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HERE AMI. O LORD SEND ME. BY J. E. RANKLIN, D. D.

I hate not an angel'a tongue, thalled in whmme - peed or somg; Welghty worts at .iy command, Pleats tallat jous wo withotand; I Thare not some hitle child I call win from paths detiled? Warak, unworthy though I be: Here am I, OLord, sent hie.

I cannot the sickle wieht,
In the noonday harvest theld.Bear the burden of the day; Aarner loaded nama awaiI ran only stoop and glean Where more stalwart fomas have been, Wean, unworthy thourb I tee Ifere am 1, O Lord, send me.

I cannot the sworit gird on, If therese vectry to be wenWhere has ebbed the battle-shout, 1 can seet the wounded out, Sorthe the dying; make the bed Of the sad and lonely dead. Weak, unworthy though I te. Here and I, O Lord, send me.

Send, o Lord, by whom thou witt'
Cleanse thes worli of we and guilt! Where the hosts of eiror low'r, Clothe thy chosen ones with pow'r. In the Ling dom of the grace, Give to me some humble place. Weak, unworthy thoughl be, llere am I, 0 Lơrd, send ine.

## -Selected.

A Parish Minister on Sunday Harvesting.-At the close of divine service on Sunday, the Rev. W. Wallace of Traquair, said he hoped that it was not unbecoming in his position to refer to the past disastrous summer, and to the necessity of securing as soon as possible the remainder of the harvest. His parishioness would of course be regulated by their 0 wn conscience, but in his opinion every hour was availableeven the hours of the Lord's Day. It is impossible for him, as minister of a country parish, not to feel deep sympathy with those who were dependent for their subsistence upon the cultiration of the soil. and who had already been exposed to much suffering and loss. There
was the prospect, also, it was to be feared, of an early and severe winter; and, considering the uncertainty of the weather, and the lateness of the seavon, it appeared to hin right and proper to secure the precious fruits of the ground without delay. In offering this suggestion, Mr. Wallace said he was probably laying himselí open to misiconstruction and hard words, but surely it was the duty of a minister to speak what he conceived to be the truth than to seek for a vain popularity. Wanton desecration of the day of rest by rich or poor in the shape of feasting, holidaymaking, and frivolous conversation, was as distasteful to him as it would be to them; but he saw no desecration in preserving the bread whick God had given them by using the means which he had put within their power. On the contrary, be considered the farmer would be well employed in the harvest field that afternoon, and better still if he should return the first-fruits of his toil to the Lord with a grateful heart, and remember his suffering fellow-creatures in India now dying of starvation. This at least was in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament, and olen of the Old, when it olold na that the Most High prefers mercy to sacrifice. - Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day? And surely no ona, ha the same principle, can be chargenble with offence who rescues his crop from possible disanter and loss, and performs a work of necessity and mercy in circumstances so exceptiona4. We could only hope that on the great day of accounts none of them might have to answer for anything more serious than this

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## TIE DEATH OF ABRAMAM.

A RERMON PREACHED BY JOSFI'H PARKER, D. D., LONDON, EKGLAND.
"Then Abrohem grare up the ghost, and died ill good old age, an old man, ande full of yedars; and wos guthered to has people.'-firn. fire. s.

Now that hej, gome, we may be able to get a clear view of his whole character, anl to sen how one part lonks in the light of amother. It i- amost impossible to le just to any livms man who is domg a great work, because we see his mperfec. tious, we are perhaps frefed by the manner in which he does it, and we are not quate sure that he may not yet rpoil it by a blumber or a crime. But when he has ladidown his tools, and left his work for the last, we may look quictly at the whole chawacter metrething elear througin from youth to oli age, and form a sounil opimon of itw quality and valae.
Auraham is by fir the greatest man we have met with in these studies, and his greatness is our beficnty, because we may judge thin by ourselycs. That, indect, is the dificulty of reading all the best biography; we thma what we stooulí have done, atudif the hero did not do iust as we should have acted, it is very seldom that we give him the alvantage. It munt bediticult for a highly
 a silly honiemajd, and thit has dome the next best thing to being at a Buard School, to have any patience with an cagle that never know the advantages of an enlightened kiuhen. We do not always know the agonies to which culture exposes both birt and man in some respects Abr.oham wis the first great traveller in the world; and his fifffcaity in travelling was the greater because be did not lesce home to gratify any curiosity or Whim of his own but in obedience to a spiritus! inflience which lnre him forvard us a mighty impulse which he could hardly have put into Fords. We should csil a man who acts todiay as Abrahem acted thousands of years ago, s fanatic; We believe in a resperibible and decorous Providance; not in the Gor who drifes us before the breath of a storm and unakes us helpless under the apell of anirresistible imepiration. Anti we should doubt a man who acted like Abraham all the more becaume he did not get the very thing which he said cod had promised to him before he left
hones That would be tatal to amy mind elain to having heen direeted! of fiut now.a-dass. We jutse the l'rovilense by the price. $10^{\circ}$ rou sumecemb, then gon have herenitminely gatiled; if you tan, then y ou have enther " not aikent, of eise you latre anked amma." It you are invited from one churell to amother it; mintor, your wistom in accepting the invitation will he jurged by the confrexations voti gather, lityon fill the yews and maye to embarge the builitemg, people will oay, "Yun can haveno donbt bow that God sent you;" but if the herarre be tew and por $r$, the same people will tell you that sou have inssed ' your provilentall way." Iutige tis thin standaril of mig. called sucers, Abrahanismigration is the greatest blumber in the pages of religivas history. It was a failure. Canaman wa promixed to hinl, and he never got a foot of it! surely, then, a resppectable and commercial pety may tarly call hmm a mistakey man, an amable enthusiast, a clairvocanc cheaner, who miswok a morning mist for agreat entate. I wish, therefore, tolearn from Alraham's charactev the right way of judging Providence; to learn from a Jew how to be a Christian! The rough amil reary way of stating thas rase is: Abram went uat from his kindredand has father's house to get a land that God would show him. Abram didnot get that land, but artually " io. jourued in the land of promise asin a strango country, "aml was buried in a grave which he bad to buy ; it is clear, thercifore, that he mistook $a$ dream fura reahty, a mirsge for a landed property, and he was punished for his selfinh ambition. l fear that this notion of Gool's providence is not unknown ammang ourselres: that we think nothing is
 minds that forl's way may lie through the dreary region of hunger and loss, pain and sorrow, weak. ness and death, and that fnilure itself may be a sign of Gol's presence and care in our life.
Abraham's cade shows that Gow may have fulfilled a promise when He has apparently brozen it; and that God's promises are not to be measured by the narrowness and poverty of the letter. Gou promised Ihraham and hin seed is place of lanf calloal Canaan, and yet Abrahan anil his seed rever hell the land, Aimaham "sojourned In the land of promise as in a strange country. druelling in tabernacles with Iaatac and Jeoob, the heirs with him of tie same promise;" he had " none inheritance in it, no, not po minh as to set his foot on; yet (iod gromised that He would give it to him fora possession, and to his seed after him, when se yet he had ac child" (Acts vil: 5). Now, this b:ings us, so to speak, into close quar. ters with God's proridence, and Abraham's char.
acter becomes a medium through which we learn divine lessons. Abraham suffered ton us. It is beautiful beyond expression to nee how the true idea dawned upon the mind of the man of faith, that is to say, how he got from the letter $w$ the spirt, amd sat God's me, ning at last. When he came out of the land of the Chaldeans he had a very small notion of his future; but as he went on and on, from Charran, building his altar and pitch. ang his tont, his eyes pierced treyond the hitte land of Canaan, and "he looked for a city which hath fourdations, whose buildor aul iusker is Goul." He could not have taken in the grandeur of that idea at first. It was too spiritual for him. He must have real land, real stones, real possessions of divers tinds, and by and by there would break upon his mind the higher light; these things would show their own worthlessness as mental supports and tonics, and he would let them slip out of his hands that he might become a citizen of "a better country that is an heavenly," "an inheritance incorruptible and undetiled, and that fuleth not away," and the literal Canaan would cease to have a single charm for a mav that had secn the "holy eity, the New Jerusalem, coming down from Gixd out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband." I beg you not to let this point slip, or you may "charge God foolishly;" you may say, "God promises one thing and gives another, therefore He disaypoints and distresses the believer of His promisen. Now, that is true as to the Brst part, and untrue as to the seconet, for it is in evidence in all the volumes of history and personal experience that Gouls way of fulfilling His promises always astonished with glad surprise the very persons who at drest saw nothing but the letter, and grasped wothing but the common meaning of the worl. God's promises are not broken; they are enlarged and glorilled. The re. ceivers thenselves are satisfled, are over whelmed with thankful amazement, and instead of complaining that the letter has not been kept, they sar, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly sbove all that we ask or think;" and so deep is this impression that they have said, and are ataying every day, the things that are seen are not Forthy to be compared with the glories which shine on the eyey of the heart. Now this I hold to be the explanation of the dificulty arising from the supposed discrepancy between the promise and its fultilment. It is fultilled beyond all expectation. The anower is as a river which overpows the channel of the promise.

Your little boy is five years old; promise him that if he will learn such aud such lessons he shall have the finest rocking-horme in the world when he is fimeen; I can easily imagiue him scizing his lessons with great earuestness; at five a rockinghorse seems the finest of prizes; the child vorizs, antit reats, and learns (the figure of the rockinghorse still being before his inayinationj, lint os five becomes seven and seven grows into nine, and nine enlarges into twelve, and the mind strengthens and brightens by the very work which was to bring the prize, the rocking-horse goes down in value, until at fiftoen the inteligent, well-trained, glad-hearted youth declines the very Canam Which he so eagerly started to win, and is almost insulted if you name to him the promised prize. Why does be decline it? Becatise he has got something so mach better; he has got information, caltare, discipline, habits of reading and observa. tion, and these very things which he had no idea of setting when he atartex have nctually wrought in him a proper contempt for the very prize that was promised.
So I see Abram starting from the land of the Chaldeans with a promise of getting another land. At first he thinks much about it. He wonders how long it is and how wide, and how rich in
wells and thick pasturen, and many a long dream he has about the country far away; travel trioa him; little disaplointments trouble hin laily life: sorrow comes, death overshadows him, great fulgoments come down from heaven; a solemnity grows upon his heart an he seres the seasons riso, Hourish and die, and life run its little round: many "word God speaky to bis heart; ho learne something of the greatness of manhood, new poesibulities dise lose themselves, unusual aspirations givo a higher dignity th his prajers, and his soul almost unconsciously enters intw new allinneed and companionships, until at last he dechares whinly, "ven fil Canaan itself, that he seeks a country, a better country, a richer Canaan, house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, It is thus our manhood grows. "When I was a chilil I thought as a child; but when I becume a man I put away childish things." I needed a promise suitable for a child; I sigh for a fultillment worthy of a man.
When the roung man started in business he probably set before has mind the irlea of twenty years' service, a modest competence, and long years of leisure, a Canaan easily gained and easily held. As he went forward, the very effort he was reyuired to make created new possibilities, new habits, and new ambitions, until his first notion berame ridiculous even to himself. Thus we are led on. First, that which in natural: afterward, that whel is spiritual. To begin with, we must have something to look at and to touch; by and by our better nature will be awakened, and spititual meanings will be realized. "It does not yet appear what we shall we" in spiritual elevation and desire; in our meaner selves we think that the carthly will be enough, but in our betwer monients we shall earnestly desire our house from heaven. The young lacl whose pocket money is fourpence per month, quite long for the time when he will be called upon to pay the in-come-tax. He says he will beonly tooglad to pey the tax when he gets the income, but Ilitten in vain tor any special gratification in the matter of the tax. The veteran secyant who has received a gift of honor from his admirers, tells them that much as he values the silver and gold, he prizes the love which gave them infinitelymore. This is the same principle; it is the spiritual absorbing the material. The principle may be appliod to heaven itscif. The young Christian thinks of heaven as a magnificent collection of all the finost things he has ever heard of-of harps and trura. pets, of gardeus and fountains of water, of processions, and banners, of crowns and thrones; as he grows in holy life he sees that something better must be meant; as he gets nearer and noaror the promised land he cares less and less for the matnifceuce which once satisfied him; and at last fie sees all the hearen he needs in being "for ever with the Lord."
 of Aluraham's character: "And his sons, Isatec and Ishmarl, buricr him in the cave of Machpelate," I am not aware that those names are thus nutted in anj other transaction. Abraham never ceased to care for Ishmael, the son of the bondwomath, the wanderer; and lshmael showed how he valuod his father's care by thus uniting with Isaac in the last act of flifal love. How true is it that some. cipes relatives only meet one another at furnerale! For years they may never speak to each other, that some cold, sad day they set ont on a journey to one common grave. "Abraham gave all that he and unto Isaac," yet Ishmacl went to the funerall Isasc and Dhmael met over their tather's damd body, and then probably separated fonever. IThmacl might have hat hard feelings an he stook to near the toones of Sarth, thotght of his motiver and of that day when she and he went forth into
 koenly, anleven make ut furion-with ruentria anger. It was surely not so with 1smakel. He was not hardened loy hardihip. H. was a piant ord a true king, and his eve took in wide sweeps of things, and thus belped lis soul towntl large and nobio judgments.
Abrahani is our father, ton, if we believe, tor he is "the father of the faithrul." If we blame him for ought of shortcoming or misileal, we bhane ourselves, tor we are more to be reproached than he. Abraham lived in the twilight, we live in the fall noon; . Al, raham stood atone, wer ner member of the General Assembly and Chureh of the instborn, with throvgs of friemb arounil us, and blessed memories and inspirations. Let us cultithet the pllgrim spirit., Let un "declare plainly that we seek a country." Here we have no continuing city, but we seek ope to come. Bind the mandals, grasp the staff, turry briefly every where, and though faint, be evermiore pursuing, "ontent Frith nothing less than heaven.-The Complete Preacher.

## RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AND THE BIBLE.

A member of the committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society writes:More than 60,000 Bibles and portions of the Scriptures have been bought lately by the soldiers of the Russian armies since they crossed the Pruth. Large editions have been required, and the books were sent from Vienna, Odessa, St. Petersburg, and London, necessarily for very high rates for carriage, and involving an expense of $£ 8,000$. The agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who has conducted the arrangements, reports from Bucha:est several interesting particulars, as follows:-
"As to the Russians, we are one and all of opinion that their readiness to buy is unparalleled in our experience of the Society's Continental works. It is a strange thing, and yet not less true than strange. when fierce-looking Cossacks, armed to the teeth, thank you ten times over for having brought them the New Testament, and when they can scarce be restrained in the gladness of their hearts from taking you in their bony arms to give you a well-meant, albeit none the leas dreaded, hug of gratitude. And not only do the men buy, but they read; for they can read, and that to an extent that
has utter!y surprised me. All the reports received by me agree in this particular, that there are comparatively fow unable to read, and the explanation given by the conumon men, as well a- by some of high rank, of the glad but stranue fact is that, since the introduction of general compulsory military service a ff.w years ago, it has been made obligatory on all the subulterns and on the younger commissioned officers to see to it, as soon as the recruits enter the army. that they acquire the wbolesome art of readiing. Dr. Obermuller, the Grand Duke's physician, told me that the arrangement gave such satisfaction at the time that men whose term of service had run out, had asked permission before quitting to attend the new reading-class. In the long Russian winters, with snow all around many feet deep, drilling impossible, and all out-of-door exercises impracticable, spelling and reading were welcomed as pleasant and profitable pastimes. Not only do the Russians buy, not only can they read but they do read; and through the camp, and along the roadside, they may be seen in their spare hours, book in band, alone or in small companies. It is a sight to do a man's heart good. It is but repeating what has been told me time after time by different parties in various parts of the councry, that, speakng generally, the Russian soldier has yetto be discovered who would speak an irreverent word of the Hiviy Gospel, or who would knowingly venture to treat a Bible colportcur with harshness or contempt. Generally the title-page of their New Testament has been to our men a more valuablc credential, a more powerful recommendation, than either their passport or their license, and while common hawkors are strictly forbidden, our colporteurs are joyfully welcomed. It has frequently been the case that the commanding officer has been the first to buy a number of copies, which he himself would distribute as a gift to the common stldiers around him.-Observer.

## SALTSPRINGS CHURCH.

18th October, 1877.
Which day the Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt-Rev'd. A. J. MacKichan, Moderator; Messrs. McKay, Dunn and Galbraith, Ministers ; and Mr. Munro Elder. Mr. Galbraith acted as clerk P. T.

The Presbytery being met for the settlement of Dr. Lamont in Saltsprings find that he has failed to put in an appearance. A letter of date 30th Aug. 1877, from Dr. Lamont to Mr. McKay, M. P. P., was read, in which he, the said Dr Lamont, traced the hand of Providence in the call he received and accepted from the Saltspring's congregation. Another letter of date 12th Oct. 1877, from Dr. Lamont to the Rev. Mr. McKay of Gairloch was also read, in which he stated that he had given up the intention of coming to Saltsprings. In this letter no satisfactory light was thrown upon the cavse of his strange conduct ; but intimation was made in it that a full explanation was given in a letter to the Saltsprings' congregation. The congregation being appealed to declared thai they had received no communication of any kind from Dr. Lamont, since the receipt of the above mentioned letter; of date 30th Aug: 1871. A Canadian newspaper was then produced by a member of the congregation, from whick it appeared that Dr. Lamont had in the meantime not only accepted of another call from a congregation in Canada, but that his induction had actually taken place. The Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the Saltsprings' congregation in their having unwittingly put it in his power so to treat them ; but, for want of full information, refrain from puttiug on record their opinion of his unusual method of procedure.

There being a large assemblage of people in the Church, the Rev. Mr.

Galbraith conducted divine services. He chose as his text Heb. XIII : 14th, from which he preached an impressive nermon.

A discussion then took place upon the prospects of the Church in this district, in which the members of congregation on being asked, took part. It was very apparent that they looked upon the miscarriage of the induction of Dr. Lamont among them as a source of satisfaction, rather than as a ground of discouragement. The hope alse was entertained that the regular services of a missionary for a few months might be obtained. In the meantime the Presbytery agreed to grant them the usual supplies.

Intimation having been given that the Rev. James Herdman was leaving their bounds, the Presbytery cancel his appointments, and heartily commend him to the christian sympathy and fellowship of those with whom he may be associated in his new ficlds of labour. Thereupon the following new appointments were made :
fisher's grant.
4th Nov. Rev. Mr. McMillan.
18th Nov. Rev. Mr. Stewart.
EARLTOWN.
4th Nov. Rev. Mr. Dunn. 11th Nov. (Falls) Rev. Mr. Fraser.
vale corli'ry \& sutherlands River. 11th Nov. Rev. Mr. MacKichan.
22th Nov. Rev. Mr. McKay. saltspirngs.
28th Oct. Rev. Mr. McCunn. 11th Nov. Rev. Mr. Herdman.
25th Nov. Rev. Mir. Galbraith,
The Presbytery enjoin the committees of the different schemes to give in at next quarterly meeting, their reports for the past year, showing particularly the financial state of said schemes.

The Presbytery meot at Pictou on Wednesday, 28th November, which having been publicly intimated, this meeting was closed with prayer.
A. J. MacKichan, Moderator.

## OUR OWN CHURCH.

We are sorry to learn that our information regarding Dr. Lamont and family taking possession of Saltsprings Manse was incorrect. We gave it as we got it.

Dr. Lamont after accepting a call from Saltsprings congregation, and urging an early day to be fixed for his induction, did not come to Saltspringe, nor keep faith with the people of Saltsprings. We believe the reasons he gave, and which came too late to prevent the Presbytery and congregation holding a meeting, had reference to pecuniary matters; afraid of giving up the "certainty" of the Temporalities Fund for the uncertainty ( $f$ the fulfilment of the promises of the Saltsprings Trustees! Had he consulted us in the matter we could have assured him that the bond securing his payment by the Trustees of St. Luke's congregation, Saltsprings, was as good as a cheque on any Bank we know. We are sorry for the disappointment of Saltsprings congregation after such exertion to secure a pastor, and the hopes they cherished of having. sccured tie righi man. We hope ineir nest effort will be crowned vith success, that their affections will not prove misplaced, and that the man of their choice will be influenced by higher than pecuniary motives.

A young lady who left Pictou Co., a few years ago to push her fortune in the States, writes from Boston to say that the still takes the "Kirk Record," and that she was delighted to learn from it that the Pictou Presbytery has matured a scheme for the purpose, and with the view of becoming independent of outside aid, "'tis a noble undertaking said she" and "enclosed please find $\$ 4.00$
from me as a " nest egg" if it has not yet begun; it deserves to succeed and I hope it will." We could not help exclaiming 'God ble-y and prosper the young lady and send us more like her'When girls at service, and depending on their hard earned wages for a livelihood give $\$ 4.00$, we may reasongbly expect handsome contributions from those in independent circumstances, with abundant means at their disposal.

New Glasgow.-We are glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Coull, New Glasgow, who has been off duty for several weeks owing to ill health, is improving, and hopes soon again to be at his post.

River John.-We are sorry to learn that Mrs. McCunn, wife of the esteemed pastor of St. George's Church, River John, is dangerously ill. Mr. McC. has the sympathy of the brethren.
W. Branct, F. R.- With a view to the benefit of the Gaelic spenking portion of his congregation, the Rev. Mr. Galbraith is making arrangements to have gaelic services once a month, in his Church, by an exchange with brethren, whose grod fortune it is to be able to speak the " language of Paradise."

Bishop Conroy has for the time being healed the breach between the Church of Rome and the Libera! Panty in Lower Canada. Ultramontanism was rushing things a little too fast for safety. A collision between the civil power of the Dominion and the Ultramontane faction could end only in disaster and bumiliation to the Church of Rome. Hence the timely peace. Would it not be well for the Ablegate to bring his coreligionists in Montreal to a sense of the wickedness of their conduct first in committing a cruel outrage and then in defying the laws that are made for the purishment of criminals. <br> \title{
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NOVEMBER. 1877.

## TEMPERANCE.

The temperance question is now the all absorbing, all engrossing subject. On the street, in the Mart, in the social gathering, temperance is the chief topic of conversation. Under the advocacy of D. Banks McKenzie, scores, nay hundreds sign the pledge, and for a season, the victims of intemperance become clothed and are in their right mind. Reform Clubs are organized, and their members become active in the good work. 'Tis well and right that every member of Christ's body should "be temperate in all things," that they should let their "moderation be known to all men." But we are not equally clear as to the propriety of the questionable demonstrations, torch-light processions, \&e., in connection with the movement. We fail to see any natural or sensible conneetion between ceasing to be a slave to intemperance, or signing the pledge for a season, and torch-light processions! We fail, indeed, to see any necessary connection between breaking off from ary evil habit, and a public parade of it. Sappose a given number of profane swearers, or tobacco smokers, were to bign a plodge against the use of unbecoming language, or tobacco, and then excite the community and endanger combastiles, by indulging in a grand torchlight procession! would the public not think them a little too enthusiastic? Would it, however, be any more absurd or anreasonable in them to indalge in thai outward expression of their triumph over a foe than for any other Asseciation or Club, organized to put down vice in any other form, to do so? Is there no more profitable way in which the Reform

Club could "let off steam." Is there not a danger that their new-born zeal may evaporate in pablic exhibitions, senseless i: themselves, and profitess to others? 'Tis too mach the characteristic of the age, that movements, tending to social or religious reform, are of geurd-growth and duration. But a few years ago, town and country rang with the "doings and sayings of Y. M. Christian Associations !" In the tor $s$ and cities some of them yet exist, bu. in many parts of the country they " served their generation, and have been gathered unto their fathers." "Who goes softly goes safely, and who goes safely goes far." None rejoice more than we, to see the temperance movement succeed, to see the drnnkard reclaimed and desolate homes again made bright and happy, and we heartily bid every one engaged in the work "God speed;" but let no one unduly exalt any one of the virtues to the exclusion of others, or charge those with direliction of duty who are, by precept and ex:mple, inculcating and helping to develope "kaowledge, patience, godliness, brotherly kinainess, and chrrity, as well as temperance," and who may be very diligent and sincere in the work without taking the pledge of any society, or joining in their public demonstrations. It is not charitable, and it may not be true, to say of those who stand aloft from this movement, that they are a" hindrance to the grand cause," because they do not choose to sign a pledge, flaunt a piece of blue ribbon from the buttonhole of their cost, or form in procession with a Club and carry a lighted torch! Iet every one " be fully persuaded in his own mind," and then with the lighc and help that God gives him, let hiin add to his faith virtue, knowledge, zemperarce, patience, godline:s, brotherly kiadness and charity. It is by developing all of these, not one, that we shall come in the "unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto perfect men, unto the measure of the stature ot the fullness of Christ."

TOTHEKIRKSFSSIONS IN THEMARITIME PlROVINCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.

In terms of instructions received from the managing committee of the Supplementi, g Fund we beg to submit the following recommendations to assist in collecting for said Fund, whose chie ${ }_{f}$ object is to supplement weak congregations, by the use of its interest after the capital sum of $\$ 16,000$ shall have been collected.

1. That the nature and object of the Fund be clearly brought to the notice of the different congregations.
2. That every effort be made to enlist the sympathy, and secure the co-operation of the individnal members of the conyregations.
3. That each Kirk Session, as far as possible, ascertain the means most likely to succeed in their respective congregations in collecting for this fund, and adopt the samf. That, where there is a staff of young and energetic elders, they personally undertake the work of collecting in their several districts.
4. Where elders through infirmity or old age, are not able personally to solicit contributions that they appoint sush persons aa substitutes who are deeply interested in the Church, and who will heartily give themselves to this work; and the past experience of the Church justifies us in suggesting that the work of collecting be largely entrusted to the ledies of the congregations.
5. That the collector of each section be provided with a blank book for taking subscriptions, sach book to be used in said section until the Fund be completed the names and contributions from all the sectional books to be transcribed annually, into a book to be kept by the Kirk Session, for the benefit of the congregation, and to enable the Convener to make his anoual report.
6. That a local treasurer be appoint. ed in each congregation to receive the
contributions, and to hand such sums to the general Treasurer.
7. That the collector of the different sections make cvery effor" to enable the local treasurer to bave their collections in the hands of the General Treasurer, on or before the 31st December of each year.
8. That a list of the contrihutors in each congregation be forwariled to the editor of the Record for publication.

Charles Dunn, Convener.
William McMillan, Sec.

## EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

The Rev. A. S. Hunt, Superintendent of Education, died on the 23rd October. Mr. Laurier, whom the Hx. Morning Chronicte characterizes as I " one of the purest and ablest sons of Canadi," a supporter of Mr. McKenzie, has been defeated by the Conservative Candidate, Bourbean. Tis a pity "pure and able men would not take their stand on the right side.
The Rev. J. C. Herdman, son of the worthy pastor of St. Andrew's. Pictou, has received a call from Campbeltown.

A destructive fire broke out in Portland, St. John's, on the right of the 20th Oct., by which several hundred were rendered homeless, and lite and prnperty destrojed. Loss estimated at $\$ 300,000$. A return to Lynch Law for a short time might rid. the country of some of the Luearitiess incendiaries that cause so much suffering to the innocent and industriou:Charlottetown also had a small fire ; and Fredericton was threatened with one.
The Temperance Movement received a strong impetus on ward from the presence and earnest advocacy of Mr. Banks McKenzie : Much good is being done even if it be temporary. The Rev. Mr. Lichtenthacler, Moravian Missionary from the West Indies, was recontly on a visit to Halifax. His thirty five years in the Mission field woul
enable him to give much interesting and important information.

The latest news from India regarding the famine are more cheering. The receni rain fall: give promise of a "better time coming."

The Pope is said to be apparently near his last. He has become quite indifferent to the interests of the Church, a clear indication that the hour of dissolution is near at hand. Dr. Conroy, the Papal Ablegate has found it necessary to check the "programmists" in Quebec Province in their ambition to make the state subservent to the church.

The Rev. G. M. Grant's connection is to cease with St. Matthews at the end of Oct. immediately after which, he is expected to remove to his new sphere of duty, Kingston. We congratulate him on his appointment to the Principalship, and wish him many years of usefulneas and harpiness in his new field of labour.

## ORDINATION SERVICE.

The ordination of Rev. J. C. Herdman took place on Tuesday evening last, in St. Andrew's Church, in presence of a large congregation. After the opening portions of the service were concluded, Rev. S. Houston, of Bathurst, took his text from Fsalm 130, third and fourth verses. "If thou Lord, shouldst mark iniquities who shall stand. But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared," and delivered an able discourse, observing that religious feeling in modern times seemed less marked by those conflicts and periods of joy which characterized the lives of the saints. The Psalmist's cause of distress was very different from ours, which mostly arose from commercial embarassments, family trials and sickness, but, if' we rid ourselves of self-deceptions, our case wculd be the same as that mentioner? in the text. When by the aid of the Spinit we could discern our $\sin$ and feit that God saw it, we should look on it differently from the world, which only thought of
the shame and not the sin. If man were left to himself he could not stand, but it was the promise of forgiveness which brightened the gloom. There were, however, two kinds of fear, servile fear and reserential fear associated with love, which was that of the Christian; there was still another fear, that of those who had not committed themselves to llim .

The 130th Psalm having been sung, the Rev. Mr. Houston announced they had assembled th $t$ evening for the purpose of ordaining Mr. J. C. Herdman, and gave the order if procedure.

Mr. Herdman having advanced to the pulpit, the Rev. T. G. Johnson, Moderator of Presbytery, put the usual questions, and then descending from the pulpit offered up prayer, during which Mr. Herdman knelt and received the laying on of hands, the Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Houston, Fogo, and McCullogh being present.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was then extended, an anthem being sung at the same time by the choir.

The Rev. J. Anderion, Clerk of the Presbytery, then addressed the newly ordained minister from the pulpit, in a practical discourse, reminding him of his duties, responsibilities and difficulties, and exhorting him to be a workman, not to be ashamed. and one not fearing to give an account of his stewardship. He dwelt on the necessity of the study of the bible, and human nature as depicted in literature and life, and to omit the attainment of no knowledge which might be useful in argument, and especially to cultivate pessonal piety, and in conclusion commended bim to Christ.

The proceedings closed by singing the 126th Psalm.

We also observe that a call from Csmpbellton to Mr. J. C. Herdman, was read and sustained and put into his. hands for consideration. The salary promised is $\$ 800$, and Manse will be, provided. Meanwhile Mr. H. has the charge of Chathan for 4 months.

## WORDS FOR ANXIOUS SOULS.

Would you fain return to Gorl? The way is open-Christ has rent the vail. The path is sprinkled with blood-it is now safe for a sinner to draw near to God through that new and living wayit is now righteous in God to forgive and receive every sinner thus returningGod bids you return-why doubt then? Hesitate no more.

But I am so unfit to come. Granted. If you were not unfit to come there would have been no necessity why Christ should die-because you cannot help yourself. He came in his infinite pity to help you-it is just because of your unfitness that Christ offers to you a free salvation-bre know this sinner-that your very unfitness constitutes !/iur fitness to come to Jesus. Your sinfulness and helplessness are you truest, strongest plea -you are to come just as you are, with all your infirmities and sins cleaving to you. He has infinite merit to cover all your wants of merit-doubt no more. Only come!

Where shall I find warrant for coming to God with so much sin cleaving to me? Open your Bible; find, if you can, any reason for staying away. God's Word is just a message to you to come to Him as a poor sinner needing pardon and life. From first to last it is this-the controversy that God has with your soul is that you will not come-" The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life preec. $\mathrm{m}^{\prime \prime}$

Hereay Trials in Scotland.Professor R. Smith's case is before the Presbytery of Aberdeen. Marcus Dods is assailed in the Presbytery of Glasgow for onsoundness on the Inspiration of the Scriptures. Dr. Dods has been regarded for years as one of the ablest and best divines in the Free Churches. His character for urthodoxy should not lightly be assailed. A cor-
respondent of the New Forle Observer states that Dr. Dods has been able in private conference to satisfy the great majority of his brethren in the Presbytery of Glasgow that he is not so unsound as to require any process being instituted against him. There was $\%$ considerable minority who were of a different opinion, and these curious to say, belonged, to a man, to the old anti-unionist party, whose role seems to be now-a-days to figure as hyper-orthodox.

The same correspondent speaks of Messrs. Fergus Ferguson, D. Macraes and Mill of Leith. All these cases are connected with the Free and U. P. Churches. He then caps the climax by producing unmolested heresiarch in the Established Church. The frinceten Review for July has a notice of a volume of sermons and essays entitled. "Salvations Here and After," by the Rev John Service. The reriewers ays of the author that "he is as Broad Church as it is possible to be without repudiating the very name and pretence of Christianity." "We discover," it is added, "no standard in this book higber than the ethics and religion of heathenism. Its animus towards the evangelical and supernatural in Christianity is so bitter as to be its own antidote,--indeed it gives us Christianity without Christ." The Priuceton Reriew speaks of Mr. Service as an English clergyman. He is notking of the kind. He is a minister in the Established Church of Scotland, and so little idea has that Church in calling him to account for his teaching, that since the publication of his sermons he has received the degree D. D., and has been named for one of the most important Edinburgh charges.

If the Church courts had taken ap Dr Service and put him on trial fore heresy, they would at least have ensured a very wide circulation for a very indifferent book. Often the very best way of quenching the errant taper of a heretic is to let him alone.

THE SUSTENTATION SCHEME.
There is one part of this scheme which we highly approve of, namely: That which provides a retiring allowance for aged and infirm ministers.

We believe that more are willing to contribute for this purpose than for assisting weak or unwilling Congregations.

Our ministers remain so short a time with us that few have grown to be old men in our midst. If providing a retiring allowance will be the means of keeping them longer with us, we believe we spould try to secure a fund for this purpose. What is the use of endowing a Divinity Hall, if all our most promising men prefer to go elsewhere after they are licensed? Better try and keep them in our midst. If a few of our rich men would only start with a handsome subscription, the poor would have some encouragement ts give their dollar. We trust some of them will set an example of liberality. With regard to assisting weak congregations, our true policy is to unite, where that can be done, two or more of these charges, so as to make them self-st taining. It is mere folly to diride congregations into such small charges, that instead of being able to pay a minister decently, they are a constant barden upon others, and cannot pay wore for the support of their minister than a common section does for a grade B. school-master. In a highly prosperous county, where wealth and population are rapidly increasing, there would be the hope that a weak charge would grow strong in a short time; but we should remember that our charges are mostly in egricultural reg:ons, where there is no rapid progress in wealth. A moment's reflection will show the truth of our statements. We are acquainted with a Freabyterian charge in this county which is said not to have increased by the addition of a single family from without, since it was first organized. Were our country full of manufactures there would
be some prospect of weak charges becoming self-sustained in a short period of time. But it is not so. Our tru policy, we repeat, is, where congregations are weak, as they fall vacant, to unite two or more of them under one minister. And hitherto the Colonial Committee has supported them: when the committee withdraws its support the above will be the only alternative. Con.

## CONTINLOL'S PROVIDENCE

Providence has no Sabbath. No night suspends it; and from its labors God never rests. If I may compare small things with great, it is like the motion of the heart, beating our march to the grave. Since the day we began to live, the heart has never ceased to beat. Our limbs may grow weary; not it. We sleep; it never sleeps. Need. ing no period of repose to remit its strength, by night and day it throbs in every pulse; and ionstantly supplying nourishment to the meanest as well as noblest organs of our frame. With measured, steady, untired stroke it drives the blood along the bounding arteries, without any exercise of will on our part and even when the contciousness of our own existence is lost in dreamless slumbers.

If this be a just view of Divine Providence, may we not rest securely? Shall we not bid our troubled spirit be quiet? "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," says the Intpired Volume. There is an unslumbering eye upon us -there is a heart of infinite love beating responsive to every need of our earthly life-there are arms of Omnipotence underneath and round us. Let us be still-quiet as an iniant on its mother's arm. Let as commit all oar interests th the keeping of our heavenly Father.Guthrie.

## MISS <br> DRAKE'S REMARKABLE missions in india.

The days of heroism in the name and strength of Jesus are not over. Miss Lucy K. Drake has done a very brave though quiet thing. She is young and delicate; has been twice raised up in answer to prayer from the border of death, but has been wonderfully useful in connection with the various faithworks under Dr. Cullis, of Boston.

About two years ago, while laid aside by illness, from which there seemed little brospect of recovery, the Lord gave her phen, upon her bed, such vivid views of the real condition of the heathen, and tespecially in India, that the desire to go to their rescue became an unquenchable flame in Ler spirit. Dr. Cullis consented; God raised her up. Unsolicited contributione in money and outfit came in. She started alone. The sea was friendly this time, though in former voyages she had suffered from it very much. She reached Bombay with improred health and strength. At Elichpoore the Lord gave her a home in the family of Rev. Mr. Norton, a missionary, living, like Miss Drake, by faith. The year passed quickly in intense but delightful study of the Hindustani and Mhratti languages, and in successful work among the Europeans, especially the young.

She heard of a community in West Berar, of which Bassin is the center260 miles away-of three millions who had never heard of Jesus. She went to see, and returned. The idea of opening a mission, a home for missionaries, and a centre for missionary operations, came to Her. She put it before the Lord, and He made ber to :now that He would have her carry it out. Yet how? She was alone; had no money; no conveyance; there was no railway. Bullocks and carts over rough roads, in a wild country, with no inns by the way, were the only locomotive prwer possible. She could not wait tor means from
home, or the only house available would be gone. But after making sure that she was acting in the will of God, she decided to go at once. Furniture wat given her. Money was sent in from perfectly unanticipated sources. A young lady, soon to be married, acquainted with the languages, offered to accompany her. Bullocks and carts were engaged. The cavalcade of five carts driven by natives set off. After a journey which, in its various adventures and vicissitudes by night and by day, put their courage and tact and strength to the fullest test, they arrived at Bassin after many days, all safe and full of joy in the Lord. The house was secured through the kindness of a stranger. Friends were raised up. $\mathbf{A}$ car and bullocks were hired for them-a thing unheard of before. She could not have bought them, for she had no money, and she must have them to get about with, or be overborne by heat and fatigue.

Bassin is a great Hindu center with a very large temple. The people are Hindoos and Mohammedans. A womm speaking to them promiscuously was an unheard-of thing. How should she begin? With cart and oxen driven by a native, she with her friend, went to the bazar, trusting the Lord to open a door for His own work. She told the men that she would like to visit their wives if they wished, but there was no response. Ai last, however, a boy came up and said that there was a woman who would like to see them. Led by him, they went to the housc, and were received by the woman. After a friendly tall, they were begged to come again, "and stay all day." They went and found her, Cornelius-like, with her house full of friends gathered to hear; and Peterlike, Miss Drake told them " the old, ond story," all so new to them, of Jesus and His love. Begged to come again, they went.

Then another day to another boabe, where the people gathered outside to
bear, the front being open.
Finally, a native decply interested took them to an oper place under a spreading tree upon a hill-top, and said, "There that is a good place."

Five hundred people gathered there to hear her. And before the end of the first fortmight she had pablicly spoken of the blessed Redecmer to 1,600 . Many seemed to drink in the glad tidings, and one had the courage-riving clear eviden e of laving been born again-to be publicly baptized.

Her journal, passing through the hands of Mis. Boardinan to Dr. Cullis, mentioned how much a magis lantern, with slides suitable, would aid ber in vividly illatrating the scenes in the parables and in the life of our Lord. Several friends here in London (Hon. CowperTemple and Mr. T. B. Smithies among the number) hearing of this from Mrs. B., supplied the want at once, and before now, no doubt, she has her magic lantern, with ample and beautiful slides. At the lust intelligence she was planniug a missionary tour with ber cart and oxen, to preach Christ in villages wherever she could.

Two helpers (Miss Wheeler and Miss Sieson), of like faith, sent out by Dr. Cullis, are to join Miss Drake the present Autumn. Supplies have come to meet their needs in the "Bassin Missionary Home." in ways as unexpected as the frrniture and money given them in Elichpoore. They have felt the pinch of bunger-not more than Paul seems to have done; but the people, without baring been appealed to in any way, have been God's hand to sustain them in their straits-London Chrintias.

## WEST BRANCH, E. B.

The collection from this congregution

## for Home Mission Scheme, handed in to

- Treasuter amounted to Twenty Eight Dellarg

Mr. Hugh Chisholm, Waterville, has
been clected to represent the congregation on the Committee of the Sustentation Fund, along with the minister and representative elder.

Standing during singiog has been successfully introduced at West Branch, the siaging being greatly improved.

Another effort is now being made to pay off the debt on the Manse, which we trust will be successful. Or Sabbath the thi inst, Mr. Galbraith preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou. In the evening he delivered a lecture on "the Jews; their past dispersion and future restoration," to a large and atttentive congregation. With the permission of the office bearers, a collection was made to aid in defraying the debt on West Branch Manse, amounting to Forty Six Dollars, making in all, from members of Pictou congregation- $\$ 56$ for this purpose, with the promise of further help if required.

Ar. Galbraith having lately purchased a horse and carriage, has been presented with a beautiful set of silvermounted harness, by a ferr of the members of his congregation.

## THE REVOLUTION IN THE CHURCH OF ROME.

The Church of Rome, built up through several ages, was not, natil the Jesuits oviainod the mastery, the same church that it is now. The Council of Trent went a long ways towards revolutionizing it, and the recent Councils, in which the Immacuate Conception of the Virgin was declared, and especially the infalliblity of tha Pope, completed the work. Heretofure the bishops had righs and privileges of which the Pope could not deprive them, oxcept by due process of ecclesiastical law. In like manner the parish priests had righta, of which the bishops could not deprive them except by legal process. Missionary ountries were on a different footing, howerer. There the Pope had entire control over the bishops and the
bishops over the priests. They could demand whatever share they chose of the priests' income, or remove them without assigning any cause, except to the Hope, who in like manner could sammarily dispose of the bishops, and until a country is placed under a canon law. This arbitrary power continues centred wholly in the Vaticas. The Pope has been careful not to hasten the declaration of canon law in Protestant countories, such as Britain and the United States, as it greatly circumscribes his power ; and now,it is said he is trying to bring the Roman Catholic countar ies of Europe down to the same level by making the tenure of office of their bishops and priests absolutely dependert on his own will. This great revolution is described as follows:
$L^{\prime}$ 'Uuancipatore Cattolico of Naple ${ }_{3}$ says:

The Vatican does not feel quite safe as regards the bishops, who, especially in distant parts, enjoy a supremacy to be compared to that of the Pontiff himself, for may there not. one of these days, come up the grave question, What is the Pope but a bishop, like all the other bishops? The authority which the Bishop of Rome hay arrogated over his brethren may be inquired into. To guard, then, against any possible difficulty, the question is under consideration at the Vatican of suppressiug entirely ell the faculties given to some bishops by other popes, or conferred by the canons of the Church. The Episcopate would be thenceforth entirely subject to the Holy See, which would have supreme authority over it. The measure woald not reach bishops alone, for the Pope has already assigned to the appropriate congregation the private examination of all the measures proper to thike, in order that as to the conduct of coclesisstics throughout the world there may be bat one rule, and that set by the Vasican. The formula, "One fold and oae shepherd," would then have a very deeided application.

The New Deer Case.-Having considered the protests by several members of the New Deer congregation against the election of the Rev. Mr. Bruce, Portlethen, as minister of New Deer, on account of his being presently under suspension by the General Assembly, the Preshytery of Deer has resolved to submit for the opinion of Sheriff Lee, the Procuator of the Church, the following points, viz.: Whether in the circumstanues Mr . Bruce's appointment in a valid and ef fectual appointment; whether Mr. Bruce is qualified to accept it ; whether, if there were no other reason for refusing to sustain his appointment than his suspension, the Presbytery is bound to sustain it and take steps tr translate Mr. Bruce to New Deer; and what course of precedure the Presbytery ought to follow should any or all of the above questions be answered in the negative The call and concurrence in favor of the Rer. Mr. Bruce was left in the hands of William Scott, merchant in ihe village, up to Tuesday, when at the close 816 persons had signed the call and 529 the concurrence-total, 1345. The requisition to the Committee numbered 1279.

A New Pope Reported Elected, -Prisate information has reached London. Eng., (says a telegram to the Lirerpool Courier) from a person of the highest rank in Rome, that a new Pope has definitely been elected. The new Pope is said to be Cardinal Panebianco and he was elected in pectore at a secret concisve of candinal\&, summoced lest, week, in consequence of the dengerous condition of the aged Portiff's health.

The conclave was attended by Cardinal Manning and Cardinal Cullen. Accord. ing to precedent the Pontil has informed hi:a of the a p pointment. and ufficially requsted him to resign the of Grande Peuitenziare before his accession to the chair of St. Peter, and he relinquished the office uuder similar circumstances. Cardinal Penebianco is a very old man, being within a year or two of seventy, but he is described as being likely to continue the policy which Pope Pushas praised so long in opposition to the so called encroachments of the civil power. Pius IX. is in his 86 th year.

Pew Doors.-The Rev. Dr. Barclay thus writes in the Lutheran Cbserver:
$\therefore$ "Who invented pew doors? Some eleim them as a relic of the dark ages. We are glad that they have gone out of faslion. But some who bave no waoden dcors, have cest iron ones in their conntenamee whec strangers are shown into thair pewr, This is selfishness, not Christian Spirit. We pity such narnawness. we had almost written, we despise it. Christians like their pews full, their church full. Not for mere fashion's sake, bnt for Christ's sake, they are glad. It is not easy to forget our first visit to Spurgeon's church in Eondon. A polite usher met us at the door-a hale and hearty English gentleman welcomed us to his pew-and we felt at homo; and should we ever return to London we will surely visit that place of wotshif again. A little thing it'may be; Dat hitle things make the gym of life, and litfle things in religion a reat way. Politeness costs nothing. Be courteous,' and 'not iurgetfulto entertain strangers."

Presbyterianism in TurkfitThe Rev. Ohan Kizakian, pastor of the Preshyterian Church at Adana, near Tarsus, preached in the Parish Church Woodside Aberdeen, last Snuday forenoon. As he spoke in the Turkisk language, his discourse was translated by an interpreter. He reviewed the history of the Cbristian Church in Iurkey, and sought to interest his hearers so that they might aid in contributing funds for the erection of a new church and school at Adana.

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