Ben, icalled a'ter the Assembly Foreign Mission Convener), one of the adults baptized was a young woman named Effie Winona Hunter. She was mar. ried in about three weeks afterwards to John Thunder, our organist, who is also a good interpieter. He is now at lndian Head helping Rev. Mr. McLean. Another of those baptized was an old man about stxty-five years of age. When I visited
hinn first last spring I found he had never been much at church. I read and expounded a part of john iii., he listened very attentively; afterengaging in prayer I asked him if he would come to church, he said he would, and came next Sabbath and continued to come, but not very regularly; on the 23 th of December I was visiting on the reserve and was informed that this old man was dying and wanted to see me. When I got to that house, 1 found he was unconscious. I asked his wife why did they send for me? She said that for some time back her husband talked a great deal about the Christian religion, and about two weeks before he got sick, he expressed a desire to see me, that he might be baptized and received into the Church, but neglected to let me know of his desires then. She then told me that he had taken ill a week ago, and since then on several occasions, expressed a desire to see me, and to be baptized, but they neglected, to send me word. I live about eight miles from the Reserve, and have five stations, besides
the Reserve. I then tried again to waken this man, who the Reserve. I then tried again to waken this man, who
appeared to be in his death sieep. He opened his eyes and appeared quite clear in his mind. I asked him if he wanted to be baptized. He answered, 1 do. 1 asked him if he believed in Jesus. He answered, I believe Jesus is the only Saviour. I then asked him if he believed that Jesus was his Saviour. He answered that he did. I then spoke 10 him for a little, showing that while it was the duty of every believer in Christ to be baptized, it is the blood of Christ, and that only that can cleanse the soul. I baptized him then, and next morning he died. There have been ten deaths on the reserve during the year ; four of these were professing Christians, including the one just mentioned. Early in the fall, a Christian woman and a heathen Indian were buried the same day At the funeral of the Christian woman, her friends and relations were quiet and resigned, and laid their loved one in the grave, in the hope of a glorious resurrection. After the grave, in the hope of a gerions
fineral, Mr. Burges and I went to see the heathen family who had been bereaved also, but before we were within a mile of the place, over the hills of the Bird Tail Creek, we could hear the wail of the dead man's brother. This cry of woe reechoed by the hills and woods, as it reached our ears in the valley of Bird Tail. It appeared to bespeak the despair of the
man, and all like him who are without God, and without hope. As we got wo to the top of the hill, we met an Indian who although he attended church, was not a professing Christian. He said the Indians did not feel so sorry for the Christian woman because she was prepared to die, but they felt very sorry for the man who was not prepared to die. This Indian was baptized this winter and gives good evidence of being a sincere Christian. Before reaching the house of mourning, the noise changed, and when we got there the head of the household had gone out somewhere to weep for his brother and could not be found. On the 18th of June, a widow woman named Mrs. Eastman died ; sometime before her death 1 asked her what she intended to do with her four young children, she said: I leave them with God, and I know they will be taken care of. In answer to questions in regard to her -wn future, she said she was prepared to die. On the evening of her decease she said to the friends around her in the tent, I would like to go home to-night, and in a short time afterwards she called out, 0,1 am going now, and 1 see the big house, and the door is open already, and then passed away, we believe, to wear a spotless robe in the
mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for his people. There were nine received into this Church on profession of faith during the year. We now have twenty-seven on the communion roll. I preach on this on Fridav evenings every two weeks. The Sabbath 1 am not there, the elders conduct a service, and every Tuesday evening hold a prayer meeting. This meeting was stopped in the winter, but now is started again. They have also a Joung Men's Christian Association. They meet every Saturday evening. itie average Sabbath attendance will be about thirty-five : it is difficult to give the average attendance of the week evening meetings. Sometimes !hese meetings are well attended; at other times the attendance is so small that it is difficult to kcep the meetings up. At other times the workers go away to hunt, especially in the carly summer and fall, and week evening meelings are not held for weeks at a time. If they are not too far away they generally come home on Saturdays for the Sabbath services. The Woman's For-
cign Missionary Society are supposed to meet once a week eign Missionary Society are supposed to meet once a week
to sew. Before beginning work they read a portion of the Scripture and engage in prayer. I read your kind letter sent to Mrs. Big Hunter, to the women before the service last Sabbath. They were pleased to receive it. One of our Chirch members has stopped coming to church during the
winter, and joins t're heathen Indians in their dances. 1 was talking to him about it. He says he knows he is doing what is wrong, and would think about what I said to him, but he has not come back yet. He is offended at some of the Christian Indians, and now I will close. I have given you as full a report as 1 can. There is much in the Indian work to try our faith and patience, but it is not by any means a hopeless work. On this reserve, as you will see by this report, we have much reason to thank God and take courage. I hope that from the different mission fields of our Church you will have such a report for your annual meeting as will greatly strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of the Woman's Forcign Missionary Society. May your annual mecting be asseason of great blessing to the members of you suciety. May the great Head of the Church be with y $\quad 11$ i. sour deliberations, and guide you in adopting such measures as will be best to advance His kingdom. With kind regards from Mrs. McArthur and myself, yours very truly in the Master's service, Jolln Mcasillule.

## A STUDENT'S GRIEVANCE.

Mr. Enrrol, -1 desire to ask your readers if any liresbytery of our Church is at liberty to exercise its pleasure to an unlimited extent in prescribing examinations to students, and if not, what refuge students have from the sometimes capricious pleasure of a certain Presbytery' The students
of Queen's consider themselves aggrieved by the Presbytery of Kingston. In order that your readers may see this is not a mere whim on the part of the writer, but a genuine grievance in which the Church students share as a body, I sub. mit a number of facts bearing on the subject. There are three examinations to which the students are subjected by this Presbytery, and in connection with each of these are features wherein the Presbytery exceeds its prerogative.
The first of these is the examination of students going out to the mission field for the first time. At the liate,ex.
amination in this departnent a paper was set by the Convener of the "Committee in charge of students," the first half of which was upon a series of lectures on Bible History and geography delivered by him during the winter in the lecture room of his church, which lectures such students as found their regular college studies insufficient to occupy their time were privileged to attend. Not only so, but the students knew absolutely nothing beforehand about their being examined on these lectures. They do not simply imagine that they were examined on this course of lectures, for the
fact was very plainly indicated when a student, on asking eafact was very plainly indicated when a student, on asking ex-
planation of a certain question, received, as the introductory part of his answer from the examiner, the reply that "if he had attended these lectures during the winter he would know what the question meant." Several students who did not come up to the standard in this examination-what that standard is no one knows had their names actually struck off by the examiner from the list of students applying to the Home Mission Committee for summer appointments. But not only were the students applying for mission work for the first time summoned to appear for examination ; but those who who had done mission work for the first time last year, and had been duly certified to the college by their respective Presbyteries, were also made to undergo this examination; and a certain student of this class who failed to appear at this examination had his name struck of the list. I ask if the ready answers to such questions as :
"Compare the size of the Old Testament world with the Dominion of Canada."
"Name the Bible lands on the Mediterranean Sea."
"Give the points at issue between Paul and the Judaizing teachers."

Mention the churches that Paul founded in Europe on his second missionary iournep," etc.
are the best tests of a student's fitness to minister to the spiritual needs of a congregation during the summer? I that ind no regulation in the Book of Forms demanding much less any regulation requiring students, who have once done mission work, and have been duly certified to the college 10 be re-examined on resuming mission work. If such regulations exist on the statute books of the Church, it is unfair that they should be hidden in such dark corners that students have no access to them. It is a noteworthy fact that in connection with this examination, so exhaustive in the matter of Bible facts, there was absolutely no examination of the candidates as to moral character or personal religion.

The second examination to which students are subjected by this Presbytery is on the occasion of their entering Divinity Hall. The Theological Faculty of the college prescribes a matriculation examination in Hebrew, Greek, Confession of Faith, etc., at which most of the students entering Theology present themselves. As soon as the session has fairly begun all entrants on Theology are summoned before the Presbytery's examining committee and there, matriculants and non-matrtculants alike, have to undergo examination on the matriculaa vear and a half pgo at this examination two students who had passed the matticulation examination and who each had the degree of B.A., were actually plucked in Greek. The examination on that occasion, however, was not on the matriculation Greek but on work which the candidates had never read. These students were certified to the Theological Faculty as to their moral character but were refused certification as to their "general fitness" until they had submitted to another
reads: " It is the duty of Presbyteries to examine all persons presenting themseives as entrants on the study of theology, respecting their moral and religious character, their motives, and their general fitness to study for the ministry, and if satisfied to certuly them to the college which they propose to attend." I maintain that none of the above requirements is fulfilled by plucking graduates in Arts in passages of the Greek Testament which they liave never read.

The third examination is that of students makng application for license. The examination of thes year is a fair sample of those usually prescribed.' In addition to all the proper theological subjects set down in the book of Forms there were prescribed by the examining committce fifty P'salms in the Vulgate, the lectures in metaphysics of the junior class in Qucen's University and Plato's Republic, as well as a romprehensive examination in Biblical history and geography. In order that a student may pass a satisfartory examination on this last subject, it is necessary cither that he attend the lectures previously mentioned or that he read a prescibed textbook bearing on the subject. One stulent, at least, was plucked on this subject this spring and had to undergo rexamination.
The fear of veing plucked, and the disgrace and inconvenience attending such a misfortune, the laborious exactions of the comnittee over and above regular college work, and the time required for this last examunation-parts of four days during the college Session-materially himder the students in their regular college duties. So far as the students' experience testifies, the action of the Presbytery's Commutte is in direct opposition to the instructions given in the Book of Forms, according to which Presbyteries shall "encourage students in the arduous course of study by which the Church has wisely determined that her ministry should be reached." The discontent of the students, which has been increasing of late, hats at last taken definite form in a resolution passed by the students' Missionary Association, expressing dissatisfaction with this system of examinations.

It must not be supposed that 3 am one of the dissatisfied students manifesting my resentment because of severe treatment received from the committee at one time or other. As a matter of fact, I have had no connection with the Presbyery's Committec for more than two years, and my connection with the committee up to that time happened to be satisfactory. The prospects at present are that I will not have any
further connection with this examination coinmittee. Thus I further connection with this examination committee. Thus I am not influenced by any personal motive in rehearsing the grievances of the students, but only by a desire to see the in. terests of the Church students advanced rather than hindered.

In view of these facts, I repeat the questions with which this tetter opens. Is a Presbytery at liberty to exercise its pleasure to an unlimited extent in prescribing exammations for students: If it is, we must patiently submat. If it is not, what course should be pursued by students coming under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Kingston: Yours, etc. Student.

## SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Svnod of Hamilton and London met on the evening of the Sth inst. in \%ion church, Brantford, and was openned by the Rev. Dr. James, of Walkerton, the retiring Moderator. The attendance of ministers and elders was large, and the congre. gation represented all the denoninations in the city. Dr. James, who preached an able and appropriate sermon, look for his text Revelations v. 14.

After the sermon the Synod was constituted and the roll called by Dr. Cochrane, the clerk. The Moderator then asked for nominations for his successor. On motion of Dr. Thomson, of Sarnia, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot, the Kev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, was unanimously elected. On taking the chair he returned thanks in a characteristic speech.

The Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London, the Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, is a native of Kilmaurs, Ayrshire, Scotland, where he received his preliminary education. After attending at Glasgow University, he came with his parents to Camada, setting in Ayr, Ontario. He completed his training for the ministry in Knoa College. His first charge was Winterbourne, whence he was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas. From St. Thomas he was called to his present charge of wyommg and South Plympton, where he has done excellent work and where his services are highly appreciated. Mr. Cuthbertson is a faithful, manly, and evangelicalminister, and his etection to the Moderatorship of his Synod is a worthy tribute to genuworth.
The clerk read the list of nominations for the committees in commissions of elders, on licenses of students, on Presbywere adopted.

Arrangements were made to hear a fraternal deputation from the Methodist clergymen of the city, and to hear Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, on behalf of the Aged :und Infirm Ministers' Fund.
Notice of motion was given by Mr. Caswell, of Oncida, for a committee to prepare a deliverance on the Jesult ques-
tion. ion.
On Tuesday morning after routine business on motion of Rev. A. K. Caswell, of Oneida, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball the following committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Jesuit Fstates Bill and report at a future sederunt : Revs. Dr. James (convener), Dr. D. C. McIntyre, W. S. Ball, J. S. Henderson, Dr. Laing and A. K.. Caswell ; Mr. A. I.
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A petilion was read from the Maithand l'resbytery, isking the Synod to transfer to the said l'resbytery a portion of the mission field under the l'resbytery of Bruce. Messrs. MicQuarrie and Ross were heard in support of the petition. It was moved by Dr. Cochrane and seconded b; Dr. Thomson! That the Synod recommend the Presbytery of Maitland to confer with that of lbruce, and also, if they see fit, with the Presbytery of Owen Sound, in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, in the matter of dividing the mission field now under the sole care of the liruce Presbytery, and report the result of their negotiations to the next Synod, and aiso, if they deem it needful, to the Home Mission Committee at any of the meetings during the year. .-Carried.

A letter was read from l'rincipal Dymond, of the Blind Institute, inviting the members of the Synod to visit the institution. The letter was acknowledged with thanks.

A petition was read from Rev. Mr. Mel'herson, of Stratford egarding the annuity still unpaid him by the congregation of Knox Church, of that town, and in regard to which the Synod had already taken action by the appointment of a committec o confer with all partics with a view to amicable settement. The petition was also sent from the stratford l'resbytery, to gether with minutes of meetings of the committee. Dr. Proudfoot presented the petition and spoke to it, followed by Dr. Laidlaw. On motion the report of the committee was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered them for their diligence. Mr. McPherson was then heard at length, in support of his petition and it was finally moved by Dr. James, seconded by Dr. Laing, and agreed, that a small committee be appointed along with Dr. Proudfoot and Dr. Laidlaw to bring in a deliverance on the report submitted by the committee on the Stratford case.

Dr. McMullen reported on behalf of students sceking license, and leave was given to their respective Yresbyteries to license Messrs. Hutt, McMillan, Pettinger, Hossack, Jansen and Needham, lately students of Knox College.

The report on Temperance was presented by Mr. William Martin and its recommendations adopted. Among these recommendations are the following: That regular instruction should be given in the public schools in the text book on temperance, authoricil by the Education Depart, ment, and that the Minister of Education should be urged to allow value for the examination on this text book, as is the case with other subjects; that the subject of temperance be prominently set forth from the pulpit and otherwise, anc that the quarterlv temperance lesson be used in all the sab bath schools, and that, despite the late repeal of the Scot Act in so many counties, the friends of temperance should never relan their efforts until prohibition is obtained.

The report on Sabbath schools was presented by Mr. T. W. Nisbet, received and adopted and spectal thanks given him for his labours as Convener, in preparing such an interesting and elaborate report

The Synod recerved a deputation from the city Methodist ministers. Kev. Dr. Young, and Nev. John Kay, representing also the Niagara Conference, were introduced by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, in felicitous terms. He reminded the synod that Dr. Young had attended Thomas Scott, when evecuted by Riel during the Northwest Kebellion, and had done all he could to save him from death. The deputation addressed the Synod most happily, and the Moderator conveyed the congratulations of the Synod to the brethren of the Methodist Church in a cordial and humorous manner.

Rev. W. J. Dey, of Hamiton, presented the report on Sab. bath Observance, which was followed by speeches from Dr Laidlaw, Mr. Young, Mr. Mordy, Dr. McMullen and others. Strong resolutions were passed on ti.e subject, and the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to address the Dominion Government in the name of the synod.

In the evening the Synod visited the Young Ladies College, where an address was read to the members of the Synod by Miss Shortreed, of Toronto, on behalf of the students, and responded to by the Moderator, Mr. Cuthbertson. The beautiful grounds surruunding the college, and the homelike buildings, were much admired by the visitors.

In the eveniug, when the Synod retarned to the church, the report on the State of Religion was buen in by Dr. Fletcher, and addresses riven on evangelical work and workers by Dr. Battısby, of Chatham, and Mir. Wright, of Stratford. Dr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, also addressed the Synod on North-West Missions.

On Wednesday, leave was given to transfer the congrega tion of Fordwich and Girrie from the Maitland to the baugeen Presbytery, subject to the sanction of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

Dr. Cochrane presented a lengthy report from the directors of the Young Ladies' College, giving details of the efforts made during the year to inurease the efficuency of the institution. He followed up the report in a vigorous speech, in which he clamed for the college a more generous support at the hand of the Synod and Presbyterian families than it was receilies of sending ther daughters io Roman Catholi institutions, and spoke also of others who seat thein to col institutions, and spoke also of others wo seat them to col Mr. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. Kenneth McDonatd and Mr. John Gray took part in the discussion It was admitted by all that the college was a credit to the of Dr. Cochrane, the following was carricd unanimously: The of Dr. Cochrane, the following was carricd unanimously: The Synod expresses plcasure at the good work done by the col lege and the efforts of the Board of Dircctors to increase its ian Church by increasing the attendance during the ensuing

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college year, commend it heartily to parents and guardians as an institution where young laclies may have not only
thorough Christian tranning, but a Christian home, and ap. point the Rev. Hector McQuarrie visitor for 1850 .

Dr. Laidlaw presented the names of the standing committees with the following Convencrs, which were all adopted:
State of Religion, Dr. Fletcher; Sabbath Schools, Mr. NisState of Religion, Dr. Fletcher; Sabbath Schools, Mir. Nis-
bet ; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Dey; Temperance, Mr. bet ; Sab
Martin.

It was agreed to hold the next mecting of Synod at Windsor on the third Mondiry of April, 1890 , at half-past seven p.m. It was also agreed that the present system of
providing homes for the ministers and elders at the meetings providing homes for the ministers and
should henceforth be discontinued.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was heard in behalf of its special claims upon the Synod for a more generous support.
Mr. Macdonald's address was a splendid effort in behalf of a fund which he has so much at heart. After discus. sion, on motion of Dr. MicMullen, seconded by Dr. Thomson, a resolution of thanks was carried to Mr. Macdonald, the Synod at the same time expressing its gratification at the arrangements made for

Dr. Proudfoot presented the report from the Committee on the Stratford case, recommending that a commission of Synod be appointed to proceed to Stratford, at such time as Mr. Mch Pherson's claim against Finox Church there The Mr. Mcercrson's claim against knox Collowing commission appointed: Drs. Proudfoot LLaidlaw, Laing, James, Cochrane, Thomson and McMulien, Messrs. A. D. Macdonald, F. McCuaig and Alexander Henderson, ministers ; and Messrs. D. D. Wilson, T. W. Nisbet and T. M. McIntyre, elders.

The afternoon session was taken up by the Jesuit Estates Bill discussion. A repor: from the special commitee was sub mitted by Dr. James and the following resolutions, proposed
by Dr. Laing and ably supported by himself and others, by Dr. Laing and ably supp
were enthusiastically carried :

Whereas, in an Act passed in July, 1888, in the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, entitled "An Act respecting the seltlement of the Jesuit Estates," there are statements which accord to the lishop of Rome, otherwise styled the Pope, and his authorized agents,
certain civil rights within the Dominion of Canada, and which recognize him as head of the Romish Church, and so possessed of authority to interfere in the administration of civil affairs and give validity to legislation left deperdent on his sanction.
Whereas, by the said Act, the sum of $\$ 400,000$ is taken from the public funds of the lrovince and placed at the disposal of the lope without any restrictions, except that the money "shall be expended exclusively in the Province.

Whereas, this money is expressly declared to be a compensation for the alleged loss of certain property known as the Jesuit Estates. which were escheated to the Crown, while the Act expressly declares that the Government does not recognize any legal obligation, but merely a mo:al obifation, to mane, in consideration of the Pope's "granting permission unto the government to sell these public lands.
Whereas, the said Act expressly recgonazes as existung between the that is, that the establishments of the Jesuit Fathers in this Province are always allowed in accordance with their deserts and if they ask for it, to pasticipate in the grants which the Governments of this province allows other instatutions to encuurage teaching, education, industries, arts and colonization.

Whereas, by way of commemorating in the politizal history of the country that glorious concordat, said Act provides that all the rights
of the province, in and to the I Laprairie Common be transferred to the Society of Jesus, which is confessedly an alien society.
Therefore, resolved, that this Synod a ters its condemnation of
The this Act, and protests determinedly and carnestly against such enact-
ments, and more particularly apainst the claims of the Pope and the ments, and more particularly apaininst the claims of the Pope and the acknowledgment of them, against the recognition by the Legislature
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and against the gifts of money and lands to the l'ope and to the Soc and against the gifts of money and lands to the lope and to the laws of the British empire generally and of this Dominion in partucular: (2) subversive of the civil ar:d religious liberty which has been secured to us as Brtush citizens and derogatory to the sovercign:y and suptemacy
of the Queen ; ( 3 ) inconsistent with and destructive of that religious equality and freedom which are understood to obtain throughout this IJominton, bestowing on the Church of Rome an excess of privilege Ix yond the favour conceded by the king at the time of the conyues to the inhabitants of Canada, viz., to profess the worship of their re ligion according to the rites of the Romish Church as far as the laws of Great Bratain permit ; (4) a malversation of the public funds and public domain; (5) unjust and oppressive to the Protestant minonty in the Province of Quebec, who are conscientiously opposed to the endowment and maintenance by tavation to a great extent upon them
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morals and destroy persunal independence, toasmuch -s the sucicty of Jesus, thus established and endowed, has by its well known prin ciples, aims and practices invariably proved an intolerable evil in all countries in which it bas been established.
Act to its operations, and has been sustained liy an overwhelming majority of the IIouse of Commons in refusing to disallow it

Be it resolved, That this Synod urge all the Christian people under its care to inform themselves fully regarding this matter, to rise above all party considerations and unte in defence of our civil and relicious
liberty, and to sec that only such inen be returned to represent liberty, and to see that only such men be returned to represent
them in Parlizment as will not be found wanting in the conflict them in Parizment as will not be lound wanting in the conmict our country.

Further, in regard to the recent incorporation of the Society Jesus, the Synod expresses its regret that a society which in every essary to suppress in the intercsts of the public weltare, peace and morality, and which is not tulerated in Great Britain of any other par of the empire, should have been re established and granted corporate existence and rights in one of the Provinces of this fair Dominion, and also expresses the hope that in some way the constitutional
this Act may be tested so as to secure ats annulment or xepeal.

In order to give effect to the above resolutions, the Synod author ises the Moderator and Clerk in its claim to sign such petitions and other documents as they may deem to be of service in securing the disallowance of the jesunt Act, and appoints the, following minister watch the whole matter and do what may be found necessary from from time to time, viz., Dr. Laing, Dr. McMullen, Mr. Rall, Dr Battisby, Mr. McAdam, Mr. MicQuarric,
H: Ford, Mr. T. W. Nisbet, Mr. Thomas Gordon an.I Mr. D. D. Wilson ; and resolves to call the attention of the General Assembly to this matter, praying the Suprcme Court to adopt whatever measurc
it may judge proper so as to afford direction to the people generally in the grave 2nd mumentous crisis which is upon us.

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AS THE HART PANTETH.

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Let me hear thy voice,
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And make me truly whole
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Now make me more like Thee
More of Thy truth to sec,
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One, dying there for me
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From reigning sin.
All glory be to Thee,
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sterious One in three,
Thy light has come:
Through Christ the cruciticd,
1 now am justified,
Spirit sadis, thed Sol Son
O! let my soul abide
Thus ever near Thy side,
Jesus, my King !
Through faith in Thy dear name,
Thou wile to all the same
salvation bring.

LIVING FOR JESUS.

## BY THE REV. J. A. R. DICKSON, B.I.

There is such a thing, -though not among professing Christians so common as it ought to be,-as living with a clear, well-defined purpose of honouring God. So ordering the ordinary affairs of our life as that God shall be glorified in them and through them. Seeking first the kingdom of God and His rughteousness. This, wherever it is done, sets the doer above his fellow. Christians who are living a sort of haphazard life, without the influence of any fixed law or guiding principle to direct them in their course. This makes him a happy man, because he has the testimony of a good conscience, and it makes him a powerful man, because tee is working together with God. His life is a magazine of gracious and Christly forces, that go forth continuously, and whose action is unspeakable in therr beneficence.

Those Christians who have no great, over-ruling purpose Godward, whose religious life hangs at loose ends, whose prayers have no specific object, whose Bible reading is largely a form, whose hearts are unkept for the higher offices of religious duty, and the nobler privileges of sacred service and devotion-these surely do not order their business life as they do their religious life. Oh, no! In their commercial concerns, in their monetary transactions, in their speculative land interests, in all their enterprises they are thoughtful enough, and careful enough to act under law. They know this maxim, "Keep your business and it will keep you ;" and this, "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." They act with a certain end in vew, an end that lies in the clear sunlight of their minds, an end which governs and controls all they do. Now, why should they not act in the same way in their religious life? Why? Evidently they think very differently of a religious life, from what they do of a business life. The one must be thought of, planned for, carried out in keeping with definite principles, while the other may do well enough without any serious thought or attention. It would be exceedingly interesting to know whether the treatment of the religious life was carried on unde some thought hidden away in the heart, such as, "God will look after my interests," "Unce a believer, safe for ever ;" or "I have given myself to Christ and he will take care of me," -or under perfect vacuity of thought. Some deceptive lie or some false principle is surely under!ying this course of action Consttuted as we are, we must have some ground for our action, whether it be right or whether $1:$ be wrong. We fear that in the great majority of instances where the religious life is a name merely, there is no thought about it. All is in the heart, dead, a corpse, and on the outer surface formal as a puppet show.

How different it is where there is life and purpose. There, there is an action, and an atmosphere which tell of the spiritual condition in an unmistakable way. It is said that Lord Peterborough, who was more famed for his wit than his religion, once visted Fenelon, the Archbishop of Cambrai, and that he was so charmed by his piety and beautiful character that he said to him at parting, "If I stay here any longer, I shall become a Christian in spite of myself." Is that not beautiful? The sweet odour of the heart is emitted in the life of godliness. The love of the Saviour flows out into the smallest acts and makes them full of charm and blessing.

The Rev. Charles Simeon enjoyed somewhat of the same gracious atmosphere in the home of Sir Thomas Fowell Bux ton. And this is no matter of surprise when we learn that he could write in this way to his wife of "a remarkably comfort-
able Sunday" he had enjoyed at Hampstead in Jecember, 1818. "We went to Wheeler Chapel where Mr. Pratt gave us one of his best sermons.
S. Hoare and I stayed the Sacrament, which I entered into more, I think, than I cver did before. When I returned to my seat I went through a kind of service of prayer, which I by practice have formed; first for myself, that I may press forward towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of Christ, and that I may be enabled to count all things but loss in comparison ; next, that I may be led to useful objects, that I may be allowed to do some. thing for the service ol mankind; then that my motives in this may be cleansed and purified, and that I may act as unto the l.ord and not unto men.

The point, however, which has been all day most upon my mind is a desure that I may work for others in Christ ; that is, that His spirit miay actuate me to do what good I can, that I may have the high privilege of being his servant and that the performance of His will, and not the applause of men, may be the wages I seek."

This is the right ring, "for Christ, for Christ." A life for Christ is one that most ampl; meets every other claim. He who sincerely devoles himself to Christ will, in doing that, embrace his brother also. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar ; for he that loveth not his own brother whom he hath seen, how can He love God whom he hath not seen?

Dr. Thomas Guthrie gives us this interesting and sugtive reminiscence of Robert Murray McCneyne, "I remember Dr. Anderson, of Morpeth, telling me how, when he was minister of St. Fergus, which he left at the Disruption, McCheyne had spent a day or two at his manse ; and not only while he was there, but for a week or two after he had left, it seemed a heavenlier place than ever before. Associated with McCheyne's person, appearance and conversation, on the walls of the house and everything around seemed to be inscribed, "Holiness unto the Lord."

What an influence there is in a holy man for good; he hallows places, and makes them possess a measure of sacredness. He causes them to be clothed, like a vine branch, with clusters of beautiful and gracious associations in which there is stimulus to the best that is in us.

Archbishop Leighton had a supreme reverence for the Sabbath and the house of God. Upon one occasion when he was indisposed, the day being stormy, his friends urged him, on account of his health, not to venture to Church. But what did he say? "Were the weather fair, I would stay at home, but since it is otherwise, I must go, lest I be thought to countenance by my example the irreligious practice of allowing trivial hindrances to keep me back from public worship." But, observed James Aikman, who writes his life, perhaps the highest eulogium that can be passed on the uniform holiness of his character is the effect that it had on his form holiness of his character is the effect that it had on his
brother-in-law, who, upon daily beholding it, exclaimed, "It none shall go to heaven but so holy a man as this, what will become of me ?" and became so deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of pressing forward unto perfection that he relinquished a profitable business, lest it should too much entangle him, and devoted his remaining years to the care of his soul.

Did McCheyne, Fenelon and Leughton reach the highest heights of holiness? No. But they were far in advance of the ordinary Christian people about them. They had yet "imitless reaches before them. They might say to each other, "Let us go on." "Brethren, I count not myself to have ap.
prehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things prehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things
which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for a prize of the high
calling of God in Christ Jesus." And if that is the feeling of calling of God in Christ Jesus." And if that is the feeling of
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and more, of those professing godliness who have no thought and more, of those professing godliness who have no thought as to their duty, and no conception, even the most meagre, as
to their privilege. Living for Jesus is one of the most posito their privilege. Living for Jesus is one of the most posi-
tive experiences. It finds its spring in the heart, and its tive experiences. It finds its spring in the heart, and its
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common sense," as some so unworthily name it-for there is common sense, as it that best common sense of men never could much in it that the best common sense of men never could
reach even in the loftiest dights of their imagination, but a life in harmony with the best in us, yet going out into reaches of divine revelation and grace which lie altogether in God. It is not the life of a hermit. Archbishop Leighton's brother-in-law had no need to retire from business that he might cultavate holiness. Holiness is a spirit, and it is to sanctify tivate holiness. Holiness is a spirit, and it is to sanctify
everything, and to adhere to everything the godly man everything, and to adhere to everything the godly man
touches. The business life of the world is to put the graces of the character to proof, and to show them forth in their beauty and attractive loveliness. There they are to shine. "I.et every man abide in the same calling wherein he is called." "He that is called in the iord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman; likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye servants of men. Brethren, let every man wherein he is called, therein abide with God" (! Cor. vii. 20, 22-24).
The great object of every Christian is, or mast be, to live for Christ. Listen: "The love of Christ constraneth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all
dead ; and that He died for all, that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him who died and rose again" 2 Cor. v. 14, 15 . This object must be kept clearly before the mind, and felt as a formative force. It will humble us, but it will exalt Him who alone should be exalted. It will make us ask in reference to our action, Will this honour Christ? Will this show forth His praise? Or, Is this according to His will? Is this what He commands me to do? Does He promise me His presence in this? So Christ shall become to us

A living bright zeality;
More present to faith's vision
More present to faith's vision ke
Than any carthly object seen!
Than any carthly object seen,
More dear, more intimately nigh
More dear, more intimately nigh
Than c'en the closest earthiv tie.

Out woung JFolks.

## KEEP NOTHING FROM MOTHER

And they spua the fine, white thread,
One face was old and the other young-
A golden and a silver head ;
At times the young voice broke into song
Thal was wonderfully sweet
Iter joy was most complete.
There was many a holy lesson
Interwoven with silent prayer,
Thught to her gentle, listening child, As they sat spinning there.
' And of all that I speak, my darling, From older head and heart, (iod giveth me one last thing to say; With it thou shalt not part:
"Thou wilt listen to many voices. And oh, that these must lie !-
The voice of praise, the voice of love, The voice of praise, the voic
And the voice of flattery.
" But listen to me, my littie one, 'There's one thing thou shalt fearHer mother may not hear.

No matter how true, my darling one,
They are not fit for my child to If not indeed for me.
' If thou'lt ever keep thy young heart purc,
Thy mother's heart from fear,
Bring all that is told to thee liy day
At night to thy mother's car."
At night to thy mother's car.
As thus they sat spinning together, An angel bent to see
The mother and child whose happy life Vent on so lovingly.
A record was made by his golden pen;
This on the page he said. The mother who counselled her child so well
Need never feel afraid :

For Gnd would keep the heart of the child With tender love and feat, Who lisps at her mother's side at night,

What the rose taught little alife.
That is a lovely rose, deep in colour, rich in perfume. Litle Alice saw it. Soul light came into her eyes, the colour heightened in her cheek; she pressed forward to make it her own. but paused as the rose said. "You see me, child ; I do not make myself; I ama thing made light and heat, air and rain come together, I know not how and I was made, powers of heaven and earth joined together, and here $I \mathrm{am}$. $t$ am not like the roses in shop windows. We look much alike, but we are not. Smell--I have fragrance, they have none. Touch-I have life lingering in me, though I have been plucked, they have none. We are like our makers - they come from ever-dying workers, I from the ever-living: And mark, Alice, I am not 2 last year's rose, this season brought me forth, I am fresh from the Maker's lands, He lives and works to-day, and in such fair creations he delights. He means to win a child's love by charms like these.
"I am what I am by growth. Many improvements have brought me to what you see. My ancestors were wild, singleleaved, growing in hedges and on "banks and braes." But I have been cared for and loved, grafted and grafted again, and so have become the rose you see. Florists say I am not perfect yet, they have never seen a perfect rose, yet they fully expect such a rose will be seen some day. I am like you, child, and you are like me. You will grow, because great things lie in you. God will do great things for you, bus the perfection and crown of your life the future alone can reveal.
"I am easily hurt, Alice: Things fair and fragrant are usually also frail. An untimely frost will do it, a breath of cold wind, too much rain or too little. I.ondon smoke will do it, and tiny insects which the eye, unaided, cannot see. And you may be hurt by little things, you are more likely to be hurt by these than by the big things you dread so much. You can help yourself, you can watch and pray, as for me I have only to bear what comes. Watch against little faults, and you will be in small danger from greater ones.
"Alice, you have a soul, a something in you "hich beasts os the field have not I can give no pleasure to horse, or dog, or cat; if offered to an ox he might think me good, but good would mean good to eat ' Lower down the scale I am nothing. 1 am a world to you. Your face lights up, your eye brightens, your heart beats high with delight, you find joy in form, colvur, perfume, in my whole being. Your sense of beauty is appealed to, and responds to the appeal. Tine sense belongs to the soul, exists where soul exists, and nowhere else. You have a soul, child, and that soul has a Friend and Saviour, one of His names He takes from me, 'I am the kose of Sharon.' Make Him yours, my beauty and fragrance are types of His.
"God made me and loves me, Alice; He means you to love me, yet nobody can keep me long. Every rose has its
season, and the season is brief. To fade, and droon, and di is set down in my lot. This also is good, and not evil. I have a mission, a little work to do, and 1 do it. In the garden, the sick-room, the ward of a hospital, 1 do my little part, anc when I drop, careful people gather up my leaves and keed them, for there is fragrance in them still. Go and do likewise my child: 'the memory of the just is biessed.'"

Here the lesson ended. Alice loved the rose and made it her own. There was fragrance without and within-without, the fragrance of the lovely flower ; within, the fragrance of holy thoughts and tender love.

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Words are very much like Spring blossoms. They stand for something that is to come after them, and if the fruit never appears the blossoms are of very litte worth.

If good deeds never appearafter good words have been uttered, our lives are like the apple tree which has beautiful blossoms in Spring, but never has any fruit in October. Now words are very nice things in themselves. "Kind words can never die," the little song says, yet words without thought or action are vain. Jesus Christ, our Master, did not save the world by the beautiful words which he uttered, but by the deeds which he accomplished.

There was once an old German father who tried to make something good and useful out of his boy. But the son was an artist, and liked to dream and paint, and skip his day's work on the farm whencver he could do so. At last, just before his son left him to go to Paris, where he was about to study art, the old father said to him 'Tony, my son, remember this last advice of your old father. Our passions are our greatest enemies. What we want to do is to be able to command them. The discipline of the human will is the secret of durable conquests and long happiness. Tony, I have always loved the crowing of the cock. It announces the day, and and chases away the phantoms of the night. The sound resembles a war cry. It admonishes us to spend our lives in fighting against ourselves."

A year or two after this, when his father had died, Tony, now a rising artist in Paris, was tempted by his companions to join a band of gamblers, who were making money at the expense of foreigners in Paris. One night when he was lying awake thinking whether or not he should go with these companions, he heard a cock crow. Like the crowing of the cock which brought to Simon Peter's memory the words of jesus, the sound of the crowing brought back to Tony the last woads of his honest old father. That morning crow sounded to him like a voice from his father's grave. and it turned the scale of his will. He said no to his tempters, and gained the victory over the evil passions within him.

The older I grow, my dear children, the more truly I feel that it is always better, wiser, and happier for us to be honest and straightforward in everything we do, than to be tricky, underhanded, and deceitful. There is always a reward about honesty, there is always a curse about deceit.

It is a great comfort to us when we start out on a long voyage or a long journey, to feel that we will be safely brought through to our journey's end. It is a great comfort to feel that those who have the charge of the ship or train know what they are about, and are able to fulfil the contract and bring us safely through. And that is what St. Paul had in mind when he said of our Lord "He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day."
When we feel our own weakness, our feebleness, and sin; when it seems to us as if we never should be able to overcome the temptations which are about us, and get safely through at the last, there is no such comfort in all the world like that which comes to us when we feel that the Lord Jesus Christ has carried other people through. and will do the same for us if we only are true and faithful to Him.

## PUT IT LOWER.

It is told by one who has spent much ume in sweden that in the course of a series of revival meetings, there came to the church a young man, in appearance unkempt, ragged in clothing, uncombed in hair, bare of fuot. He placed himself im front of the pulpit. The preacher was most earnest in his sermon. The face of the young man was constantly turned up to the preacher.

At the close of the service the deacons passed the plates for the offerings. The young man seemed so poor that no one ventured to offer him the plate. As the deacon passed near to him, with impetuosity he ejaculated, "Put it lower. down."

The deacon hardly understood the remark at once.
The young man repeated, "Put the plate lower."
The teacon held the plate near his hand.
"Lower yet,' he saad.
"Still lower."
"Lower down yet," he cried.
The deacon at last put the plate upon the floor. Then the young man quietly, but earnestly, placed himself upon his bare feet in
self.

This story lllustrates the great truth that the most important offering we can give to God should be service in the gift of ourselves. If giving Him money, we withhold ourselves, the gift of money is of small consequence. If giving money, we give ourselves, the value of the money is greatly increased. If, having no money, we give ourselves, we are fulfilling the command of Iesus Christ.

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TIIERE: are four l'resbyterian elders in l'resident Marrison's cabinet. That is a good thing for the Cabinet and for the limerican nation but we are not so sure that it is a good thing for the clders.
(N1: of John Bifights greatest orations was delinered in favour of the North cluring the American Wan. He stood almost alnne dmong the public men of England when the Republic seemed likely to be dismembered. He dared to bredst the billows of linglish public opinion when the aristocracy and mans of the middle class were either noncommittal or in favour of the slave-holding confederacy: The senate of the United States refused the other day to consider resolutions expressing regret at John Bright's death! Juite likely any other nation except the wene bright sersed wonld have done the same thing: If public men ever ret any reward for good public service it must cither come from their own consriences or must be given them in the next world. Certainly the people they serve rever give them any reward here

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()()l) prople who complain about the technical terms of theology might do worse than give a moment's calm reflection to the following questions
laid before a class of medical students the other day in Toronto.

Mcdical. (1) In a case of aute or subacute bronchitis give the alterations in appearance of (1) the epithelium, (z) the basement membrane and ( $;$ the internal fibrous layer and mucous glans of the affected bronchial tubes. (z) Give the various causes of thrombosis ; what are secondary thrombi? (3) Describe from the commencement the course of lardaceous
degeneration; state facts which seem to indicate its source.

Surgical.- I, Name the Carcinomata, and give their physical and chemical diagnosis (2) Where may Diarthrodial Psoudarthrosis occur? Briefly describe the process of its formation. (3) Give the morbid Anatomy of Strumous Arthrits.
Just fancy what the feelings of a sick man would be if his medical adviser told him he was suffering from an attack of Diarthrodial Psoudarthrosis.

THl: mild winter which has pust passed and the carly. gemal spring we are now enjoyng. are nature's compensation for the short harvest of last for cattle. visible last autumn, was a long way below average. Many farmers were exceedingly anxious in regard to the coming winter and would have disposed of part of their stock for anything they would bring. Had the winter been as long and as severe as any one of the last five, farmers who suffered from the drought of last summer would have had great difficulty in bringing their stock through. But He "who tempers the wind for the shorn lamb" dealt kindly with the people. The winter was unusually short and unusually mild. We have heard of no special inconvenience even in those localitios in which the drought was most severe and the straw and hay so short that they could scarcely be harvested. Once more the fears of the people have been disappointed and their hopes exceeded. May they all feel grateful and show their gratitude in some tangible way.

$W^{1}$E occasionally hear something about the lack of culture from which " mere colonists" are supposed to suffer. Is there a public man in Ontario who would have been guilty of such a gross violation of the laws of good taste as Mr Joseph Chamberlain committed in the British House of Commons, when that great body was paying a parting tribute of respect to the character of Iohn Bright.

Mr. Chamberlain found a place in his speech to state the momentous fact that when Mr. Bright entered a house the dogs and cats alivays avent to hime to be foulled. If a Canadian had made such an observation, what homilies we would have about the lack of culture displayed by colonists. If an American had brought in the dogs and cats in that way, what criticism would be published about" Yankee Vulgarity ?" If some tender hearted sister had stated the fact at some woman's meeting, her speech would be quoted as undoubted evidence that women were not adapted to public duties. But Mr. Joseph Chamberlain does it in such oratorical company as Salisbury; Gladstone. and Justin McCarthy, and it is all right. It is a great thing to be a very ordinatry man, with plenty of money and assurance

COMl: Roston man has been attempting to move
the imaginary "deadline of fifty" back to fortg, and by so doing has provoked Dr. Cuyter to come down upon his theory with the following facts :

If this preposterous theory should gain a foothold among would become extinct, and the churches would die in dis. grace. Happily this new theory is so false as to facts that it ought to be hooted out of existence. If any one will run over the names of the ministers who to day are attracting the largest widest influence in the Christian world, he will find that, with scarcely a single exception, they are the men who have passed the ridiculous "dead-line of forty." For example Mr. Spurgeon is fifty-five; Dr. loseph Parker, fifty-nine ;
Newman Hall, seventy-two; Dr. Farrar, fifteelght; Dr. Hall and Dr. William M. Tavlor, each in his sixticth year Dr. Alexander Maclaren sixty-three, Dr. Talmage, fifty six, Dr. Phillips l3rooks, fifty-four. Dr. Kittredge, fifty-five. and Mr. Moody. fifty-two. If you have and promising youths and outwork the above-mentioned veterans, I hope that Mr lieal, of the boston lureau, will kindly furnish their names.
1)r. Cuyler himself is about seventy, a little on the shady side of that figure if our memory is not at fault. If there is any young mait in America who call preach better, or build up a congregation better, or write more and better contributions for shic press every week, many vacancies with lazge salaries would be delighted to hear from him. l'utting Talmage sixteen years over the dead-linc is not a bad joke. The "dead-line of fifty" theory is pure rubbish. The dead-line comes to a matn when he ceases to study and grow m mental power and in adaptation to his work. It may come at thirty. or even twenty-five, and it may never come.

FHE HOMAN'S IOURI:MN MISH/UNIRY SOCIETY.

TI E delegatestothe Woman's Forciyn Missionary Society's annual mecting have come and gone. Most of them by this time are back again in sheir accustomed fields of labuur and there is nothing extravagant in the belief that they have, by reason of the cheering intelligence communicated, the sympathy of large numbers from different parts of the country having kindred thourghts and purposes, been greatly strengthened and encouraged in the noble work in which they are engaged. That there was a call and a place for such work as theirs within the fold of the Church has been amply demonstrated by the phenomenal growth and development of the Wuman's Foreign Missionary Society: From its inception it has gone steadily forward year by year, not with spasmudic leaps and bounds, but with that unubtrusive yet healthy advance which is characteristic of Presbyterianism. It has from the beginning enjoyed the full confidence of the Church and received cordial co-operation and encouragement in all departments of the work in which it has engaged. It is also worthy of note that while human nature in woman is much the same as it is in man, its progress hitherto has in no degree been marred by the cropping up of unseemly jealousies and rivalries. The best and most cordial feelings have prevailed. The spirit of consecration and earnest devotion to the Master's work has been so predominant that little room and opportunity have been afforded for feclings that would conflict with the lofty purposes for which the society has been organized This is well brought out in a paragraph which appears in the report submitted by the Board of Management, to which is appended astatementof thepresent numerical strength of the organization, as follows

In drawing attention to such features of the year's work as form more distunctly the connecting links of the organization, your committee would refer with great satisfaction to the spirit of unity and concord which characterize the Woman's Forcign Missionary Society. This Society is not a solar system, having the Board as its cenire and all its branches- - resbyterial, Auxilary or Band -as revoiving satellites. it is rather a vital
organism instinct with life and energy, of whiç no one part
can say to another, "I have no need of thee," and although
there are diversitics of operations, "Christ is all and in all." It is most gratifying to note from year to year the successful working of the organization in all its departments. The steady advance by natural growth from small things to greater, from uncertainty and timidity to stability and self-reliance, the ready adapzation of methods to local surroundings and circumstances while maintaining in essentials a strict uniformity, are charac teristic of the system under which great results are alreadyvis ible, and greater results are to follow in the future. Total membership in Mission Bands, 4,085 ; members in Auxiliaries, 10,144; members of Gencral Society, 2,749; Total member ship, 14,356; New Presbyterial Sociecties, 4 ; New Auxiliaries, 57 ; New Mission 13ands, 44 ; Total Presbyterial Societies, 25 .

The work of extending the organi\%ation has been carried on steadily during the year. There are now very few Presbyteries throughout the Church where a Presbyterial Society is not in operation, and it is certain that a long time will not clapse before this circle of the work will be complete. It is also certain that the ladies will not relas their efforts till there is an Ausiliary and a Mission Band in every congregation and in every mission station in the Church. livery l'resbytery in Ontario has now a l'resbyterial Society, as well as in the Presbyteries of Montrcal, Wimnipeg, Brandon and Columbia. The fact is recorded that oin the Sioun reserve, near Beulah, there is an Auxiliary " which has sent to the general treasury this year through its ${ }^{\circ}$ president, Mrs. Big Hunter, \$20."

The work in which the Society is engaged has enlisted the sympathy of old and young. Many ladies of advanced years take a lively interest in the prosperity of the undertaking and are at all times ready to cheerfully do their part in its advancement. The young in ever-increasing numbers are being enrolled in their Bands and are obtaining a training and receiving impressions that will abide with them through all their after years. When the young people throughout the Church, now members of Mission Bands, come to take their places in the ranks of full-grown workers there will be an access of liberality and activity that will throw the generosity and effort of the present gencration into the shade.

Mrs. MacMurchy, the foreign secretary, in her report, gives a succinct and lucid view of the work in which the I'resbyterian women of Canada are specially interested. It is carried on by the direct preaching of the Gospel by conversation with all to whom the missionarics have access, by means of schools, and educational institutions, medical aid, visits to \%enanas, etc. The mission fields are the New Hebrides, Trinidad, British Guinea, W st Coast. Jormosa, and Honan in China, Indore. Oojein, Kutlam, Neemuch, and Mhow in Central India. It is not to be forgotten that in Canada itself, there is a field for missions to the heathen. In the great North-West, there still linger, though in diminishing numbers, those who roamed the illimitable plains and claimed the country as their heritage. Civilization is rapidly, rendering their mumadic life impossible. and in the Christian community it is thought that justice, to mention no other motive, ought to impel the churches to use their efforts in giving them the Gospel, and in training them to industrial and settled habits of life, that they may be enabled to adapt themselves to the altered circumstances in which they now find themselves. In missions to the Indians of the NorthWest, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Socicty have taken a decp interest, and during the year that interest has been manifested by regular correspondence with the missionaries, and by timely and generous contributions for the material, moral and spiritual welfare of the Indians.

The contributions obtained by the suciety for the promotion of Voreign Missions, like the general work in which it has been engaged, has shown a like expansion. The treasurer, Mrs. James Maclennan, was able to report that the income of the year reached the handsome sum of about $\$ 29,000$. They are confident that in future years this will be greatly exceeded, and that a corresponding advance will mark the activity and liberality of coming years, as it has characterized all the operations of the society since its commencement thirteen ycars ago.

The interest and enthusiasm evoled by the socicty was well exemplified by the large assemblage that filled St. Andrew's Church, West, at the annual public meeting. It was presided over by Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, and suitable addresses were delivered by Professor McLaren, Principal Caven; Rev. John Wilkic, missionary at Indore, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell. The speeches were earnest and direct. Several of the speakers made reference to the feeling that finds expression in scme quarters that there may be undue devotion to the cause of Foreign Missions,at the expense of Home Missions. It was shown that contributions to all the more prominent Schemes of the Church had increased at the same, and in some instances even at a greater ratio, than
had the funds placed at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Committec. Mr. Macdonnell put the matter well when he showed that all Chisistian effort was in reality one, and that Christian people know their pbligations to Home Mission work, only, many had not come to realize them as the claims of the heathen in forcign lands were now realized.

The annual public meeting in connection with the Woman's Forcign Missionary Socicty is unquestionably a power for a good, potent means for the
advancement of the work. In numbers attending advancement of the work. In numbers attending
it. too, has shown a steady increase. The audience present this year filled one of the largest churches in Toronto, and no doubt the most capacious of the Hamilton churches will be taxed to accommodate those who desire to be present, when next year it
meets in that city. Most people will say amen to meets in that city. Most people will say amen to
the prayer reiterated by most of the speakers at the public meeting. "God bless the Woman's Foreign Missiomary Society."

## A CKITIC OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

$I^{\mathrm{N}}$N the current issue of the guarterly Preshyterian Revecel there is a paper by Dr. Hutton, of
Jersey, on rhat he denominates the "American Sunday School." He apparently fancies that the Sunday school, as it exists in the United States, is essentially and characteristically different from
the same institution in other lands. As his cocellent paper discusses the strength and the weakness of the Sunday school, so this assumption of a distinctively American, that is, a United States, Sunday school, is a weak point in an otherwise welltimed and sensible estimate of the importance and present condition of one of the most valuable forms of Christian activity $i n$ connection with the modern Church. The difference between a Sunday school in an linglish and 八merican city would no doubt be most noticeable in the matter of dialect and other minor peculiarities in which the two branches of the Anglo-Savon race differ from each other. The United States visitor to a Canadian Sabbath school would find a wondefful resemblance in the appear-
ence aud methods to be seen in the schools on both ence aud methods to be seen in the schools on both
sides of the international boundary. But then the average American has a vividly realizing sense of the relative superiority of all things American. It is just possible that in some cases it is neither more nor less than an amiable delusion.

That the importance of the Sunday school as a valuable religious educational agency has been reali,ed by the people of the United States is cheer-
fully conceded. Dr. Hutton refers, in proof of this, fully conceded. Dr. Hutton refers, in proof of this,
to the fact that nearly the half of the children attending the Sunday schools of the world are to be found int the United States. This much also may be freely conceded. In the Unted States the Churches have fully recognized the value of the religious training
of the young by its means with a cordiality that has sometimes been wanting in other countries. The clear and well-defined relations of Church ar.: State in the neighbouring Republic have, to a large cxtent, freed the American mind from the conten-
tions and complexities that have beset the question tions and complexities that have beset the question
in older lands where the relics of feudalism and the arrogance of dominant state Churches have repressed the elastic activities of the Christian Church. The national educasional system in the United States has been, and will continue to be, free from clerical interference, from the ecclesiastics of any (thurch. They have wisely kept clear of recogniaing sectarian schools of any kind, and now that Roman Catholic disnitaries are officiously intermeddling there, as they do everywhere else, with national education, they are becriming to find out that they need neither expect the establishment of separate
schools nor a controlling influence in the public schools nor a controling infuence in the public
schools of the States. In these circumstances, therefore, the religious education of the young becomes an imperative duty, and imposes an obligation on the Church which she dare not neğlect. It is thus no wonder that the Sabbath school has become an inslitution of vast importance and of such acknowledged efficiency as it has in the United States. Yct the methods in operation there are to be found in all English-speaking countrics, establishing the fact that there is a wonderful degree of catholicity attained by the Sabbath school movemnt.

In the opinion of Dr. Hutton the catechetical form of instruction is more generally adopted in United States schools than in those of any other land. Of couree it needs a wide experience to be able to reach a complete and accurate generalization. It may be that Dr. Hutton is in a position to speak with entire accuracy as well as with authority, but Canadian teachers are tolerably familiar with what he calls the Socratic method. At all events many who have
grown old in the service can distinctly remember how departures from the time-honoured custom of teaching by questions were stigmatized as the adontion of "the lecture syatem" The entechetical mode is certainly most valuabie both for teacher and scholar. If questioning elicits the extent and accuracy of a pupil's knowledge, it also renders a teacher's preparation more or less imperative. It might easily be extended a little further, and the scholars encouraged at a specified time during the school hour of asking for explanations of what they do not understand, or of difficulties they may meet with in their study of the lesson. If any apprehend that an extension of auch liberty to the children is certain to be abused, they may be assured that anyone with true teaching aptitude will be able effectively to prevent its abuse and make it a most valuable means of instruction.

Dr. Hutton points out that the failure of the Sunday school to impart systematic instruction in liible truth is one of the weaknesses of the institution. In proof of this he appeals to the remarkable degree of any thing like correct lible knowledge which people who have had the advantage of Sunday school training occasionally exhibit. There are indications that this weakness is in process of removal. The labours of the cummittee who prepare the International Lesson series have endeavoured thus far at least to overtake as far as possible a systematic study of certain portions of the Scripture, and to direct special attention to all the essential truths of evangelical Christianity. It is nevertheless well that the defect should be pointed out, and when once it is clearly perceived, the sanctified intelligence devoted to the best interests of the Sabbath school will endeavour to find a remedy. The next weakness specified is the lach of gidaling the pupuls in Sunday echool. The necesity of classification is apparent, and has been applied with most satisfactory results in common schools; its adoption in the Sunday schonl is merely a puestion of time. Connected with this is the training and qualification of teachers. This also is receiving something like the attention that the necessities of the case reguirc. Then also the guestion of the uge of thachers is considered, the pros and cons are candidly stated and the almost umiversal employment of youthful instructors is rated amongst the weaknesses of the existiny system.

The tenkency to exalt the Sabbath schoul to a position of independence, or of superiority to the called upon to record. In Canada, this overweening estimate of the place and power of the Sabbath school is not by any means prevalent, though it may be occasionally met with. Those who do make the claim forget the proportion of means and the real unity of all Christian effort. The Sabbath school is an important means of cultivating the devotional nature of the pupils, but the character of some of the praye s offered and sume of the hymns and music used, are by no means best suited for this high and holy purpose. The paper concludes with a. number of excellent remarks on the character of Sabbath ichool literature. That its current quality meets with the unqualified approbation of Dr. Hutton, or for that matter of intelligent, common sense Christian people is what could hardly be expected. He discems the need for a fuller consecration of sanctified intellect to the task of providing healthy, instructive and elevating reading matter for Sabbath school pupils. There is, no doubt, visible improvement in this department in recent years, but there is still room and urgent need fo. much more. Dr. Hutton is a friendly critic of the Sabbath school, and the carnest, outspoken critic whose aim for the removal of weaknesses from our most cherished institutions is not properly to be regarded ds their enemy, but is be reckoned in the number of their best friends.

## NOT A TEMTPORARY EXCITEMENT.

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$\dot{x}$ some the impression is entertained that the feeling aroused in opposition to the incorporation and condowment of the Jesuit Urder in Quebec is an evanescent impulse which will speedily subside. In a certain measure it is true that popular opinion is at times impulsive. Like the wind it may blow strongly in one direction for a time, and gradually veer round till it sweeps in force from the opposite point of the compass. This variation in public opinion on Romish aggression is what some are beginning to predict. The results of past experience, to a certain extent afford a colourable pretext for entertaining doubts as to the firmness of attitude at present assumed by those who profess to be the friends of civil and religious liberty. Yet there is behind this movement a degree of conviction and a resolute determination to resist the insidious and stealthy infringements on the freedom of Canadian
citizens which the instruments of the lapace are ever ready to make. Were the matter one used mercly as a shuttlecock by pulitical rivals it might readily be supposed to be a momentary and simulated indignation for clectionecring effects, but others beside the gentlemen who deal in practical politics are taking a decp and carnest interest in promoting the moveinent for disavowal of the Jesuit Estates Act. Principal Caven for instance is not a politician. He is one not easily moved by the cross-currents in the atmosphere of political contention. Moreover he takes a calm. dispassionate and conscientinus view of a question before he declares his position in relation to it. Thus in discussing the legislation affecting the Jesuits he stands on the firm ground of clear and well-defined principles. He says nothing to excite religious rancour ; he makes no inflammatory appeals to bigotry and passion; he voices the decp convictions of a large number of solid and thoughtful penple throughout Ontario who do not parade their feclings, but who can even after a wave of excitement has subsided, be depended upon at the proper time to say what they mean, and to mean what they say. Hence also the well-expressed resolution passed by Presbyterian women last week, and the resolutions of the Synod of Hamilton and London, both of which appear elsewhere in this issuc. The other Synods and the General Assembly will doubtless speak the same words and mean the same thing. Besides, the other evangelical churches are putting themselves on record in a manner not open to doubt that those who look for the early and final dicappearance of pro tests against Romish aggression in Canada will have reason to distrust their forecasting of the future.

## JBooks and IDagazines.

How We Art, Salibl, lyy Rev. James A. R. 1)ickson, 33.1). (L.ondon, Religious Tract Suctety.)
-The indefatigable and devoted pastor of Central Church, Galt, by this little volurne, will doubtless be the means of helping many inguirers. It is clearly, concisely and plainly witten. There is nothing in it to bewilder or perples those seeking an answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" The truths taught are thoroughly scriptural. Its wide circulation will doubtlesis prove a spiritual boon to many.
 a biographical introduction by William Darlingr
(London: Walter Scott; Toronto: W G Gatere (London: Walter Scott ; Toronto: W J. Gage d Co.)-Dora Greenwell's poems possess many attractive qualities. They are pure, clear and beautiful. The spirit they breathe and the emotions to which they appeal cxercise an elcvating and a refming effect. The selection here presented in this recent issue of the Canterbury locts Scries is made with excellent taste and judgment. The biographical introduction is reasonably short. admirably written. and full of just the kind of information a reader of Dora Greenwell's poems would like to possess.

Gomphe's Fiust. With some of the Minor Poems edited by Elizabeth Craigmyle. (london: Walter Scott; Toronto: W. J. Luge \& Co).-This neat little volume, another of the Canterbury locts Series opens with a well written biographical account of Goethe's literary labours and a just and comprehensive estimate of one who occupied so high a place in the intellectual and literary life of his combry, and in every country where genius is appreciated. The translation of Faust is Bayard Taylor's, one of the best that has yet appeared. Only a few of Guethe's minor poems appear, but those given are uell selected and give an idea of the various moods of the great poct. A number of interesting notes are appended.

Black Beauty. The Autobiography of a Horse. By A. Sewell. (Toronto: Williamson $\mathbb{E}$ Co.)-Mankind are very wise no doubt, but they have not a monopoly of wisdom. We know comparatively little about our fellow-citizens on this carth, who though they walk prone and do vut raise their heads to the stars, nevertheless have their own proper share of intelligence which the Almighty Maker has conferred on them. In the equine as well as in the human world there are great diversities of intelligence. In this most fascinating little work we have a specimen of a very superior literary horse. True he did not pen his biography with his own forefoot but he managed as many in these days manage to do, to find in the gifted author a most competent and sympathetic amanuensis. In England this work has had a remarkable popularity which it fully descrves. It has the recommendation of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The lessons it teaches are of the best. Young people will find it a charming and instructive book.

## Cbotce $\mathbb{L}$ tterature.

## BY A WAY SHE KNEW NOT

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Jacob Strong! John told his mother loug afterwand, that name for had been searched from end to end to that a, bood found for their new friend. Not that either of the patriarch's names fitted him exactly. He was not a "supplanter," and though he was on the right side, as no one who knew him well
would deny or even doubt, yet if one had wished to tell his character in or even doubt, yet if one had wished to tell his of (God" that one would have descrived him. But he was in many ways very like the patriarch, as we see hum in the Bible
story. He was wise, he was wily, he was patient. He could story. He was wise, he was wily, he was patient. He could
bode his tme, and secure lus chance, and when it came to that, that he had to yeld, or to humbie limself, to meer loss, or to dispense beyond what was pleasing to a man who took reasonable satisfaction in getting and in holding, he could yet do it without wincing visibly He was fortunate in beeng in the hands of two good women, his mother and his wife, who knew him well, and loved him well, and who were jealous for his honour before men, and for his singleness of heart before
God. God.

Of course John's knowledge of his character came later and by slow degrees. But even on this first night he was greatly interested in his, talk, which was at once "worldy
wise and heavenly simpple, as he afterward heard one of his neighbours say. And Jacob was strong in nature as in name farm had originally cost him, by the work of his own hands farm had originally cost him, wy the work of his own hands his wife "who each carried a yood head on he shoulders," as he old John, he had made "t pay. By and by he added another hundred acres to the first hundred, and hater, when "the Western fever" set in, and people began t har about prairie lands, and great wheab oarms and Jacob's two hundred acres became four.
"And that is about as much as I want to have on my hands, till labour comes to cost less, which won't be for a spell sthings look now," said he
All his he told to John while a second heavy shower kep mim waiting. Before the rain was over, Willie Bain was at rest for the night, in Mirs. Sarong's south chamber. Then
ohn told all that was necessary for thein to hoow about the lad, -how, though he had known friends of his at home, he had, how, though he had known friends of his at home, he on the lake shore. Finding him alone and ill, he had taken on the lake shore. Finding him alone and ill, he had taken
im home and cared for him. Bain was better now, and would soon be well. Yes, he meant to stay in the country. As to himsolf, Tohn could not say whether he would stay long or not. he chances were he would remain for a ume.

Then when the rain seemed o..r, John rose to go. The , where they lin ome would cone back for his friend And with many thanks for their kindness to the lad, he took his departure
Since William Bain had acknowledged his name, John hought it right that Mr. Hadden should be informed of his arrival in the town, and next morning he went again to see him, at has place of business. He was a good de.il surprised
at the manner in which Mr. Hadden received him. It was not at all as one receives a stranger, he thought, but the reason was soon made clear to him.
John beaton was not altogether a stranger to $\mathrm{Mi}_{\mathrm{i}}$. Hadden. His name had been mentioned in both letters which
Allison had written, as one who had been willan: to befriend her brother while he was in prison, and who whed to stlll be riend hum since he was set frec. Joinn told of his meeting with the lad, of his ylness and his good fortune in falling int the hands of the kind pcople out at the far'll

- It must be the Strongs you are speaking of. Certainly
could be in no better hands, if he still needs care of. And the longer he is there. the better it will be for him."

1 would hike well to leave him there tor a white, if they were willing to keep han,
go out for him to night."

Of hrs own affars or intentions John said nothing He spent the rest of the morning in looking about him, in order to ascertain what sort of work there was to be done in the town, to which he mght pur bis hand whh a hope of success. There was building going on, and he came at last to a watic yard, where stone-cutung was done, and he sath foll then and that if they would but pive him
do his best for a while at least

But he did not go to ingure at on.e He stmid thinking of the day when he frst ried bis hand on the granite of Aberdeen,
down again
might have done better, but then I might have done worse," he admuthed with not unreasonable satisfawion. "And Crombic wo uld say. 1 must see the lad fairly set to honest Crombic would say. goust see

He offer edthimself at tiac place, and was taken on at once his wages were to be decided upon when has first day's work sheuld best.

When he went to the Strong farm that nught, he found that Mr. Hadden had been thete before ham. Whic Buan's first "Why did you never tell me that ye had seen nur Allic 3 " Do ye no'mind that, till last night you never told me your name? How was I to ken?" added John, as Willic hung his head. "I did ken you as soon as ever l saw your face. evil hand can touch her, and in a while she is coming out here $t 0$ you."
for Willie was but weak vet. and the tears were running sister had been d, while John told hime in icw words wh his had known her, and how she had now gone away from Scotland with a good friend, but was looking forward to the ume when
she might join her brother, so that they might have again "And, Willie, my lad," added John, gravely, "if I had a ce like yours, I would make a man of myself for her sake. You are a manaready, said willie, with a sound which en I havena been taking right care of myself for me-yes, ell into ill hands down yonder. But now I have you, and will be a man for Allie's sake.
They hatd heen tokens visible of the fact that the young
han had not been "taking care of himself," but John had poken no word which betrayed his knowledge
They were in the garden at this time, sitting in a wide green walk, between high rows of currant bushes, a grea they rose and walked up nut down, John lending his strength o help his friend's we:akness; And he asked.

Would you not like to stay here a litte while
Till I get my strength back again? Yes, 1 would like it well. I mean sometime to have land of my own and could
begu to learn here the new ways that are needed in a new begin to learn here the new ways that are needed in an
country. Yes, I would like well to bide here for a while."

He spnke caserly and hopefully.
"I wish Allie were here. There would be no tear then,
id Willie, looking up at John with Alle's wistiul eyes aid Willie, looking up at John with Allie's wistifil eyes.
"She cannnot come for a time. It is likely that she
"She cannnot come for a time. It is likely that she might be sought for here-in Mr. Hadden's neighbourhood, I mean But, Willie man. I think it is as well that she should not come just now, even for your sake. It is you who would be looking up to her, because she is wiser than you, and maybe stronger. She would lead, and you would follow. That maght be well in a way. But it wonld be better, it would be far more manly for you to earn to stand by your own strength - to walk by your things," said John, oravely,
"Do ye ken Allie well."

## John hesitated a monent.

often but 1 -now that shave known her long, or seen her often. But 1 know that she has borne much trouble well and has walked warily and done wisely in ditucut wlaces, so she all those who do know her well, respect her, and some few people love her dearly-my mother among the rest."
"You must tell me all about her some time," said Willie, with glistening eyes

Then he paused before he added you should say nothing about her marriage, since it has no you should say one."

Willie withdrew his hand from John's arm, and turned upon him with a face white with anger
"Married" Happy" Ill swearthat he has never touched her hand, nor looked in her face since that cursed day. Call you that marriage?
"Thank God!" satd Join ; "and may he never touch her hand, nor look upon her face. Gently, my friend, she is safe from him now.

Then he led him back to the shadow of the apple tree, and told him more about his sister. He told how she had lived at the manse, and how they had valued her there. He told of ittie ilarjorie, whom her father and mother had entrusted to Allison's care, and of the child's love for he and how Allison She was quite safe now far wiwn the South, and no one would harm her while she was in Mirs. Esselmont's care. John talked on till the lad had grown quiet again, and then they e called to tea.
e in together wer
ane inder were.
o-night, do you? I don't think you had better -for a day or "wo. least."

It was all very easily settled after that. John was glad to
ree with the dear old woman. Willie was to stay at the agree with the dear old woman.
farm till he was a litie stronger.

We're glad to have him stay. Don't you say a word abnut it," was the younger Mirs. Strong's answer, when John
iried to thank her for all therr kindness to his friend, for whom he felt responsible, he satd, until he should be strong and well.

Iou had better stay and help us through with haying and harvestung. You could pay your way and his ion, and hive something over, said Mr. Strong.

But John had his own work laid out before him, and in ended to make long hours, so that he could hardly hope
"Come Saturday night and spend Sun
Come Saturday night and spend Sunday. You can go to necting here as well as
And John answered
"Yes, I will be glad to come
Dees this suriten friendship, this atceptance of utter strangers, without a word spoken in their behalf, except what
they spoke for themselucs, seem strange, unhkely, impossibic licy spoke for themselves, seem strange, unhakely, impossibic
If did not seem strange to john, till he came to think of then It did not seen strange to fohn, till he came to thank of it
afterward as he walked home. I. ace to face with these kind people, their mutual interest secmed natural enough. In people, their mutual interest seemed natural enough. In
thinking about th, as be went swiftly oit in the moonlight, he thinking about it, as he went swiftly oin in the moonlight, he
did not wonder a little. And yet why should the wonder? he asked himself

Honest folk ken one another, with few words about it thas happened well, and-not by chance." audded he, rever enty, recalling many a one at home who would have hrt lly of two whounhts at the best plice, would be "remember n's. "both hum and his friend there

It must not be forgotten that ali this happened many years yo, before all the nations of the earth had turned their faces inward the West, in search of a refuge from poverty and yranny, disgrace or desparr. There wais room cnough, and honestly. Every strong and honest man who came, while he beticred himself and those who belonged to him, did good also to his neighbours, and to the county at large. And so in beyond this, john and his friend were liked for therrown olikes, and mighi well rejoice at the welcome which they got at the farm-house, for a greal many good things and happy davs was done.

It is possible that if John had not met in with William bain in those circumstances, he might have travelled about
for a while till, he was strong abain, and then he might have
tumed his face homewasd. If he had found the lad well, and do the well, he might have contented himself with leaving him Hadden, who had known his family, 3 mi who had promiscd to befriend him. But John could not quite free himself from a sense of responsibility with regard to Willie Bain. He must keep sight of him for a while. He liked the lad from the first, and soon he loved him. He would not be losing time by remaining a few weeks. He meant to travel by-and-by, and
see the country, and in the meantime the might do something toward helping Willie to make a man of himself for Allison's salke.
the rest went to the stone-yard, and did his day's work with the way of was hard work for a while. He had got out of altogether. The day was long, and he was glad when night and then lie grew strong and brown, and was as fit for his work as ever he had been, he told his mother in the second letter which he sent her, atter he began.

He old her about Willam Bain. But that was for herself alone. As no one else in Nethermuir bad ever heard of the lad, it was not necessary to speak of him there, lest his name might be mentioned m the hearing of some who might not wish him or his sister well. He did not write to Allisnn atout her brother Mr. Hadden did that, and the story of John's kindness to the lad lost nothing in being told by him.
lefore the summer was over, John had begun to consider the question, whether, after all, it might not be as well for him to stay where he was, and take up a new life in a new land. His mother had more than once in her letters assured him of her willingness to come out to hin should he decide 10 remain in America. hut there was t, be no haste about it. He must be quite certain of himself and his wishes, and he must have ron such a measure of success, as to prove that he wat making a mistake, bere she for and go, and do the very best for himself. The best for him and go, and do the very best for himself. The best for himsel, wous well and serong in the mier. And friene mean cone ent to wait and she would be more than content to ioin him tent to wait
when the And so John followed
yes eyes open and "worked away," and by the end of the first
year, he began to see his way clear to "the measure of suc cess" which his mother desired for him. He had proved himself, as a workman, worthy of the confidence of those who had employed him, and as a man, he had won the esteem of many a one besides. That he worked with his hands, did not in that country, at that time, necessarily exclude him from such society as the town of Barstow offered. But it made him shy of responding to the advances of some of the people who lived in the big white houses among the trees along the street and who went to the same church in which, after a few weeks of wandering, here and there, John settled down
The only people whom he came to know very well during his hrst year, were the Strongs at the farm, and the Haddens. was a tellow-countryman, and because he was a friend of Villiam Bain's. Afterward, they were more than friendly, for better reasons. Mr. Hadden had no cause to feel surprise in nding in a skilled workman from his native land a man of mong his countrymen who had come to seek a home in his own adopted country. But John Beaton was different from most of those with whom he had come in contact, in was not necessary in his case, that allowance should be made for unconscious ance of certain ways and usayes of society, which are trifling
in themselves, but of which it is desirable that one should be in then
Jut at this time John did not care much for society of any kind. He never had cared much for it. In Nethermuir he had " kept himself to himself," as far as most of the townfolk were concerned, and at must be owned, that beyond his own
small circle of friends in the manse, and in one or two other small circle of friends in the manse, and in one or two other houses, he had not been a very popular person. He had no time to give to anything of that sort, he had always said, but he might have found the time, if he had had the inclination. He had not much leisure in Barstow. Still, in the course of the first two years, he came to know a good many people in the way of business ; and in connection wath the work undertaken by the church to which he belonged, he also made friends whom he alued, but his first friends were his best friends.
All that need be told of the first three years of his residence
Barstow, nay be gathered from a letter which he wrote to in Barstow, may be gathered from a letter which he wrote to
"You ought to be a happy woman, mother, for you have gonen the desire of your heart. Do you not mind once say
ing to me, that you desired for me nothing better in this life than that I should do as my father had done, and make my than that I should do as my father had done, and makemy There is this difference between us that I have got " There is this difference beiween us -that have got 'i measure of success on casicr terms than my father did. ven that may come in time luut I stand clear of debt and I see a fair way to success before me. I have 'got
on' well, even for this country, where all things move more rapidly than with us at home
They have had two friends who stood by me all these years They have helped me with their money, with their names, and with their influence. I might, in the course of time, have standing by me, like true friends.
"Yes, I have liked my work, and my way of life, th:ugh to vou I will own that I have sometmes weaned everything clse. Isut one's life must go on till God's will brings
if to an end, and 1 know of no other way that would suit me It to an cad, and I know of no other way that would sut me
belter now. And between whiles, as I have told you before, I find higher work which I am able to help along.

And now, dear mother-when are you coming home?
or this is to be your home, is it not? You say you are able to come alone. luat if you can wait a few months longer I will go for you. I have building going on in different rarts of the city, and the foundation of your own bouse is laid, on the knowe (knoll), which I have told you of, beneath the mapie trees, and full in sight of the greal lake into which the sun sinks every night of the year. In six months it will be ready for you, and I shall be ready 10 cross the sea to bring you home "I long with all my heart to have my mother bere. I think I shall be quite content when that time comes.
"William Bain had told me about his sister before your letter came. He was wild with anger, and said some things which he has taken back since then. I heard from Mr. Hume and from Mrs. Hume, as weil. I cannot blame them for Allison llain for what she has seen right to do. God bless Alison Bain "

And so the letter ends, without even his name.
(To lic continuced.)

## IN ITIE IVOODS.

What is astir where tho shadows are dense Somelhing that baflles the curious sonse; Something that shimmers and whispors and sighs; Something that glimmors to far-reaching oyes The shape of $a$ song, or the soul of a stream, Or a being awake from a beautiful dream Is throbbing and glancing and making prelude In the raverent heart of a reveront wood, Is it a word that I never have heard?
Is it a hint of a jubilant bird
That never was hinted before ?
Oh! what can it be that is now in the wood, That thrills with its meaning, but half understoodA rapture, and more?
A sound is created that never the breeze Has carried till now through the city of trees; Fresh tidings from God; a now message is sent Through $I$ know not what delicate instrument.

And I would I had senses as line as a sprite To hear and interpret the measage aright ; But 1 think, oh, I think, as I fall on my knees, Cod is walking and talking again mid the trees. -Danskic Danulridye, in the New York Independent.

## THE POETRY OF COMMON THINGS.

One of the differences between eighteenth century culture and the culture of the nineteenth century is the advantage which the latter has of being able to see more deoply into the poetry of common things. And by this I do not mean that sentimental reflectiveness over daisies, primroses, dandelions and peasant children which Wordsworth found necessary to employ in his endeavours to bring us back to nature, nor that the eighteenth century was without its interpreters of this kind of poetry. For the eighteenth century had a Cowper who saw deeply into the poetry of common things, and there were certain Essayists then also who could preserve for us the very atmosphere in which a simplo country gentleman, Sir Roger de Coverley ly name, moved and displayed bis little peculiarities. But in saying that the culture of the nineteenth century has the advantage of being able to see more deeply into the poctry of comuon things than the culture of the eighteenth, I merely mean that science has so widened the bounds of knowledge about common things, and deepened tho interest in them, that the ordinary all round culture of to-day, oven when not particularly ur very consciously poetical in its spirit, is more decply imbued with the poetry of common things than the best culture of the eighteenth century. An excuse for quoting a paragraph from Herbert Spencer which has already been quoted almost to death should bo sound; and ny excuse for transcribing it here is that it sound, and ny excuse for transcribing it here is that it
places the sulject in words which are not likely to be paralleled for some time.-
"Think you that a drop of water, which to the vulgar eye is but a drop of water, loses arything in the cye of the physicist, who knows that its elements are held together by physicist, who knows that its elements are held ogether by of lightuing? Think you that what is carelessly looked upon by the uninitiated as a mere snow-flake does not suggest higher associations to one who has seen through a microscope the wondrously-varied and elegant forms of snow crystals? Think you that the rounded rock, marked with parallel scratches, calls up as much poetry in an ignorant mind as in the mind of a geologist, who knows that on this rock a glacier slid a million years ago? The truth is, that those who have never entered upon scientific pursuits are blind to most of the poctry by which they are surrounded. Whoover has not in youth collected plants and insects knows not half the halo of interest which lanes and hedgerows can assume. Whoover has not sought for fossils has little idea of the poctical associations that surround the places where embedded treasures wero found. Whouver at the ser-side has not had a microscope and aquarium have yet to learn what the highest pleasures of he sca-side are:"

Spencer is here pleading for a rational scientific culture, but the paragraph illustrates in a clear way the greater advantages which are afforded by nincteenth century culture for secing into the poetry of common thinga It was not given to the man of culture in the eighteonth century to know the thousandth part of the interest which lies in the commonest objects-a drop of water, a snow-fiake, a glacier-rounded rock, a fossil, a plant or an insect.

## A primrose by a river's brin

and it may have been this much more that by the powor of memory and association it suggested thoughts which were denied, perhans, to the very next observer. But to the man of all round culture to-day-the man of ingight as well as knowledge-in the commonest weed or clump of moss there lies a mine of historical and poctical woalth. And to the study of the commonest objects what guidance
he has! A Kingsloy to teach him tho way to study the pebbles of the street, the slatos of the roof and the coal in
the mine; a Darwin to show how the oarthworm has contributed to agriculturo; a Faraday to mako the common candle shino more wonderfully than the genii's lamp; a Lubbock to obsorve the ways of the ant, and \& Huxley to surround the cray-fish with the deopest intullectual interest. And to the list of science popularisers may we not add the Canadian names of Sir William Dawson and Grant Allon?

But if the ninoteenth century has theso ndvantages it must be remembered that only culture-the litorary culture which, according to Matthew Arnold, acquaints itself with "the best that is thought and known in the world" and the scientific culture which, according to Mr. Huxley is simply "common sense at its best"-receives the ful measure of the poctic interest which lies in common things The mun of science only who is satisfied with merely dis secting and classifying a tlowor misses as much as the man of sentiment only to whom a flower may or may not suggest thoughts through memury or associntion. Perhaps one of the best examples we have of the happy combination of literary with scientitic culture-where literature has been studied for its own sake and where science has been studied for its own sako - is to be found in the philological works of Max Muller. sfax Muller has studied words in much the same way as Agassiz studied fish bones or as Boyd Dawkins huntod English caves. He has analysed thom and traced them to their roots "dead from the waist down," but by the power of literary culture, the power of knowing the "best that is thought and known in the world," he has been able to associate the barest skeletons of words with man's history-with his struggles, his dovelopment, his achievements, his hopes, his fears and his religions.

There is scope for unlimited development of this wider culture in Canada. In our history there is much of scientific interest, and our geological formations as well as our wild flowers have still something to tell of the near and distant past:* And our universities will assist the recognition of the poetry of common things by developing the spirit of a wider -a more literary and a more scientificculture. J. C. Sutherlamul, in the Week.

## SOMEHIHNG YOU SHOULD RNOW.

Many of our readers have often asked "What it Bright's Disease of the Kidncys, about which we hear so much?" "'o answer their question we have secured the following explanatory article, written by a competent authority:
The symptoms of Bright's Disease (which is but an advanced form of Kidney Disease) differ in different individ. uals, but generally the patient presents a flabby, bloodless look, is drowsy and easily fatigued, has pain in the back, vomiting and fel, rile disturbance. The urine is reduced in quantity, is often of dark, smoky or bloody colour, and exhibits to chemical reaction the presence of a large amount of albumen, while under the microscope blood corpuscles and casts are found.

There are several forms of the malady, but their common prominent characteristic is the presence of albumen in the urine, and frequently also the co-existence of dropsy. These associated symptoms, in connection with Kidney Disease were first described in 1827 by Dr. Richard Bright, an English physician, who first investigated thom. Sometines there is a degencration of the tissues of the kidncyrinto fat, thus impairing the excreting powers of the gran 60 that the urea is not sufficiently separated from the liood. The how of the blood, when charged with this urea, is retarded through the minute
vessels, cengestion ensues, and ofudation of albume vessels, congestion ensues, and ofudation of albumc.. and
fibrita is the result. The disease is often accompanied by eruptions of tie skin, as boils, etc., and is frequently as sociated with enlargement of the heart.

The causes of thiyturyiblo malady are : indulgence in too much icc-water as a beverage, strong drink, high living, indigestion, exposure to wet/and cold, various kinds of fever, malaria, pregnancy, fand other bodily derangements, such as a complication of certain acute diseases like erysipelas, diphtheria, and especially scarlet fever (of which it is one of the most frequent and serious after ffects), diseases of bones and other sdrofulous affections.
Common-sense treatment of Kidncy Dispase of the character referred to necessarily involves removal of the causes, rectification of other secretions and increase in the number of blood-red corpuscles, by the administration of Warner's Safe Cure. It is a specific even in the advanced stages, when the blood has poisoned the ncrve centres,rog
storing the secretion of healthy fuids, and ralieving the storing the secretion of healthy huids, and raligying-the congestion of the brain, lt speedily arrests the inflamma. tory action, which is marked oy an increase amount of
urine. The albumen gradually disappears, tho dropsy subsides and the patient recovers. There is no standstill in advanced Kidney Disease, those who are afflicted rith: it are either constantly growing better or worsc. How inportant, therefore, that this terrible disease be taken in hand in time and treated with a known specific.

EDinbukgh Presbytery; on the motion of Dr. Scott, agreed to overture the Asscmbly to provide a fund out of
which to defray the cxpenses of trials by libel inasmuch as such trials are conducted for the Charch's good and not for the benefit merely of the members of Presbytery.

Manchester claims to be one of the nest missioned places in the Tnited Kingdom, and one of the most effective of its missions, conducted on temperance innes in connection
with the great enginecring works of Crossley Iorothers, has in a few years wrought a wonderful transformation in the densely populated district of Openshav.

JBritisb and .jforeígn.
Tus new edtuion of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" has been issued.

TuE spinsters of Salford congregation have borne the expense of re-upholstering the church cashions.

The: Rev. R. D. Scott, of Roberton, has retired from active duty on
years.

Tubrl: are $4,12 y$ members in the Mudland Ramway Temperantee C'nion, and the Great Western has 3,000 men in us Cmperance Union.
TuE: Rev. H. C. Grieve, M.A., was mducted on Aprol 2 , to the pastorate of Queen's Ruad
the death of Dr. H. T. Howat.

For the projected new parish church of Uban one gentleman has subscribed $\$ 500$ and another $\$=50$, and it is expected man has subscribed $\$ 500$ and another $\$=50$, and
that the entire sum required will soon be in hand.

OvFr 200,000 Fren it tracts and leallets have been for warded by the Stirling Tract enterprise to Paris to be circu lated there by the city mission and other agencies.

Tule hall at Mumbles, Swansea, which was opened for worship by a few residents, is now well filled every Sunday, and the P'resbytery have recognized it as a preaching station.

The Rev. A F. Forre $t$ gave his closing lecture of the fourth serics to young men in Renfield Street Church, Glas-
gow, lately. As on $n^{2 h}$, nights, the church was completely gow, lately. As on $n^{2 h}$ ne
crowded long before the chur
rof service.

Tus venerable father or the Free Church, Dr. Beith, has completed the ninetieth year of his age and the sixth-sixth of
his ministry. A congratulatory address was presented to hin his ministry. A congratulatory address was presenter to him on the occasion by the Presbytery of Surling.

Ersiine congregation, Arbroath. express their gratifica ton at the honour of D.D. having been conferred by Aber giving him a two months' holiday and a gift of upwards of $\$ 500$.

Thi. annual sermon in connection with the society of the Sons of the ministers of the U. P. Church was preached in
Ross Street, Edinburgh, by Rev. James M. Jcout, Leth. Las Ross Street, Edinburgh, by Rev. James $M 1$. scott, Leth. Last
year $\$ 2,270$ were distributed among forty-hree widows and year $\$ 2,270$ were distr
famlies of ministers.

Mk. Jerdan carried a motion in Greenock Presbytery to overture the Synod that all reports on standing and special committees, together with all proposals arising therefrom should be printed and distributed to the members of Synod at least ten days before its meeting.

Dr pevtecost has closed a very successful mission at Bethany Hall, Glasgow. The meetings were well attended during the fortnight, the week-night audiences numbering the advertised hour. A large number professed to accept Christ.

Dr. Cuhiles, West Church, Leslte, at the annual meeting of his congregation, satid this was their ter- - ubilee year, the congregation having been formed in $173 \%$. The U. P. and agoing by the Seceders of $1 ; 38$, and the last at in the drama agoing by the S
was not far off.

A procession of Socialist Jews in London, headed by a brass band, sought to enter the syyajogue on a recent Satur day while service was being held, with the object of inducing
Dr. Adler, the chief rabbi, to preach on the Jewish unemployed; Dr. Adler, the chicf rabi, to preach on the e ewish unemployed;
but the gates were guarded by sivte policemen and they were but the gates were g
refused admittance.

Mk. Mackay, the elect of the McCrie-Roxburgh Church, at a temperance denoonstration in Glasgow, satd he never had admitted, and he never would admut, a drank seller to Church choice, stand inside the Churth wath Christ and his people, or go outside with the devil and drink.'

Mk. Wabres Wusun moved in Glasgow town council that the l'resbytery be approached for the purpose of getting the mimsters of the City churches contined to their ministeria duties, and he made pointed reference to Dr. F. Lo Robertson's
holding a plurality of offices. The motion was lost by twentyholding a pluraity of offices. The me.
seven to eleven, five declining to vote.

The: Rev James latterson, 131 ), hate of Ballater Free Church, and at one time of Warrender Church, Edinbursh was inducted recently in presence of a large and fashionable Coniregation to lielgrave Church, Punhico, as successor to Dr. Adolph Saphir. Dr. Walter Morison, of Westbourne Grove, introduced him, and Professor Elinslic was the leading preacher.

Dr. Hutchison Siminint, in his seventh Gifford lecture, satd that how Darwin could have ever fancued that Arstotle had established necessity as the princyple of nature on its action, and then applied that same principle to organzation,
it was impossible to perceive. Pericles, $44+$ yeazs beiore Christ it was impossible to perceive. pericles, 4 t. yeass berore Christ,
anticipated every theory that had been bult on the survival of the fittest.

MK. W. F. Hoir has been at work as an evangelist at Birmingham for the past four years. Part of the time he worked under the vicar of the parish. but owing to his super ior's cislike to his teachung he recelved his dismissal. His friends, however, rallied round him, buit him a chapel, and he
and his congregation have now preferred a regucst to be adand his congregation have now prefer
mitued into the Presbyterian Church.

Dumbakion Free Church l'resbytery has, by iourteen to si,, after a long and spirited discussion, adopted an overture proposed by Mr. Barric for a simpler creed or a less stringent formula of subscription in the Confession. The ininority sup-
prried an overture by Rev. Gcorge Macaulay, of Bowling poricd an overiure by Rev. Gecrge Macaulay, of liowling,
calling for an instruction by the Assembly to ministers to preach in strict conformity to the Confession.

A Presbiterian Church in Souch Australia, that of Millicent, has distinguished itself oy adoptung a new method of paying its debr. Having got the loan from a frend of stxty acres of good land, the minister, Rev. T. Cunmingham, and and the crop, which found a purchaser as it stond, realized $\$ 775$, sufficient to meet the bank overdraft.

## IHE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.

## STIninisters and Cburches.

Tur Presluyerian eongregatinn, "memee, "f which Rev J. linving has been pastor for forty years, : erecting a han
ious new brick church in a most convenient site.
Mr. I. W. Rabinsa, of Deseronto, cumbibuted $\$ 1 u$ ove to the jubilec fund of Queen's College. Other contributors of large amounts
were: Jane J. Stewart. Ilanilton. $\$ 2.500:$ Mess.s. M. I.eggat and lames Stewart is Co., Ilamilton, \$i,000 each.
Tur Rev. Dr. Moffatt. the Secretary of the old Upper Cianada Seligious Tract and buok hoctety, had the foilowing letter semi on inday from sume unknown frend, contanang $\$ 25$.- 1 reyucst that
jou will apply this maney where you thinh th will torward the Mas
er's cause the best lunnhs in the name of Jehovah Jireh.

A short tince ago a meeting was beld at Hilloburg at whech an despect for the personal worthe and devoted labours of the Fes: Mr. Armstrong who recently relured from the pastorate of the church there vas presented. Mr. Armitrong who carmes with he the cordial
well-wishes of his late tlock, made a happy respone in acknowledg. ment
Ar the openung services of 'halmer's Church, Doversourl roal he morning of Sabbath last the Rev. I. J. Macdonnell preached a fervent practical discourse from liph. iv. 11, 12. The pulpit was
occupied in the afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Staford who preached an able and lorceful sermon. Dr. Darsons was the preacher at the even
ing service. Ilis discnurse, one of great interest, was heard by the arge ascmblage with sympathetic attention. The collections for the

Tue second series of openms, services at Uah sureet, Turuntu,
resbyterian Church, last Sabath, were allended by large congregaPresbyterian Church, last babbath, were allended by large cungreca,
tions. In the murning Irou. Aiclaren, uf kua Cullege, preached pake with us.: At the afternuon seavace Kev. K. F. Mackiv, wf "lut ye on the Lord lesus Christ." Rev. Juhn Xeil preached in the Friday evening a tea mecthog fur the sabbath . Whuol children was

The mimisters of the liesbytery of Uren bound have organized themselves into an associanon tor mutual encouragement and help in
study, and in the work of the church. Kev. Jas. l. Mcl.aren, B.I., lresident; Rev. E. W. Wats, B.A., Vace.President ; Jas. B. Iraser,
N.D., Jecretary-Treasurer ; J. Somerville, Inbrartan. The associa ion will meet at the quarterly meetings of the Prestyytery, read and
discuss papers, analyre texts, and deal wuth such practical guestions he members to have a At each mecting there will be a review of some new book. The conMonway, April Sth, heing the wenty fifth anniversary of the lachic, was marie the recession for the presentation: , them of a beau
 lady, (omber: Mise MarLennan, M. ( urne Macl unnan, voversity College, Torontu 1 I raser MacLennan, l'rincipal, Comher the presentation, an unbroken family, they sat down to a sumptuous
dinner. tbe courses being interspersed with pleasant conversation and

Atis. tha adjournment of the W. I M. S., un Wainesday last, several hundred ladice' convened a separate meeting, Mirs. Robertson
of Collingwood in the chatr, for the purpuse of expressing their senti ments regarding the incorpuration ond endunathi if the Jesuit, and
 esulatua. That we, a gathering; of Presbyterian w umen, haihng la un
many parts of the I'rovince of Ontanu, nua in cunturence asembled desire to express our appreciation and admiration of the course pir
suted lig the thirteen Members of Farliament whu vuted for the dis allowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act. Furthet, we resolve, mute
carnestly than ever, to instil into the minds of sur children those great jranciples of civil and religious liberty beyweathed to as by nuble men and women, and in all the relations of hife to seck 10 infuence those
wath whom we come in contact realously to resist the enuroachment of with whom wec come in contact jealously to resist the enurachey
of a power whih threatens to dejrive us of this precious legacy
A veks pleasing event took place on the crening of the 7th inst.
at the manse, linkenten. A large number of frends gathered -with well-filled baskets and checrful countenances-and, afer calling Dr watch and casket. Engraved on the inner case was "" l'resented to Miss padie, by her incnals. Pinkerion, Alatch iss,
tation was made by Aliss Douglase, and an address was read by Miss Spence. The address wies signed on behalf of the community by J. Geary, Janny Douglass, K. L. Kidd, A. A. S oung, Kohi. W. Geary.
Mr. l.adie rephed on behalf ol his daugher in a few surable words expressing his sorrod at parting from so many smecte friends, and,
thanking them neartily for their tery gencrous gift and the kind wishes contaned in the address. Mr K. Wh. Geary was called on
and made a short spech, cricnding the sentiment of the address in Mr. and hirs. Eade and the other members of the famby, and re-
marked that, though leaving here, they would still be residing in the Banner County of liruce, so we no doubt would often have the pleasure musse, recitations, cic., concludiag with the consumpuon of the contents of the aloresand baskets. I he remainder of the crening was Ninite adopted by Toronto l'resbytery in relation to the los
sustainit by the Jeath of Professor Coung: That the Preshytery de sustainat by the eath of Professor loung. That the Prestrices de
sites to record its sense of the great loss the Church and rountry has sises to record as sense of the great loss the Church and rountry has
sustained by the depth of Professor Geore laxion Young, I. . In,
and its appreciation of the important services he rendered the edu ational interes:s, not only of our Church, but of the whole Province
The first three years of his residence in thas country were spent The first three years of his residence in thas country were spent as
manister of knox Church, Hamilton, whiist the semaning thatg five years were deroted to the werk of reaching For elewen years he conducted theological classes in Knox College : for three years more
he taught in the preparatnry diepartment of the same inctitution. He last serenteen years of his life he was professor of Io ovic, Mictaphysic and Ethics in University College, Toronto. Dr. Young in all these spheres, and especially in the cappacity of a icacher, discharged has
dutics with unusual fullelity, and with conspicuous alility. Irolessor Joung was ardenily devoted to the asectainment of truth, and wa eminently appreciative of the intellectual difficulties of students, and
 abic far has moderts, humility and spurtualits of character. Ife no
only illed with rarest distinction various spheres of duty in thi iratons which have secured the arimiration and gratitude of thos
hat such a manas research. It is a matter of devout thankfulness in this country, at such an carly and formative period of its history hat histeaching in an age too largely materialistic in its thinkings "ere eminently, spiritualistic, and hat in a marked degree he showed that the highest
a single breast.

Foli.owing is the deliverance of the Toronto Presbytery on the lesurt bistates Aet: That the l'restrvery' of Toronto expressies its cmphatic condemnation of the Jesutt listates Act passed by the Legis
lature of (heliec. This Act, as we believe is in vilation of the principles of civil and religious liberty and equality, while in some Presliytery mrotests agaust the Act on the following grounds. (a) It duertito a great exient frum the purposes of education the proceeds of certan lands which were accepted in trust by the Province of (bue
bec and by Canada for such purposes exclusively. (b) It permits the direct application to ecclesiastical and sectarian uses of publice funds a thing which does not appear to be contemplated by the Act of c) It is specially to be condemned that the lope to interfere in our civil aflairs in direct contravention of Imperial statutes and in derogation of the supremacy of the ()ueen.
(d) The distsibution of the sum of $\$ 400,000$ being by the det lefi entrely to the discretion of the Pope, $1 t$ is well understood that a considerable part of thas money will be applied to the endowment of a socicty which was disqualified to hold property by Imperial Act in by the l'rovince of Quebec-a socicty which has been suppressed by neariy all European mations and by the Roman See itself in the inthas the duty of all good citizens, irrespective of creed, to oppose legislation which threatens the peace of the Dominon, and must
regard the responsibitity for stirning up discord and strife as restung entirely upon those who defended this unjust, sectanian and disloyal neasure. It is matter of deep regret that the Dommion Government steps to prevent as coming intu effect; and sull more is it to be
regretted that the II uuse of Gommons should not have intervened in any furm for the phutection of interests of wheh to shuuld be the especial guardiar. The I'resbytery further puts un recurd its admuration
of, and cense of gratitude to, those members of the IIouse whu, with so nuch alility, courage and integrity, have lifted up thenr voices they may be assured that when the true significance of the legrsla
tion, which they have manfull? uppose th. the extent to which free ton, which they have manfally upposes. the extent to which iree ome to be fully recognized, the services which they have rendered
will not be forgotien.
nia, in S. Andrew's Church there, on the second Tuesday in July, annual meeting of the P'resbytery's Voman's Foreign Missionary Societv. The report was received and considered with much inter est. The Prestiytery conunues to feel interested 101 the progress of the society, and reallirms its resolution of December last in regard to the formation of auxiliaries throughout the bounds. Principal Grant was
nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly to be held in ommated Moderator of the next General Assembly to be held in
Toromto in June next. -Gro. Ci 1 Hukersos, Pres. Cleyk.

Preshytary of Toronto.-Met on the second inst., liev. Walter Amos, Moderator. Rev. I. A. Grant reported that he had wet
with the congregation of Streetsville and moderated in a call, which ans given unamomunsy in lavour of kev. K. J. M. Glassford, minister o lie signed lye ios $:$, in the l'resbytery of Barric. The call was found (tipend promised is $\$ 1000$, torether with a manse. After hearing ery' approved of Mr. Grant's conduct in the matter, sustained the the l'resbytery the same to be transmitted with relative papers to ppointed to appear before said Mresbytery, and in act for the resbytery in prosecution of the call. A petition was read from 111 nenibers and io adherents of Sl. Andrew's Church in the city, whu
worship in St. Mark's Mission Church, worship in Sl. Mark's Mission Chunch, maying the "resbytery 10 rganize them as adregular congregation. In connection therewith a promismg that in the event of there being organized they would give weekly in support of services among then, the sums opposite their fames, amounting in all to $\$ 17$. So per week in the meantime that the neighbouring Session of West Church he hereaneut at next meeting. A munute aned to express their mind Moung, of University College, was sulmitted and read by Rev. G. M. Milligan, who also moved the aduption of the same : the motion was see anuther culuman). Kev Ur, C.wen, as convener of another comThe deliseranced and read a deliverance on the Jesuts listates libl. of by all the members standing, (see the delverance in another columa). A petition wa, read from toi persons, representing themselves as
hulding the princuples of the Prestovterian Church, and as meeting for eligwas services in th, Leurge's Hall. Turuato. asking the l'restryIn supporgaite the the as a congregation in connection with our church.
In alyeared as commissiuncr,s, and uere severally heard, who alsu hat the neightruurng Sessiuns of liast Churche, Louke's Church, Knox Church and Lestieville be notified of the foregoing, and be stated by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that he wished to amend in some measure the overture of which be had given notice at the previous
meeting. Ife accordingly read the overture as anended by him, and moved the adoptiun of the same. The motion was seconded by Mr.
Massie. Considerable discussion ensued thereon. When this discussion ame to a close, the yuestion was put by the Moderator Shall this overture be adopted, yea, or nay? and 4 voted yea, while $\delta$ voted nay, quite a number nut voting at all. Kev. Joseph Johnstone esolved to cite his congregations (Ilornty and Omagh) to apon it was their interests at next meeting. Notuce was given hy liew. W. Frime.ll hat at nest mecting he would move the adoption of the following ession of laith concuss the views of many of our mast worthy and faithful members and office-bearers. whereis, said section are sjmeimes distorted and used by non-presbyterans Chusch, therefore be it humbly overtured to the lenerable, the General Assembly to appoint a commitiee to revise said sections of chapter
III, and that said revision lie sent down to presbyteries for their consideration. Messrs. G. Needham, 13.A., Thu. Nattrew, 13.A.,
J. A. Marten, L. C. Emis, Wm. Neill;, Uugald Mcifillan. Jno.
 Mitche!h, M. A., and J. Mcl). Duncam, B. A., all of them student: of Knox Colloge, appeared before the Prealgtery and underwent pregreed to ask leave of the Synud of Toronto and Kineston to take the said student on puiblic prolationary trial.s. As convener of the Presby-
tery' committee on Temperanue liev. P . Nicul subnitted and read a eport, as alsoanumber ofrelativerecommodations. Therecommenda-hon-were considered seriatim, and after sume alterations made
 from the congregation of lueensrille and liavenshoc. Nent mecting ol J'resingtesy is to be
Moniralli, Pren. Clerk

THE HOAJ.ANS FONEIGN MISSIONAN' S SUCIETY.

The largest mectung yet of this maportant organization was beld in oronto last weeh. The members of the society assembled for busiumber of delegates from every part of the l'rovines The first mecting was held on Tuesday morning, Mirs. Viwart mestiding. Aficr ter the branal evercises, Mrs. Keiloge, on behall of the neleune 10 which Mrs. sident's address outlined the work of the past year, and by its showdunng the present The Ihiladelphia lioard of lorcign Missions, the l'resbyterian lloard of Cnited S:aies Notthwest Missions, the New Lork loard of Forcign Missions, the Canadiar: Women's lioazd of Missions, Monatreal; the
Missionary Association, of St. Joln's, Newfoundlana : the Brandon Missionary Association, of St. Joln's, Newfoundlana: the Brandon
Iresbyterial Socicty. The reports of the various Presbyterial societies were prescnted

The annual rejort of the forctgn work was subunitted by the rorcign secrelaric It contained reports from the tollowing stations Indore City, Uojen, liutam, Ncemuch and Xhow. The medical. work is progressing satisfactorily and the outhook for the future is ada or the he repori deali with the missions to the Indians of Can ment of schools and churches among the various tribes and iccords the advancement of the labnurs of the missionaries as suecessful as From expected.
that $\$ 2,211$ so over the sented ny the forepa secretary it is learned and the average per member, meluding even the lately formed and ioun ty cach live membert Sa . This success has been brought discourajed. Besides the monej; over $=3,000$ pounds net easily clothre were forwarded for the outward comfort of the Indians in new maternal. These were disizibuted in all the seserves and schools Where muxgon mork in being doae hy our hureh among the Indians. The new nrganizations since last arrual mecting ate:-Four Presby.
terial noticties, fifty-cieht auxiliarice, and foris-five mirsion

107 in all ; nearly an average of nine per monti. The state of the society at present is as follows.-Three auxilharies and two mission
hands must be dropped uth uar list, one of the former to join a sister hands must be dropped ufl uur list, one of the former to join a sister atter to go on with mission work, also with good wishes; the three whers appear tu be dead at present; but branches in the same condition have hitherto fenerally revived. A few others are in a languishing state, but with hupes of improving. With these exceptions
the condition of the society at the present moment is more hopeful than during any of the previous twelve years, as has been proved by the corresponile fec cartied on throughout the whole year without break or a juil, from the l'acific Coast to Ormstown in the East, show ing love, sympathy, and selldenial in giving to missions, and which has echecred the members of the Board who were privileged to hear
the leters. The number of L'resbyterial societies is twenty five, wf auxiliaries soa, and of mission bands 16.4 . Tutal, 566 branches. An increase of eighty-eight over last year.
Mirs. Maclennan presented the financial statement for the year.
t showed a balance in hand on March 31 , $\$ 85$, of $\$ 25.019$ it It showed a balance in hand on March 31, is8s, of $\$ 25.019$ it:
amount on special deposit in Dominion Bank fur boarding school ai Indore when recpuired lyy Foreign Mission Committee, $\$ 3.500$, and anount received after audit $\$ 33540$, making a total of $\$ 28, \$ 5491,10$ whed the following contributions from Presbyterial sucieties, auxilories and the following contributions irom Presbyterial sucieties, auxiharies
and mission bands : Barrie, $\$ 015+4$; Brandon. $\$ 41 ; 15$; Brock.




 Chilliwhack' 13. C., and. Colunbtats ofstion yand, Newted to $\$ 58,0,48$.
B.C., $\$ 22$ 55. The toial recipts
 the Committee of Management. Fullowing are terracts frum 16 .
Total membership in mission bands, $4,0.55$. Members in auxiliaries, to.144. Members of general sociely, 2,749 . Total membershy. 14,356 : New Presluverinl societies, ${ }^{\text {t }}$ New, Auxiliaries, 57 , New
Misston Bands, 44 : Total Preshyterial socielies, 25 ission Bands, 44 : Total Preshyterial societies, 25
Autianters are coming unge and more into ouh terial ofticers, and are gradually being trained to self reliance. Thes always by the "stirring up" of eloquent addresses from ladies at a distance that the most lasting effects result. The missionary address is a valuable agency, no disparagement of it is here hinted at, but the ang efforts of individuai members filled with the love of Clitist their l.ord.

Another pleasing fealure in ronnection with the returns is the con. stant cccurrence of the words, "Alt contributions are voluntary." There are fewer and fewer special efforts hy means of entertainments
or appeals for outside help The sum contributed this year amounts nr appeals for outside help
to $\$ 29,006$, Of this amount $\$ 22,755$;0 was c mentribued by aunt rarees, $\$ 5,650.3 \$$ by mission hands and $\$ 72.42$ from other sources. moved by Mrs Gordon, of IIarringion, seconited by Mirs.D. J. Ma donnell, thar the vociety desires to place un recurd its high apprectaton of Mrs. Camp bell's valuable services and its deep regret at her
retirement.

The nominating committee's report was presented by Mrs Smethe, and the following members will be the Board of Management for the
ensuing year: The presidums of all Psesbyterial societics, aunalianies ensuing year: The presidims of and Passion bands : hon vice pesidents, Mrs. Topp, Mrs J. Jenand mission bands: hon vice presidents, Mrs. Topp, Mrs J. Jen-
nings, Mrs W. Weid, Mrs. I MeLachlan, and Mrs. John McMurrech;
Mrs. J M Mevander. Mrs. Bryce, Miss Bruce, Mrs. J. L. Burns,
Mrs Murh Camphell, Mrs. M. Cassels, Mrs. W M Clark, Miss M. A. Cooper, Mrs. Circlman, Mrs 1. T. Crembie, Mrs. if. I:wart,
Miss Fullerion, Miss Iaigh, Mrs. J C. Mamilton, Mrs W. C. Miss Fullerion, M. Marve, Mrs. A. Jefirey, Mrs. Lesslie, Mrs. D. J.
Maris, Mrs. M. Lrs. D. Mackay, Mis: Millar, Mrs. James Maclennan, Mrs. A. MacMurchy, Mrs I McCraken, Mrs T. M.Craken, Mrs.
M. M. McMal achan, Mrs i M Milligan, Mre J A. Patierson,
 ant, Mrs. J. H. Thom

On Tuestay evening st. Andrew's Church West was crowded hy
 Mes. Wardrope, Convener of Foreign Mission Comnattee, Greqg.
lieıd, Medasen, 1\%. J. Macdonnell, John Walke, and Mr. Hamilion Lassells, Secretary wi fureign Mission commultec. Lisw. Mr. Ward-
rupe presided and, after weicoming the society, introduced liev Prol. rope presided and, after weicoming the society, introduced liev Prof.
McLaren. The profesior showed that in isfo the amount raised by ihe Church for home missions and augmentation fund was $\$ 25,947$,
and in $18 S S$, twelve years latet, $\$ \%, 794$. For forengn missons the
 So, Soo. The amount rased by the Woman's forcign Missionary
Society in iS;0 was $\$ 1,00$, while last year the total sum was $\$ 29,093$ licv. John Wilkre, missionary, from Centrai India, Indore, gave some interesting facis regarding he progress of the cause in the mis-
sion field there. He urged the necessity of a traning school for women, having in connection with it a boarding school, where chaldren and widows could be received.
Kev. Principal Caven followed, and in his address contended that altention to forcign work did not result in any weakrning of the efforts
in home mission work, All statistics would show that a large increase in hoth departments had resulted.
Kiev II f . Macdonnell coneluded, and in his address saut he believed the reason why the interest in foreign work was so intense was
irccause the field was so illimitable. The work of the Church in all liccause the field was so illimitable. The work of the Charch in all
its liranches was a united work. Ite called antention to the evil of sending l'sotestant girls to Rorann Catholic seminaries, and urged ladies present to discourage the practice.
On Wednesday morning the election of ufficers took place, which
Insilted as follows M'resident, Mrs. T. Eyiart: firse vice-president, sesulted as follows l'resident, Mrs. T. Eyjart: Girsi vice-president,
Mis. J. Harvic : second vice-president, Mirs. M. M. Parsons: third Mis. J. Harvic: second vice-president, Mirs. Hi. M. Parsons ; third
ice-president, Mrs. J. C. IIamilion ; fourth vice-presudent, Mrs liugh Campleti, the presinents of the Prestyternal socielies, auxiliax. ics, and mission Mands, honorary wice.pressidenas, voz., Mrs. Topp,
Mr. J. Jenning, Mrs W. Meid, Mrs. J. MeLachlan, and Mrs. J.
MacMurich : recording secrelary, Mrs. G. M. Kobinson : home MacMursch: recording secrelary, Mrs. G. 11. Kobinson: home
sectetary, Mrs. Shortieed, forcign secretary, Mirs MacMurchy sectetary, Mrs. Shonticed, forcign secre:ars, Mirs MacMurchy;
se=retary of supplies, Miss. H. Eampbell : ircasurer, Mrs. James anclennan.
In the all
In the afternoon Mrs. Watson presented 2 very :neresting report
of the delegates of the society to the World's Missionay Confer. of the delegates of the society to the World's Missionay Conter-
ence, held in london last June. Mirs. MeLaren also presented to the ence, held in loondon last Jene. Mrs. Melaren also presented to the for a wo.nan's mecting in the year 1S92.
The following resolutions as to the disposal of moncy were then
(1) Moved by Wrs. Macdonnell, seconded by Mrs. MeCrac:That the sam of $\$ 26$, SS called for by the Forcugn Sission Committec salary allowed foreıgn missonaties who are married, be paid to Dr.
Heid. (2) Moved Uy Mrs. liall, Vanneck, seconded by Mrs. Hay,

Oltawa - - That in answer to request of l'rur Lart an additional grant of $\$ 1,525$ be made for the purpose uf cumpleting the school Latidng
on Crowsland reserve. (3) Moved by Mrs, Noger, London, seconded on Crowsland reserve. (3) Moved by Mrs, Roger, London, seconded
by Mrs. Grant, Izanilton:-That the sum of $\$ 4 \infty 0$, required by the la Prairie, be ommittee lor the for purpose. 14) Moved by la Prairie, be paid :o Dr. Reid for that purpose. 14) Moved by
Mrs, Guncher, of Turonto, seconded by Nirs. Ure, of Goderich:That the sum of $\$ 5$ B $^{2}$. 88, being the balance of the funds in the hands of the treasurer of the society, be reserved for expenses. (5.) Moved
by Mrs. Mac.Ifurchy, seconded by Mis. Wm. McMurrich:--That $\$ 200$, being half of the amount of the estimates for Trinidad schools, be sent through the usual channel
and the remaining $\$ 200$ be sent to Mrs. Grant in the same way for her schools. (6) Moved by Mrs. MarMurchy, seconded by Mrs Ross:-That $\$ 100$ each be sent through the usual channel to Mirs
Annand, Mrs. Kobertson and Mrs. McKenzie out of the $\$$ \$roo voted Annand, Mrs, Roberison and irs. Achenzit out of the $\$$ froo voted
for schools in the New Ilebides, 10 be used by them for teaching purposes.
A cordial invitation was presented to the so-iety by Mrs. Grant,
of IImmilton, to hold ts next annual meeting in that city. The inviation was accepted.
The intervals of busmess were enherened in vanous ways. The Coronto ladies entertained therr visuting sisters to lunch in the Y, M . A. parlours, and the ladies of St. Andrew's (hureh, West, hospht ably entertained the delegates in the church parlours, handsomely
decorated fur the occasion. Several ladtes possessed of eminem musi cal ability gave their services, and at the public meeting' it Andrew' cal ability gave their services, and at he pubic meeting An Andrews
Church choir, under the leadership of Mr. F. Fisher, sang with fine
effect. liefore closing votes of thanks were cordally tendered to all who deserved thein.

## oblTUARI.

At the funeral services held in l.rescent street Church, Montreal wover the above, who died abroad, and whoie remains wete
torought whonneal fur taterment, Proncipal Wacticar, who, along brought wo Monireal fur interment, Principal Machicar, who, aloun
with the pastur, Kev. Di. Mackay. cunducted the services, sam: James Machay, whuse mortal remans we this day bear to the coml, was a member for many vears of the brme of Mackay Bro rity in this city and diroughuat the Dommon. It has been my happy lut for mute than a yuarter of a century to watness the suc
cessful carear of this enture tamily circie. I he memory of the tate Joseph and Edvard Mackay will never pass away in this land. heir associates and thuse who started whit them in the battie of
life are fast falling, or have already fallen, mio the grave ; but these two eminent merchants, an thers hiletme, set up enduring monuments of their $b=n e v o l e n c e$, philanthropy and earnest determination to promote Christian education. The same spirt has been admiara-
ably manifested by their successors. The late Mr. James Mackay, ably manilested by their successors. The late. Mr. James iong a resident in lingland, was always decply imerested in the wellare and prupress of vur ctiy and country, and gave practical proof of his generusity in suppurtung the msturatish friegulf, wad hearted and hospratle, and delighted to maniest thes qualities in a preeminent degree to those who visuted him from ths tide of the Atlantic. Has ndelty in business and personal
worth, I have reason to know, were highly apprectated by a large urcle in the fatherland, whu with us to day mourn its comparatively carly semoval.

While permuted, in the providence of God, to enjoy outward prosperny as the frut of very diligent tonl, he was far from being a
stranger to the athictuns and surrows which enter more or less into he lot of all. It is in these, hrecthen, that our Father in heaven who allicteth not wallingly hut for our profin, comes very near to our hearts and teaches us lessons whach we cannut othervise learn.
And truly while we lowngly cherish the memory of the deceased. we have more need to think of ourselves than of hum. lis career ended, bui ours is still in progress, and that we may end th well we need to take heed to every lesson of providence and of divine our departed friend discharged his duty and endured all the suffer our departed friend discharged has duis and endured all the suffic
ings God was pleased to send, and while we lament his too early re ings God was pleased to send, and while we lament has too early re-
moval from his chosen seenes of auvity, let us hear the voice wheh says to us now with spectal emphasis. "Be ye also ready, for in
such an hour as ye think nut the Son oi Man cometh." of to be ready to welcome His advent, to hail with ju His glorious comang,
to be able to say, "M, Beloved is mine, and I am Its. " (ome, to be able to say, "MI) 13 en
Iord fesus, cume "quichly." The day of death has larely conir lo a firod wuman a suncere and
humble Christian, one who having served hier day and generation has
fallen asleep in Iesus. Mrs. William Milligan, after a lrief illness, fallen asleep in lesus. Mirc. Wmiam Mimigan, after a lirief illmess, pasied away on liriday the 16th whe, at the age of ciaty eight A
native of county Tyrone, Ireland, she came out with her hushand in Canada forty-seven years afo Having purchased land in Shefied. and died, bemg held in the greatest esteem by her many frends and neighloours. she was the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughers, all of whom, save one, the late Mrs. Smith Gilmour, survive her. Mrs. Milligan was a most devoted wife and mother, a truly exempary christian, and a to assistance in time of sictighssar, one who was ald always be depended upon, and she reccived the respect of both Catholi and Protestant in the community. She was a lifciong member of the
l'resbyterian Church, and was most regular in her altendance on divine ordanances. Seldom was she ever absent from the house of prayer. Our sister loved the house of (iod, and joyed
(hither The language of llavil at any time could be hets:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { How lovely is thy dwelling place, } \\
& \text { O loord of hosts to me: } \\
& \text { The tahernacles of thy grace, } \\
& \text { How pleasant, Lori, they lic: } \\
& \text { My thirsty soul longs velimently, } \\
& \text { Yea faints thy courst to see: } \\
& \text { My very heart and tlesh cry nus, } \\
& \text { Oliving God, fo: Thec. }
\end{aligned}
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On the Sabbath following her deceare, a memorial service was hempletely filled. Her pastor, to whom she was much altached. chose as his text Kev. xit. In, and discoursed on the "happiness of departed saints." In clocing his sermon he said: Death is in our
midst again Another of var members hath been taken hence, 0 :r midst anain dinother of our members hath been taken is left of of
beloved sister who lies before us in this casket, is all that is lef on a once Christian mother and Christian wife; she worshipped in our assembly two weeks ago to-day. I litle thought when I saw her
there, that her carthly course was so nearly run, and that she would meet with us no more for cice. But God's thoughts are not our shori duration, 2ad her wajs our was saden, thank the Lord, she was not unprepared for it. For her to live tras Christ, and to dic was gain.
"If it is death," she semarked the day before the end came, "I am ready to dic," and peacefully the following forca000 she lelt this wale of tears, to enter into the joy of her Lord. "And I heard 2 voice
from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the Iead which die in in the Tord, from benceforth- Yca, saith the Spirit, that tbey

## Wabbath $\ddagger$ chool Teachex

## INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

 Onem.n. rwa. But I say unto youn, that in this place is | the Temple. Matt. vii. |
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(ucthion ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ This covenant was nut made woth. Adman a pri-
eperson, but with him as the ruot and representative of all manvate person, hat with him as the ruot and representative of all mant
kiril. Ifence not nonly himself, but all his postenty eyually witli
himself, were concerned in its terms. himself, were concerned in its terms. Adam's natural headship is
the ground of his lederal headship) If the yuestion is, llow, by the ground of his cederal headship, If the yuestion is, How, by the world wilh a leppaved nature? the mswer i, that Adam and live,
the natural toot and origin of all men, corrupted their own nature, which corrupt nature is necessarily propagated to each new horn de scendant by natural generation. If the duestion be why, on what
ground of justice, fod brings this terrilite curse of bereditary de ground of justice, jod brings this terrilite curse of hereditary de
pravity upun each new born soul before he has personally done pravity upun each new born soul before he has personally done
either tood or evil ? the answer is that each one of us, being represented in the holy new created diam, had a hat safer, tairer probsAdan's sin had corrupted the lountain frum which we spring. The representative principle is grounded both an nature and in Scripture.
Children do everywhere inherit the good or evit conseques Chibdren do everywhere imherit "the good or evil consequences of
their parents' lives. "The free will of the parent becomes the their parents" lives. "The free will of the parent becomes the
destiny of the child " llugh Miller). Witness the declaration attached to the Second Commandment (Ex. 20:5), the representative
character of Christ the second Adam. He assumed the legal responsibility for nur sins, and the reward of his righteousness is given to us. 'See Rom 51221 ) The full penalisy denvunced unon Adam and Five as the punishment of their apostasy has been conunuously
and rigorously inflicted on each of their descendauts-death (uen. 2 . 1 i, a rursed earll, and the 0 zessity uif gaining our daily bread by the

The Them (Gen 3 in 19). Dr. A. A. Alodse.
I. The Temple's Destruction Foretold.- As the hute com-
any left the Temple enclusure, ne of the disciples looking round gazed with admiration un the mapniticent structure, which was one of the grandest then to le tuand any where. It was the temple
built by lierod the Great, and fully cumpleted th Herod Agrappa built by lierod the Great, and fully completed ty herod Agrippa
If., so that its construction frum the cummencemem to the occupied the time mentioned in John's luspel. It was buile o occupied the time mentioned in John's cuspel. It was bunte of
great blocks of marhle, had spaciuus cuarts and enclused colonnades, splendidty adorned. Vo wonder that the disciple, merely tooking splendidy adorned, its, exelaimeder "" lishold what manner of stones
at the building itself ber maildings!" Jesus saw much more than was re. and what manner of buildings! "Jesus saw much more than was re-
vealed to the eye of llis disciple. The leaunful appeazance of the vealed to the eye of llis disciple. The beautulat appearance of the
Temple, its massive structure, its sulud masums, wuald, oo all ap. pearance, stand for centuries, and elicit the admurauun of successive generations Jesus saw far iniu the furure, and says whth the cer
tainty of alisolute hnowledge that wne aluae shuald not be left upon another, all would be levelied by the destroyer. It was literally as
 tory, Titus lespasian suept the caty, wh.ch lay a mass-of run and
desolation, and the splendid Temple was razed to ns foundations.
I1. Signs of Impending Destruction - The Saviour's uner pected reply to the dasciple's adminng obsertation seems to have
weraned those that accompanied Itim. Alter they had gatned the eminence of Mount Olivet, where the company sat down, the mag nificence of the view, and the himsone associations connected with the huly cay must have been very mpresswe. The four well. known
disciples and first followers of Christ from Galitee, approach Hinn privascly, and ash questions abuut the unexpected announcement madio them as they were leaving the city. Cuniosity is inherent in the human mind. These disciples firs! wanted to know when these things should be-the destusction of the Temple, the coming of he signs heralding the cnd uf the age, and nexfers prancipally to Christ's coming in judgment, in relation to the frst-named event and has no duult a secundary reference to the tmal coming. As to aratify a merely idle ame speculative cunustty. He says, "Tak. heed, lest any man deceive you," and rells of teverays, "Take anch the disceming may anticipate the great a pproaching events of thuse, Ile says, shall come, and what ought to be noted, they will be able to deceive many. Wars and disturbirg rumours of war wer Iu cunstitute the secund sign of the ampending destruction of Jera-
calem, as they will furm a pretude to the second coming. Chist's salem, as they will furm a pretude to the second coming. Christ's
lisciples were not to lie dismayed by these. Eiven then the end is not yet. The third sign is seen in carthyuakes and famines. There are on record an unusual number of earthquakes occursing ahout the time of the destruction of ferusalem, among then the over
throw of lomperi and lierculaneum. These convulsions of nature and the physical sufferings they entail are described as the beginning bes. liersecurions of Christ's people are described as the fourth sign. These were terrible in the early ages of the Church's history, but these alamitous evemse were overnied tor the furtherance of the Gospel. The universal proclamation of the Gospel is itself adduced as the last ign given of the
IiI. Danger and Deliverance for Christ's Followers.-IIe ho is the lruth does not conccalrom his people the dangers and difticulties that lie in their path The dangors have to be met but lle They were lube desjised and persecuted. The Acts ol the Aposites tell how literally this was fulfilled before the destruction of Jcrusalen. When for Chrisi's alke and fur tidelity in Ilis service they are brought
lefore hings ant rulers, they are cahored to dismiss all unnecessary andiets. The time of their special need will lue the tame of Ilis mos racious help. "Whatsocver shall be given you in that hour. that yeah 34 , fur at is not ye that spiadi but the lloly Ghosi." One of ,ers of his ourn famity. In those lurst days withe thristian men iers of his owin family in those turst days of the (hristian Church
bow teriilie the feuds that divided the nearest and dearest of earthly clatuns. The very same thing is repeated sull in Intia. China and over alt the world where the Gospel is making converts. Testimonics stll exist that in many places throughout the Roman woilin the early Cinsstians werc maligned and hated; they were even des
criened as cnemacs of the human race. The closing word is that "lic hal shall endure unto the end the same shall lie saved.' Jatience mast have its perfect work. It is selated hy the earliest church his evere in lerusalem at the liecinning of the siege that enided in suet
 is that not one of them perished.

Christ's words are certain to be fulfilled.
The nation that will not serve Iltm shall perish.
Christ does not reveal IIss truth to us to eraufy
 0 sirengthen our faith amel secuse ous obechence.
We must lie on our guard agamst deception.
own unbelicring hearts, and false teachers.
lereeverance, Christian steadfactness is necessary to salvalinn.

## THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

The "sacred," or rather loathsome, city of Benares lies on the north sude of the Ganges, at a place where the bank slopes high above the stream and bends crescent-sinaped to the north. Wide flights of stairs or ghats lead down to the brink, and succeed each other in rapid succession for a mile or so all along the river-bank. These lead to temples or to the huge caravanserais which have been built by the various rajas of India, and which are the lodging-houses of the pilgrims who come from the raja's dominoons. The river-bank, high natur ally for the Ganges, has been made higher by the ruins of cen. turies, which have served for the foundations of the modern buildings. The whole place has that general leok of disrepair which is common to all Hudu religious places, and which arises from the selfishness of pagan devotion. It is an act of merit to build a temple or caravanserai ; but when these are once built, the succeeding generations prefer to win merit for themselves by building new temples to increasing the merits of others by keeping the old buildings from tumbling into ruins. The river has undermined the bank occasionally, and brough down the buildings standing near. Two large ghats have sunk and houses and temples on the high bank above have either disappeared bodily, or are represented by heaps of rubbish, or stand with huge cracks in the walls. At other places huge basements of pillars are scen, almost and wholly submerged. One wishes that, if the people were only sately out of it, the Ganges would make up its mind to it, and with one good "spate" sweep the whole abominable thing away bodily.

We got a boat, and went slowly along the river-bank rew yards from the water's edge. At the foot of each ghat wooden landing-stages stretched out into the river, supported on bamboo scaffolding; and from these, or from the lowest steps of the long staircases, the crowds of worshippers were bathing. Some took water in the hollow of the hand and threw it highty on forehead, haur and breast, repeating, the sacred formulic as they did so. Others were washing their clothes. Others, almost naked-the men with waistband only, the wo.
men girt with the ends of their saris-plunged forward in the water and threw up the soles of their feet to the surface, or ducked down in the water. All made a point of drinking the water. Young children squirmed and screamed as they were ducked by fond parents; the boys shouted and leapt from a height into the water. The religious rite was great fun to them. All along the banks, priests at the receipt of custom, sat on wooden platforms, under great umbrellas made of reed matting, ready to paint the sacred marks on the foreheads of pilgrims who had bathed. Some ghats are reserved tor high-caste people, and there Hindu ladies and gentlemen are seen bathing in the same way, and vigorously drinking the
rater.
Three great spaces on the river-brink are used as crema ion grounds. We saw the process in all its stages-the body lying on the bank, wrapped tightly in white or red cloth, while the pyre was building; oblong pyres oi wood in flames, the head of the corpse barely visible ; men raking the ashes of wood and human remains into the river. Most people are too poor to pay for wood enough to burn the body thoroughly the poorest cannot afford to buy more than will only lightily scorch the corpse. In these cases the remains, slightly charred, are thrown into the stream. The set of the current continually carries these back to the side of the river. We saw at three different places a partially burnt human head floating where the people were bathing and drinking. The whole thing was so repulsive to me that I would gladly have thrust out into the middle of the river and got out of the neighbourhood; we had begun, however, and had to go through with it.

On our return voyage we floated down in mid-stream, and saw the distant effect of houses, temples and palaces crowded together from river-bank to sky-line. Hindu architecture repels me, and it did so especially at Benares. The meanest Toslem mosque is to my mind a more beautiful building than the costliest Hindu temple; and I confess that as my eyes wandered down the sky outline they rested some what complacentiy on the slender minarets of the mosque of Aurungzeb rampling Hindu temples beneath it.
We landed and went to see the city. I had read and knew
something about the loathsome arcanta of Hindu religion ; but I did think that when I had privately warned the guide to keep us avay from the worst, things would not have been so bad as they were. Our guide, a Moslen, obeyed glady; but it was impossible to take six steps in that brutal, lusttul place without being confronted with the most obscene symbols. The priests, sonetimes repulsive-looking, at other times grave, noble-looking men, came round us, begging and inviting us to look now at this, now at that shrine. The streets were the parrowest of narrow lanes. Cows and dogs, monkeys and donkeys, all
sacred wandered about, and added their share to the fith and to the smells of the place. We finisiled the day with the cow oo the sinells of the place. We finisited the day with the cow
and the monkey temples. The former, which we entered, is a square. covered court, with the shrines in the middle, painted red. It is a huge byre without the stalls. The worshippers -men and women- when they entered, kissed the filthy threshold, then touched it with their foreheads, then bowed thrice ou hed ire, then rouched the tail and hean fina and or the brucs wandering about inside while the priests sat serene above the filth and votive-offerings.

Crowds of women, mostly prostitutes, thronged the streets or appeared on the house-tops; old creatures, men and women who had come to Benares to die, sat in corners, or crept and rawled close to the wall; and at every yard or so little niches were cut into the walls to hoid obscene emblems. I had read about all this. It is easy to read about it ; to see it was so
utterly loathsome that it made me quite sick. Yet, as I haveutterly loathsome that it made me quite sick. "et, as
said, we did not see the worst. "This was the "sacred city" of Benares, this Gomorrah, where Satan's seat is.
The monkey-temple, to which 1 went somewhat unwilling. $y$, was the cleanest and least objectionable. Near it is an ancient tamarind tree, within whose hollow trunk the sacred monkeys bring forth and nurse their young when not dislodged by cobras. The place swarms with these hideous brutes, Which, luckily, have a salutary dread of a white face. The cmple is small; but before it is a huge tank
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