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Buds and Blossoms

AND

Friendly Greetings.

"Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the world with fruit"

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Earl Granville.

SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES, THE VETERAN WARRIOR,
STATESMAN.

Earl Granville was vice-president of the Board of Trade, 1848-54, Secretary of State for foreign affairs 1851-54; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1854-55; for the second time Lord President of the Council, 1859-66, Secretary of State for the colonies, 1868-70; Secretary of State for foreign affairs, 1870-74. He was appointed Secretary of State for foreign affairs, April 28, 1880, and went out with the Gladstone Ministry last June.

Missionary Jottings.

When you pray to-night, say, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." Then take thy bill and write down quickly, how much owest thou? Set against it all that you have given in effort and cash, and say. Amen.

It may do good to consider, "God's work must be done, AND I MAY BE DEAD." Let those who would defer or delay doing what is in their hand to do think of this:

"Life is the time to serve the Lord."

Remember what Carey was, remember that he was a shoemaker. remember that he taught himself

Latin, Greek, and Hebrew when he was making shoes; remember his heart was in the work of the Lord, and he got very little encouragement; for when he was at the Conference of Missionaries, Dr. Ryland in the chair, he suggested it was the duty of Christians to obey the Lord's command to send the Gospel to every creature; and Dr. Ryland said, "Sit down, young man, when God is pleased to convert the heathen, he will do it without you or me." Remember that he went to India and acquired the language in such a way that he was made examiner of civil servants with a salary of 9,000 dollars a year; he gave every dollar of that to the Baptist Missionary Society, and lived on the pittance they allowed him.

Important? Very!

Is there family prayer in your home?
Do you often pray in secret?
Is the Bible a daily study for you?
Do you try to keep a close acquaintance with your own heart by frequent self-examination?
Do you seek opportunities to do good?
Have you found your place for work in the church yet?
Do you try every day to be pure and good?
Answer these questions when alone and in your own heart.

Reasons for not attending public worship. Over-slept myself—Could not dress in time—Too cold—Too hot—Too windy—Too dusty—Too wet—Too damp—Too sunny—Too cloudy—Don't feel disposed—No other time to myself—Mean to take a walk—Going out a few miles—Tied to business six days in the week—No fresh air but on Sundays—Feel a little chilly—Feel a little feverish—Feel very lazy—Expect to see some friends—Am thinking of visiting friends—Have a headache—Intend taking medicine and nursing myself to-day—Was not shaved in time—Don't like the Liturgy, always praying for the same things—Don't like extempore prayers, cannot tell what is coming—Cannot sit in a draught of air—Cannot keep awake—Am much better than many who go regularly to church—Must be busy getting ready for dinner—I have been badly treated by some of the people—My things are not fit to go in. When tempted to remain at home instead of going to church, ask yourself this test question. Would this cause keep me away from a business engagement, or a public entertainment, or pleasure excursion?

The following in paying for B. and B. sent \$1.00, we credit 25¢ to free list, Mrs D. Grenough, Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Holt, Robt. Whitman, Prof. Holmstead, Miss M. Noble.

Temperance Notes and a Watch to wear on a Ribbon of Blue.

This is a copy of a paper printed circle for insertion in watch cases, and issued by an Exeter watch-maker:

Time Lies.

WATCH AND BE SOBER.

Oh that I should put an Enemy into my mouth to steal away my Brains. Drunkenness expels reason, drowns the Memory, defaces Beauty, diminishes Strength, inflames the Blood, causes internal and external and incurable Wounds, is a Witch to the Senses, a Devil to the Soul, a Thief to the Purse. The Beggar's Compamon, a Wife's Woe and Children's Sorrow, the Picture of a Beast, and Self-murderer, who drinks to others' good health and robs himself of his own.

As you look at your Watch ponder the above, and WATCH lest you enter into, or lead others into temptation, and answer the questions. Ask has any man by license or otherwise, any way a right to maintain this monster evil the drink traffic.

THE STRONGEST DRINK—Water is the strongest drink. It drives mills; it is the drink of lions and horses, and Samson never drank anything else. Let young men be teetotalers if only for economy's sake. The beer money will soon buy a house. If what goes into the mashtub went into the kneading trough, families would be better fed and better taught. If what is spent in waste were only saved against a rainy day, a workhouse would never be built.

FATE OF THE APOSTLES.—John was put on a boiling cauldron at Rome, but escaped death. Fled to the Isle of Patmos in the Grecian Archipelago, where he "was in a vision on the Lord's day"—his data of the book of 'Revelation.' He died a natural death at Ephesus, Asia.

James the great was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James the less was thrown from a pinnacle and beaten to death.

Philip was beheaded.

Bartholemew was skinned alive.

Andrew was crucified, and pounded while dying.

Thomas was run through with a lance.

Jude was shot with arrows.

Simon Peter was crucified, head downwards, because he did not feel worthy to be crucified like his Master.

Matthias was stoned to death.

Barnabas was stoned.

Paul was beheaded by the tyrant Nero of Rome.

MY FRIEND ARE YOU SAVED?

If not, Why? Echo answers Why?

"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." Is it true or false?

Our Study Table—Exchanges and Reviews.

We have received from E. B. Treat, Publisher, N. Y., a copy of Dr. Talmage's, the world renowned preacher's sermons. They are entitled, "New Tabernacle Sermons." The contents are full of good things, new and old, and the wine is some of Talmage's best. It is a readable book in good type and binding, price \$1.50.

Pulpit Treasury, issued monthly by the same publisher, continues as crisp and meaty as ever, and has many a dainty for pulpit and pew.

Messenger and Visitor, edited by Rev. Goodspeed, St. John, N. B., is the organ of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, is an improving and ably edited paper.

American Agriculturist, Judds & Co., N. Y., has a right to the front rank among agriculturists.

Christian Cynosure, Chicago, U. S., deserves to be widely read and circulated. It shows God and mammon cannot be successfully served, at the same time. The prayer "help Lord, keep devil," does not harmonise.

The American, Washington, U. S., is a breezy, spicy, fear naught paper along the same line. It points out the danger and sin of unholy alliances.

The Cottage Hearth, Boston, U. S., is full of good healthful family reading matter.

(To be continued next month.)

We are always prepared to notice and review new works sent us.

P. S.—Please carefully and prayerfully canvass.

See if you cannot get us a few new subscribers to BUDS AND BLOSSOMS. If at first you don't succeed, TRY, TRY, TRY AGAIN.

Pick Out What You Like.

Believing "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," we try and pick up a little sensible nonsense. We make too little of what we say of others, and a great deal too much of what they say of us.

The man who is waiting for something to turn up generally finds it when he steps on a barrel hoop.

The reason that a lady likes to wear tight gloves is because it makes it seem as though somebody was squeezing her hand.

The power of drudging at disagreeable tasks is necessary to any worthy work. This power is never attained by one who always chooses and refuses in accordance with his inclination.

Some years ago a young man lived a quiet life in a model lodging-house not far from Holborn bars, London. He could not afford a better lodging. He had 7s 9½ a week to live on, and of this 3s. went for rent. He often made a meal of wheaten bread, half a herring, and a cup of coffee.

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He prospered, made money, and gave, one hard winter well remembered by me, £100 to the poor children of London.

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He is at this moment a rich man, a good man, a popular man. His name is Samuel Plimsoll.

Young reader, shake off dull sloth, sign the pledge devote yourself to Christ, and rise!

Notes for Buds and Blossoms.

From the Colonial and Industrial Exhibition, London, England.



EAR EDITOR.—Some of your readers may be interested in a few lines from a Nova Scotian on his first visit to this wonderful country and world-city of great fame, with its 5,000,000 of inhabitants. The country fully comes up to my expectations and excels them. All the surroundings are grand, especially the Great Exhibition. On Wednesday last Her Majesty Queen Victoria visited the Exhibition, being escorted through the Canadian Court by Sir Charles Tupper, K. G. B., a son of the late Rev. Dr. Tupper (Baptist minister of Nova Scotia.) She stood for some time near our music stand, and was accompanied by the Prince of Wales and others of English nobility. Her Majesty is the ruler of 305 millions, covering over 9 millions of square miles, with an import trade of 390 millions sterling, and an export of 296 millions. The truly Mother Queen is deservedly beloved, 1½ million of her subjects lined 12 miles of road in Liverpool on her recent visit there, 50,000 stood by St. George's Hall, where the Mayor presented his address, and 50,000 children sang "Honor to whom honor is due." Yet how few of these give honor due to the King of kings. However, our noble Queen points to the Bible as the source of England's greatness.

My visit to Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's Tabernacle was one long to be remembered. I richly enjoyed listening to three sermons by your dear old London pastor, under whose influence 40,000 have been baptized, and from whose college 650 ministers have been sent out with the lamp of life (you among the number.) Last evening after his sermon on "Esau and Ishmael, the seed of the promise," I had the honor, for I do esteem it such, of being presented to him in his chapel parlor. Many were denied this privilege on account of his weakness, but it being announced to him that I was from Mr. Avery's home in Canada, I was at once admitted. Mr. Spurgeon was very glad to hear of your good work at the Tabernacle, and wished to know if you had gone up higher with your building. He gave me a cordial shake hands on parting, with the memorable words, "May the Lord be with you." C. H. Spurgeon is a wonderful man indeed. I was accompanied by a Presbyterian minister from Truro, N. S., who said, "Mr. Spurgeon is in real earnest; he means what he says and lives it out."

By means of subterranean trains and busses, it is by no means difficult to get through the city of London. It seems strange to have in one city compact, more people than throughout the whole Dominion of Canada. There is room for mission work among these teeming millions of inhabitants, rushing to and fro out of time—so many seem to be indifferent about their own soul's salvation. But the influence of such men as C. H. Spurgeon is powerful for good. To think of 5,000 coming out of a week day evening to hear a sermon, service being 1½ hour long. I had forgotten to say that at 3 p.m. I visited Mr. Spurgeon's S. School, where I taught a class of boys and girls. The Supt. soon discovered

that I was a stranger thus engaged, and turning to me said, "that's just it; abroad as well as at home, work for the Master."

With best wishes for success in your good work.

I am yours truly,

W. J. GATES.

Home Circle.

THE TABERNACLE FLOWER MISSION.—On Wednesday, the 10th, the first distribution of the season was made. We shall continue to visit the Hospital and Poor-house weekly as far as the supply will allow. The first offering of flowers came from the Floral Band at Wolfville. These young ladies, led by Miss Bars, have meetings to prepare text cards and to plan for the collection of flowers. The treasurer writes for the band: "I send P. O. O. for \$2.00 to pay expressage on the flowers sent last year, we will send weekly." Fifty bunches were distributed. It was pleasing to note the eager gladness with which many a pale wan sufferer received the flowers. One lad said, "I lost my leg this week." On the card tied to the bunch taken promiscuously from the basket were the words, "I am the Lord, I will strengthen thee." The flowers minister pleasure ere they fade. But the word of the Lord attached thereto will abide forever. The card may be soiled, spoiled, and lost; but who can doubt the resurrection power of the seed sown. The gracious influence of the scattered truths must grow and bring forth fruit unto life eternal. We hope loving heads and hearts and busy hands will go to work to search the scriptures. And from the precious things thereof, with pen, pencil and scissors, transpose many a comforting, soul-saving thought to cards of various device. Our stock of cards has run out, and as flowers multiply, our demand will increase. Who will help?

June 16th, distributed 50 bunches; 23rd 70 bunches. Miss Jackson sent 20 bunches, balance from Floral Band. Text cards are specially wanted.

BUNYAN'S PILGRIMS PROGRESS as illustrated by Rev. Adam Chambers, is one of the most likely-to-do-good lectures that we ever listened to, it makes the dream of the immortal dreamer a reality. The various figures and scenes on the canvas as the lecture moves on portray both the pencil and tongue power of the true artist. The lecture at the Tabernacle will not soon be forgotten. If you have opportunity, do not fail to go and hear and see the Pilgrim's Progress.

TABERNACLE CONCERT.—We heartily thank those friends who so kindly blended their skill and talent to make the vocal and instrumental concert a success. We are specially under obligation to the 6th Band.

HOME MISSION AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION.—The press has thrown off some thousands of invitations to God's house, and to Jesus the only Saviour. Weekly distribution of papers, etc., has been made. The supply is still limited, and not equal to the demand. One of the most regular, Mr. Templeton, of Manitoba, is showing his lively interest by looking up subscribers to B. and B.; we would, whilst thanking him, say, that this is one of the most efficient ways of aiding us in the Lord's service. We never take up subscriptions or collections to carry on this work. Just now when the building presses its claim so loudly, it will be seen, faith is called into lively exercise to sustain the different branches of the work committed to us. Any help given in any way however small is always gladly received. We have learned many givers give lovingly and honestly as unto the Lord. The gift may be small, but it is the capacity of the purse, not the heart that limits. Mrs. David McPherson and her little grand-daughters sent papers for distribution. Miss Byers, Miss Mary E. Stewart, Franklin, U.S. Issued in connection with mission work and press this month, 5,250 pages papers and tracts, 1,600 B. & B., 2,000 leaflets, invitations to Sunday services, 3,000 appeals. Our friends can see we are trying to do some little service. Trust in the Lord is our motto.

Personal donations to be used as you like. Deacon David McPherson, \$1.00; Mr. Edward Isnor, \$1.00.