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to the people ALL the words of this Life."

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THE FIRST PSALM IN SCOTCH.

Blest is the man that tak's nau stock, In what the godless say : Who wadna trock wi' sinfu' folk Nor walk within their way ; Wha sits nae in the big, bow chair The scornfu' like to fill; But mak's his care sye mair and mair To work the Maister's will; Who never times it frao his sicht But in daylicht an' in midnicht Keeps thinkin' on God's Law.

That man shall flourish like the tree That grows beside a burn, Whaur fruit we see aye hingin' frac As simmer days return : Whase sme'est loaf shall no'er be lost Tho' ither trees had nano; An' blythe may boast thre' sun an' frost A glos-y robe o' green.
That man may gang to sell or buy
And still guid luck comman';
Yea may rely whate'er he try Shall prosper in his h n'.

But nac the men that hellwards lear.-Wi Satau's rules conform; They'll stotter roun' till they gang doon Like stocks afore the storm; Nor will au rascal be alloo'd In Paradbe to dwell : For God hath you'd name but the good Shall sit beside Himsel'.

Belections.

"PEACE ON EARTH."

The Prince of Peace came on earth with a drawn sword. The "peace on earth" of which the angel hosts sang on the hills of Bethlehem was to come as the culmination of a life and death struggle with the powers of evil. The Son of God was made manifest that He might destroy the works of the devil.

"My peace I give unto you," said the Immortal One, but he hastened to explain that His peace was "not such as the world giveth." The world will give a man a certain kind of peace if he will let it alone and conform himself to its standards. That is not the kind of peace that Christ brought to men. That is the peace of compromise. His is the peace of conquest.

For neatly 19 centuries this campaign has been in progress. Battles have been fought in millions of hearts and lives, and the peace of God that passeth all understanding established over the grave of crucified selfish ambitions and sinful tendencies. Battles have been fought in society and in government, and the gospel of peace and good-will towards men has overthrown tyranny and despotism, fortified behind wrong tradition, but by accuracy of translation and public institutions and wrong public sentiment, and has planted the triumphant banner of liberty and right upon the descried ruins.

The extent to which narrowness and prejudices are laid aside at the Christmas season, and people of all sects and creeds join in the common feeling of good-will toward men, marks one of the greatest triumphs of this Gospel of peace. Even the kingdom of darkness seems awed into silent reverence, and its still loyal subjects tremble in their thin disguise of hypocrisy as they recognize the power of their Conqueror. They seem almost willing and almost anxious to make terms

But the only terms of peace are unconditional surrender. The swords are not to be beaten into ploughshares until they have been driven to the heart of the Prince of Darkness and until the writhing monster's last dark scowl dies out in the peaceful dawn of the millennium. Then will the morning stars again sing for joy and the angels prophecy, P. ACE HAS BELN ESTABLISHED IN THE

BARTH. New York Voice.

of peace.

USE OF THE REVISED VERSION

What is to be the fate of the revised version of the Scriptures? What is the relative extent of its use in the pulpit, the Sunday-school and the family? Is there a reasonable probability of its displacing the King's version as the stanwill it share the fate of other translations in of the car excitedly, and came back with the Co. Ky., 103.25; Paris Ky., 100.00; Baltimore of things infinitely better.

being laid on the shelf as a book for occasional reference by scholars and Bible students? If the authorized version continues to maintain its supremacy in popular esteem and affection, what encouragement is there for scholars to persevere in their efforts to give the world a perfect translation of the sacred oracles. None of the Bible Societies have yet adopted the revision of 1881 as the standard Scriptures for distribution in the foreign mission fields of the world. For several years past, the Bible societies of Christen dom have printed and circulated eight million copies of Bibles and Testaments per annum and notwithstanding the acknowledged sugaror iority of the revision, it has no representation in all this myriad of books. In the three hundred translations made by the Bible Societies into the tongue and dialects, chiefly of pagan lands, the revised version has not been made the basis of a single translation. Even the American Bible Society, the most progressive corporation of the kind, has taken no steps towards the recognition of the new revision, because the society is the creature of the churches, and the churches have made no advances in that direction.

The attitude of our own people towards the introduction of this excellent version into common use, has not been what might have been expected. Alexander Campbell was one of the first men in this country to advocate revision and in the publication of the Living Oracles, compiled translation from Dodderidge, McKnight and Dr. George Can pbell, he showed his faith by his works. Including this one, three of the best translations extant-were-made by our brethren, and our most prominent leaders from the first have been enthusiastic supporters of every promising attempt to give to the world a more perfect translation of the Word of God. We, more than others, have emphasized the fact that the Bible is an inspired revelation and an inspired creed, and as such is the only sufficient and authoritative rule of faith and practice. We have constituted ourselves par excellence, the champions of this truth, and have stood square upon the dictum of Chillingworth and the motto of Protestantism, "the Bible and the Bible alone the religion of Protestants." If we are to impress others with the sincerity of our profession that we are pre-eminently a Bible-loving, Biblelearning and Bible-teaching people, we should practically illustrate our delight with every approximation to a satisfactory translation of the sacred Scriptures, by using it and recommending its use to others. The King's version has the advantage of superior rhetoric and finer raythm and an English more sweet and musical, and an embalmment from long usage in the hearts of the people, and our people share this popular affection for the old. But the question of a choice of versions is not to be settled by sentiment and conformity to the meaning of the original; and universal scholarship, in this respect, accords the palm to the new revision. Those who advocate the Bible as the divine creed, and the only authoritative source of religious knowledge, and the inspired book of instruction and guidance for all Christians, should not hesitate, for one moment, to adopt and use the best available translation of it. We owe this to consistency and to ourselves, and to the plea for New Testa ment Christianity, which shines luminously with every improved rendition of the word of God. Preachers should use their influence to bring this excellent version'into general use. Every new Bible for church use or concert readings in Sunday-school and prayer-meetings should be at least a parallel-version. The revised New Testament should be found in every pulpit-and in every pew for that matter-and should be freely churches and 1,406 Sunday-schools contributed there is variation from the old version. It is on the year previous of 15 churches and 188 of God shout the triumph of their Bethlehem the duty of the ministry and the church to en- Sunday-schools. The contributions amounted available helps to a better understanding of the of \$1,443,06. word of God, and none is more effective in this direction than a superior translation of the Scrip-

OUR LITTLE GRIEFS.

tures .- Caristion-Evangelist.

which would cause the delay of an hour.

instantly fell into depths of gloom and despair.

will cost me two or three thousand dollars."

A physician dropped his newspaper, and paced impatiently up and down the car. "An hour late with all my patients!" he exclaimed.

"Are any of them in immediate danger? asked bystander.

No. But an hour late! It is unbearable!" A young girl looked at her companions with the tears in her eyes. "I am going into town for the trimming for my dress. Now it will not be done in time. I shall have to wear my old blue to the party.'

A short, pompous old man talked loudly and incessantly, scolding conductors and brakemen, as if they were personally responsible for the

"I am to lecture this afternoon before the Lyceum," he explained, in hot indignation. The audience will have to wait twenty minutes!'

A young man sat immovable, his head bent ipon his breast, his face set and hard.

"My little boy is dying," he said to some one he questioned him. "I was telegraphed for. vho questioned him. I shall not see him alive."

But while, with most of the passengers, there as a secret conviction-that the-wheels of the miverse had stopped because they were delayed in their pursuits or work, one woman sat silent and tranquil.

She was near the end of a long life of pain and hardship and wide experience. She had come, too, near-enough to the God who ruled over all lives to understand how every event and accident, great or little, has its place and purpose in the Eternal Order, as have motes floating in the sunshine. She was close enough to the gate of the future life, to see how little in its infinite height and meaning was the old ball dress, or the fall of stocks, or even the loss of an hour with the dying child.

"One of the most singular studies in life, says Bouchet, "is to note how different men, each with his own scales, weigh the same objects, and attach to them different values."

The lost bit of finery which brought tears to the eyes of the school-girl was lighter than a feather in the eyes of the stock-broker; and his loss of thousands was contemptible to the man whose child was going from him into the grave without a word; and doubtless even his pain seemed momentary and trivial in the vision of angels, to whom a thousand years are as a day and death but a momentary change of life.

How, then, are we to find the true weight and alue of things in the world?

In the United States Mint when they built a nachine for weighing coin with absolute accuracy, they sank a shaft deep into the earth and through upper formations, which are shaken by passing jars, and rested the foundation upon the mmovable granite beneath.

The man who digs in this way to find a foundation for his life, through the flowers and surface growths which shake with every storm to the everlasting Rock below, only can weigh the events and belongings of the world at their real value. - Vouths' Companion.

THE FOREIGN REPORT.

An examination of this report shows that 1,023 to the work of the Society. This is an increase courage the introduction and general use of all to \$57,289.15, an increase on the year previons

Therety-two churches gave \$100 or more. These are as follows: Denver, Col., \$200.00; Washington, D. C, 105.00; Chicago (West side). Ill., 102.25; Eureka, Ill., 111.87; Springfield, Ill., 100.00; Frankfort, Ky., 268.37; Georgetown, Ky., 194.02; Lexington (Broadway), Ky., 417.50 Lexington (Main St.), Ky., 200.00 ; Louisville The train stopped suddenly between two (First), Ky., 116.34; Mayfield, Ky., 129.94; Mt.

tidings that there was an obstruction on the track (Harlem Ave.), Md., 146.81; Kansas City (Firs.), Mo., 484.45; Nevada, Mo., 103.25; Lincoln, The countenances of most of the passengers Neb., 157.80; Cincinnati (Central), O., 118.55; Cleveland (Franklin Circle). O., 158.25 . New "This is simply intolerable!" muttered one Crestle, Pa., \$1,062.99; Dallas (Commerce St.), "I shall Tex., 275.65. Last year only seventeen churches not reach the city before the market closes. It, gave \$100,00 or more. The banner church that year was the church in Pomona, Cal., and gave \$425.00 The banner church this year is in

New Castle. Pa., giving \$1,062.99.

Fixelve Sunday-school give \$100 or more. l'hese are : Washburn, Ill., 100 ; Cedar Rapids, Ia., 123.42; Des Moines, Ia., 100; Lexingion (Main St.), Ky., 125; Grand Rapids, Mich., 180; Nevada, Mo., 100; Carthage, O., 136.17; Cincinnati (Central), O., 170; Dayton, O., 153 84; Mt. Healthy, O., 100; Allegheny, Pa., 511.37 Newcastle, Pa., 622.25 . Last year seven schools gave this amount. The Allegheny school gave 570.36. This year the Newcastle school gives 622.25.

Aside from bequests, twent .- eight per.ons gave \$100 or more. It is not necessary to give the names. They belong as follows 1 to China: 2 to England; 2 to Illin is; 4 to Indiana; 5 to Iowa; to Kentucky; 2 to Missouri; 1 to New York; 4 to Ohio; 1 to Pennsylvania; 1 to Tennessee; 1 to Texas; 1 to Washington. Two gave over \$1,000-Frank Cook, 1.475; J. Coop, 1,500. The States that gave the largest amounts are the following: Ohio, 7 519.97; Kentucky, 6,267.24; Michigan,6,000.62; Illinois, 4,713.54; Missouri, 4,964.-97.; Indiana, 3,858.30; Pennsylvania, 3,767.65; England, 3,510.59; Iowa, 2,695.79. In the sum credited to Michigan there is a bequest of 5,000.-It will be see that Ohio leads all the States in contributions for Foreign Missions.

The reports show improvement year by The missionary spirit is extending itself in ever-deepening and in ever-widening This is beyond question. Churches circles. and Sunday-schools and individuals that once stood aloof are now helping on the work. The opposition is constantly becoming less, effective. The public conscience is being quickened. There is every reason for encouragement. At the same time it must be evident that we are not doing all that we are able to do. Only one church in six is doing anything. Many of those that are enlisted are doing nothing worthy of this great enterprise: they do not give in proportion to their ability. Thus 342 churches and 381 Snnday-schools gave less than five dollars each. There is scarcely a church or a school in Christendom that is not able to make a better showing than that.

The Convention named no sum that, in its judgement, ought to be raised this year. Twice the sum of \$100,000 was named, and twice the report was made that the sum named was not raised. That amount ought to be raised and There are single men able to give \$10,more. 2000 each. There are a hundred men at least able to give \$1,000 or more. There are ten thousand men able to give ten dollars or more. The time has come for a movement all along the

The contributions ought to increase by leaps and bounds, and not by the slow growth of past years. The income of the Society ought to amount to a quarter of a million of dollars this

will be seen that the year closed with a small balance in the treasury. The next few months are the dullest in the year. In the n cantime the expenditures amount to a thousand dollars a week. The friends of the society should bear this fact in mind, and act accordingly, otherwise the faithful and heroic men and in the field will suffer.

A. McLean, Cor. Sec., Cincinnati, Ohio. P. O. Box 750.

Few mercies call for greater thankfulness than a friend safe in heaven. It is not every one that overcometh.

He who imagines he can do without the vorld deceives himself much; but he who fancies the world can not do without him is still more mistaken.

The favor of God alone can make anythingon earth truly ours, and truly good; can give tostations. Several of the passengers rushed out Sterling, Ky., 107.00; New Union, Woodford what is good permanence, and render it a foretaste

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"And now, my coul, another year
Of thy short life is past;
I can not long continue here,
And this may be my last."
This familiar stanza is promit

is prominent in our thoughts as we try to realize that 1889 is ended and that 1890 is begun. Shorter and shorter seem the years. More and more swiftly we fee ourselves hastening to the land beyond. How true appear the words of the Psalmist:—

"As for man h's days are as grass;
As a flower of the field to he flourisheth;
For the wind passeth over it and it is gone,
And the place thereof shall know it no more,"

Men come and go; generation follows gene ation; the individual seems nothing: the race everything. When the mightiest and wisest die the world goes on as before, and the place thereo scarce knows them any more.

At this season of the year, if a person thinks at all, and recognizes duty, he is very apt to be despondent, when he considers how many things he has done which he ought not to have done and how many things he has left undone which he ought to have done. Such reflections become painful when long pursued, for "that is the bitterest of all to wear the yoke of our own wrong-doing". But we are not required, thank God, to spend our lives in brooding over the "If we confess our sins he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We may and ought to profit even by the errors of the past; for it is

true,
"That men may rise on stepping stone
Of their dead selves to higher things."

To the readers of this paper and to all the Disciples in this land, if we had their ears, we would say: Brethren in Christ, whatever our record has been heretofore, let the year 1890 be signalized as one of thorough consecration to the Master's work. There are many "open doors"; if we cannot enter all, let us enter as many as we car. The Lord hath need of us in this fair land. In His name let us set up our banners, then in His name we shall assuredly triumph.

DANCING.

Many of our readers we presume, have heard the story of the Methodist bishop, who upon being asked by a young lady whether it was wrong for Christians to dance, replied: "My dear young lady, Christians do not want to dance." We would like our young readers 12 consider the bishop's answer, and if any of them think it incorrect, we would be pleased to have their reasons for publication. We do not intend to express an opinion on the matter at present. But we want to ask the young members of the churches who may feel like dancing, and who may expect to dance during the coming winter, a few questions:—

1. Will it do you any good to dance?

- 2.
- Will it do you any harm?
 Will it do your unconverted friends any
- will it do them any harm?
- Will it help or hinder the work of the church?

- 6. Will it strengthen the hands of the
- 7. Will it rejoice the hearts of the elders of the church?
- Will it rejoice the hearts of the enemies of the church?

Will it rejoice the hearts of your parents if they are godly people?

Will it be pleasing to the Master?

We would request any young brethren and sisters who may have been in the habit of attending dances to consider earnestly and carefully these questions before going to another dance and if they should, after such consideration, still think it their duty to dance, we would then ask them to consider the same questions after returning from their next dance.

One more question:—How would it affect the spiritual welfare of the churches if none of the nembers should dance this season,—benefici ally or injuriously?

NOTES.

To our readers we wish a "Happy New

Our second article on the word "Church" is rowded out this month.

Our article on "Baptists and Disciples," and me other matters are crowded out.

Please take notice that all matter for the Critic's Corner is to be sent DIRECTLY to Bro. Sheppard at Walkerton, Ont..

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Mission nce last report :-

Mission Band, Walkerton... Mrs. John Frick, Humberstone

Last month the outside pages of our paper vere nearly filled with original matter: this month selections have the floor. We trust our readers will find them interesting. Some of the pieces were handed us by friends with the equest that we should give them a place in our columns. We are pleased to receive indications of what suits our friends.

We repeat the request made in last issue that all hose who would support a semi-monthly at one dollar a year would let us hear from them by post card soon. We have already had favorable respanses from quite a number of our subscribers. It si becoming more and more evident that a small monthly paper is entirely inadequate to meet the necessities of our work.

—Our name-sake, in part, the ONTARIO EVANGELIST, from the Dominion of Canada, has our thanks for kind words of appreciation in its December number. It is a neatly printed, newsy, sterling four-page monthly paper, and offers its readers the benefit of a club rate with our paper for \$2,00 for the two. We will do the same for any of our readers who wish to keep posted in Canada news.—Christian-Etangelist.

And we should like our readers to know that

the Christian-Evangelist is still more worthy of the confidence of the brotherhood than it was a month ago. Bro. Garrison's decided stand and prompt action in the case of R. C. Cave mark him as a leader of men.

THE NEED OF AN INCREASE OF FUNDS. The treasury is empty. There will be no collection before March. In the meantime, two more monthly payments must be made. The expenditures exceed a thousand dollars a week. The friends of the work must come to the rescue or the men and women in the field will suffer. There are men able to send in \$1,000 each there are others able to send in \$100 or more there are thousands able to send in smaller sums The work is the Lord's, it must go on. The silver and the gold are his, and must be used for the accomplishment of his grand designs. Box 750. Cincinnati, Ohio. A. McLean.

Cor. Sec.

communication from Bro. F. H. Lemon of Minnedosa concludes with these words which are meant for all the readers of the EVAN-

"Remember in your prayers our little band at Minnedosa. We are now encouraged with the favorable condition of the work. Remember also that we want to build a church house as soon as the snow leaves."

Bro. Lemon also informs us that they hope to have special services soon, when Bro. A. H. Finch of Portage la Prairie will assist them.—If any of our readers happen to have a yellow envelope around the house addressed to Miss Jennie Fleming, Kilsyth. Ont., we would respectfully suggest etc., etc., etc.,

We have pleasure in commending to our eaders the Northern Business College of Owen Sound, of which our enterprising brother C. A. Fleming is the Principal. Many young people, and among them a goodly number of our own young brethren and sisters, are now taking or proposing to take, a course in some Business proposing to take, a combo College. Young Disciples in going away from home to school or college should consider whether or not they will have the privilege of meeting with their own brethern while they are pursuing their studies. Those attending the Northern Business College will not only have the advantages of a first-class commercial institution but will also have the pleasure and benefit of the fellowship of the church in Owen Sound.

We are pleased to find complimentary references to Bro. Fowler and his work in Fairfield, Neb., in sundry papers. We give a couple of them here.

Couple of them incre.

Bro. Fowler is preaching grand sermons to large and appreciative audiences. We are already wondering what we shall do if he gives his entire time to the College next year, which he is very desirous of doing, and on which condition only he was induced to leave his former field of work.—Christian Oracle.

Prof. Fowler holds a series of meetings at the Christian caurch that are quite largely attended and if good caults do not follow it will not be for lack of plain and strong gospel preaching. Rev. Fowler is a forcible speaker, his sermons are rich in Bibbe truths, and his logic and elequence is that of the gospels. His congregation is not wearied by long sermons and an evening can be profitably and pleasantly spent with bin.—Fairfield Herald. Prof. Fowler holds a series of meetings at th

The Ontario Evangelist says it is assert ed in that part of the world that "the Disciples of the United States have lost 230,000 members and 67 preachers since 1881," and calls on the Christian Standard and the Christian-Evangelist to tell "what they think of the statement." We suppose it must have originated in the difference between somebody's wild guess as to our numbers, and the gathered statistics since then As a matter of fact, every intelligent disciple among us knows that our net increase since 1881 has been much more than the alleged loss, as reported above. We know of no religiou body that is making so rapid an increase in this country as our own, and we only pray that our growth in grace and the knowledge of the truth may keep pace-with our increase in numbers.

—Christian-Evangelist.

CHURCH NEWS.

ST. THOMAS.—Two young brethren from Ohio unit ed with the church by letter recently. Dec. 30th 1889. T. B. KNOWLES.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—The church at this place has purchased a building lot, and it is understood that house will be erected upon it in the carly spring.

West Lake.—The brethren at West Lake have recently put some repairs on their meeting house and intend to do more in the spring. Bro B. Ainsworth of Hillier preached for them every other Lord's Day.

BOWMANVILLE.-Under the ministry of Bro. F. W Bauhgman the congregations have so increased that arrangements are being made to provide greater accommodation either by enlarging their present house, or by erecting a new one.

ERIN CENTRE.—During the special services in Hills-burg, to which reference was made last month, three persons, like the Corinthians of old, "hearing, believed and were baptized." It is the intention to hold a pro-tracted meeting at the Stone Church soon.

WALKERTON.—The Walkerton Sunday School gas entertainment, December 23rd, at which illustration WALKERTON .- The Walkerton Su an entertainment, December 2004, and the magic of chemistry were given by Bro. Sheppard. Bro. Thomas Whitehead, who has been dangerously ill, is now, we are rejoiced to learn, convalescent.

ALDROROUGH.—Our December meeting wo West Lorne, December 29th. Bro. W. D. Campbell of Aylmer was the speaker. He remained with us one week. The brethren are greatly encouraged. Four persons confessed their faith in Christ.

January 6, 1890.

Guilds .- The readers of the Evangelist may GUILDS.—The readers of the Livingeria may be that some time ago we published an appeal for aid in the creetion of a church at Guilds near Blenheim, Kent Co., We are pleased to hear from that quarter that there is a good prespect of the work going on

EMN VILLAGE.—The church in this place is encour-aged by the addition to its numbers of two persons recently "baptized into Christ".—The Christmas S. recently "baptized into Christ".—The Christmas S. S. entertsinment passed off very pleasantly on the last evening of 1889. In the midst of much disagreable weather we were favored with a beautiful night. The children acquitted themselves well both in singing and reciting. Miss Annie Currie of Ospringe, who recited "The Last Hymn," is worthy of special mention, both because she is not a member of the school, and also on account of her excellent rendition of that beautiful piece. All but the oldest scholars received a "aack" of "goodies"; and all but these unable to read, a copy of "Pocket Lessons for 1890,"

Coldingwood, -Our Sunday-school entertainment held on the 20th was a time of enjoyment to all inter-ested. Having rained all day, and the evening being very dark, we looked for but few besides the Sunday very dark, we looked for but fow besides the Sunday School pupils and their parents. The ladies of the congregation having provided a bountiful tea for them it was served from 5 p m. to 6.30. The entertainment proper opened up at 7.30, at which time the house filled up from the door to the pulpit. With a well-arranged programme of choice recutations, music and dialogues, the children entertained the audience for about two hours in a most creditable manner, after which we had two excellent short addresses from Chief Lewis and Mr. Ward, the head master of our public school. The public having demanded the privilege of giving up some of their cash the collection baskets were passed around by two of the Sunday School pupils, when the people manifested their satisfaction with the proceedings of the ovening by contributing over thirteen dollars. Collingwood, Dec. 30, '89.

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Acton.—The Sunday School at Acton held its annual Christmas entertainment on Friday evening Dec 27th. The weather was fine and the house was crowded. The chair was ably filled by Bro. Hugh Black of Eramosa. The programme consisted of singing, recitations and readings by the children, which were all well rendered. The Everton choir discoursed some fine singing in solos, duets, quartettes etc., Short and appropriate addresses were made by the Revs., G. B. Cooke, Mr. Brock, J W. Rao, and Dr. Gifford of Acton, also by Bro. Brenenstuhl, late of Johnstown, Pa., and at present preaching for the Everton church, and by Bro. Geo. Munro of Erin, Mr. H. P. Moore, Editor of the Acton Free Press, and Mr. David Henderson ox-M.P. for Halton. Presents for the Sunday School scholars were artistically arranged on an arch trimmed with evergreens; when these had been distributed the audience dispersed well pleased with the ovening's entertainment.

Dec. 31 1889.

John Ramsey.

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Toronto—Denison Avenue.—We had five additions to the congregation here during December—three of them by baptism—Our work keeps up well in interestin all departments. Our Sunday School is becoming more and more interesting and is growing in numbers, which speaks well for our superintendent and his teachers. We are wanting in proper accommodation for our classes. We added three strong men to our official board recently,—brethren Kirk, Bently and Higgins,—as deacons. We will have the cellars of our house dug this winter so as to be able to begin building early in the spring. The brethren at West Toronto Junction have purchased a good building site, and will soon have a house; something greatly needed. No church can feel permanency till it has a house of its own. The Junction is becoming a very important point, and I have all confidence in our brethren there to build witely, materially and spiritually. Several good brethren are moving into the Junction to engage in butiness and will add strength to the cause.

Jau. 2, '90.

J. R. GAFF.

EVERTON.—After Bro. Fowler left Everton the church here sent for Bro. J. H. Edwards of Indiana, who preached for us for a month sith much acceptance; but from some cause-perhaps it was destiny—he did not return to labor for us. Bro. Edwards however remains in our judgment a preacher of marked ability and a reliable teacher of Divine truth. On ever remains in our judgment a preacher of marked ability and a reliable teacher of Divine truth. On the third Lord's Day in November our esteemed Bro. Sheppard, came to Everton and remained over four Lord's Bays.—I need hardly say that he preached excellent sermons—which were very instructive to young and old and were presented with such deep sympathy, and carnestness, as to lead his hearers up to higher planes of spiritual life and enjoyment. The meetings were continued through the greater part of the two last weeks. The weather and reads being very unfavorable the attendance was not large.

During the meetings two excellent young recople, were convinced of the truth and obeyed the Saviour. Bro. Sheppard is now settled in Walkerton, where I trust his labors will be greatly blessed by our Heavenly Father, in the building up of a large church. Such preaching as is done by Bro. Sheppard, cannot fail in conefitting any community. In patience possess your soul, brother, for in due season you shall reap it you faint not.

faint not.

At present we have Bro. J. A. Brennenstuhl from Johnstown, Pa preaching for us. At a meeting of the church one evening this week, with—almost unantmous voice we decided to employ Bro. Brennenstuhl to labor for us. I hope he may see it to be his duty to accept: for I am confident if he comes to Everton, great good will be the result.

January 3, 1800.

Hugh Black.

January 3, 1890.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.-

PORTAGE LA PRABUE, MAN.—

"Another year God's mercies prove

His ceaseless care and boundless love."

These we see strewn thickly all along our backward track, from January to December. But of our stewardship during the year, in this part of the Master's vineyard we would say a little. When we look at its failures and successes we stop and ask what is failured what is success? can you measure success in Christian work by numbers? a meeting of six weeks and one hundred saved. Is that success? yes truly. A whole scason's faithful work, ruch seed sown, and one soul saved. Perhaps as a power for good telling on the ages and for God it may be as infinity to unity compared with the other. Success! who can tell what it is?

Last spring! promised the Evangement are report of the summer's work. In June Bros, Geo, Campbell and F. H. Lenon came from Drake University, to take work respectively at Popiar Hill and Minnedosa. Bro, Lemon

F. H. Lemon came from Drake University, to take work respectively at Poplar Hill and Minnedosa. Bro, Lemon assisted Bro, Campbell at Poplar Hill, and five were immersed. This meeting was fully reported before. At Mi.nedosa Bro, F. H. Lemon has labored since with increasing interest. He immersed one in the fall, which increasing interest. He immersed one in the fall, which was reported. He labora also at a place some miles in the country. We expect to assist him in a meeting shortly. They are sorely in need of a house, which we trust, with the help of the brethren will go up in the spring. There is also a faithful little band meeting regularly

During July Bro. H. A. Lemon assisted us in a meeting in Portage la Prairie, and five made the good confession. During 1889, sixteen have united with the church in Portage la Prairie; thirteen during '88, and ten during '87. Counting out two losses if leaves us a net membership of sixty two. A few of these are inving at a great distance.

We note with pleasure that the Portage la Prairie church stands head of the list of Canadian churches centributing to foreign missions for 18.3. They have she contributed \$160.00 for Poplar Hill work, besides building a very commodions. "Parsonage," (though occupied, cannot be finished till apring), which will carry but a small dobt into 1890. but a small debt into 1890.

A happy New Year to all.

MUSKOKA MISSION MATTERS.

Two baptized since last report. Took a trip to Dufferin Bridge, in Parry Sound district, to see Bro. and Sister Brooks, and remained over three Lord's Days, preaching in a school house an Orange Hall, and a private house. One very estimable lady obeyed the gospel, and a number of others have had their attention called to the gospel and its requirements, and a few were almost persuaded to come out of sectarianism. A visit in the near future to the same place may be attended with greater success. Still, some good accomplished.

We have received boxes of presents for distri bution among the needy from sisters in Toronto (Denison Avenue), Erin, centre and Everton which have been as carefully and judiciously distributed as possible.

We have some depressing circumstances to contend with out here in many places, but often meet with good and true men and women, and cheering episodes in our labors and travels; and we try to make all things work together for good, knowing that "Our Father in Heaven," is watching over us, and leading us orward and upward through tribulation to the glory, honor and immortality of elernal life.

Trusting that some who are now in darkness may be led to the True Light that now shines in

O. G. W. B. H.

A SUGGESTION.

There was a suggestion I intended making a the St. Thomas meeting, but the time was so fully taken up with business there seemed no auspicious moment. I trust it is not yet too late. My suggestion is, that every sister interested in our missionary work spend a few minutes every day in earnest prayer to God that He may smile upon our individual and united efforts. And let the time be the twilight of each day. Will the dear sisters all over Ontario-beginning with the day on which they see these words-join with me in this united effort at the time stated? 'nd thus we may form a cordon of prayer abouwork that will effectually shield it from the snares and temptations surrounding us. Wainfleet, Sept. 23, '89. Mrs. Wm. Angle.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

All contributions for Home Mission work and for the lamilton Building Fund should be sent to George Munro or. Sec., Erin, Oa: Any one not receiving endit fo oney sent should notify the Cor. Sec. promptly.

Further returns from Children's Day for Home

S. S., West Lake ... Twelve Sunday Schools have so far sent in contributions. That makes a very good start all things considered.

In addition to the sums reported last month the following is from the November collection: \$4 00

Church, Mosa ... The number of churches that have responded to the request to take up a special collection for Home Missions indicate that the idea of such a collection commends itself to many of the

Contributions for Home Missions not report

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Mrs. Chas. McMillan, L.M 5	00
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John Munro 10	00
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S. S., St. Thomas 5	00

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In looking over the sums subscribed at St. Thomas, it is found that a good many of them we not yet paid. The Board has no other thought but that they will be paid. At the same time, since the money is constantly needed, it is thought proper to urge all to pay as soon as possible. Those who subscribed large sums, if they are not prepared to pay in full, might send they are not prepared to pay in full, might send on a part of their contributions.

The Cor. Sec. finds among the papers left by pear to have been requested to canvass the churches on behalf of the Home Mission Work, and now there has come another new and most valuable addition, A Gazetteer of the World, of over 25,000 hists were sent. From many of those persons no word has been received by the present Cor. See He will feel greatly obliged if all those who have been requested to act as canvassers will notify him whether or not they are definition. work, and if they are, what success they are meeting with.

It is expected that the Board will have anoth er meeting soon. It is therefore very desirable that all churches that would like to have the services of a young man during next vacation should write to the Cor. Sec. at once, in order that the Board may be in a good position to deal with the matter of assisting students to obtain work-

GEO. MUNRO. Cor. Sec..

The Critic's Corner.

Arrangements have been made for the under signed to occupy a small space each month in the Ontario EvangeList, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Word of God, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions or queries in regard to such from any of its readers; with the understanding, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity vill be discarded.

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And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church ; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?'-Matt xvi, 18.

It seems to me that the general view taken of the latter part of this verse is incerrect,—owing to a misapprehension of the two words "gates" and "hell"; that "hell" here means the dominion of the Devil, and the "gates" the belligerent force of the infernal armies making unsuccessful assaults upon the church of Christ.

Now the word translated hell here is not Gehenna, but Hades, which means the unseen, the realms of death which receive all mankind while the term "gates" certainly does not imply an active and aggressive power but a passive means of admitting or of confining:

Hence the meaning of Christ's words would eem to be, that, as he has the keys of death and of Hades, in overcoming him that had the power of death, that is the Devil, he delivers his church with an everlasting triumph; for as it was not possible that he should be holder of death himself (Acts ii, 24), so, in the words I am considering, he declares that the gates of Hades must open at his bidding, and set free his people for the enjoyment of eternal life in his kingdom

"Useless and hurtful memories can be crowded out by filling the mind with better things. Much of such recollections are mere idle reveries that can be swept away by the fresh breeze of enthusiasm, activity and duty. Happy memories kindly feelings, noble ideas, generous plans, may so fill the heart and employ the mind that there will be neither room nor place for mournful and futile reminiscences."

LITERARY NOTES.

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OBITUARIES.

Biant—Sister Bradt, wife of Elder Thomas Bradt, deceased died in, Cayuga on the 18th inst, and was buried on the 20th beside her husband's grave, in the burying ground on the farm of brother Andrew Henslar, in Pelham. All who know her loved hec. She died as she lived, true to the cause of Christ. All seemed to feel it a certainty that she only left us to receive a "crown of righteousness." Not many tears, but sorrow deep and real, and hope steadfast. How calm we can be when "all is well".

Hattily "They're crossing the river one by one".
Sep. 23, 1889.

J. B. L. BRADT-Sister Bradt, wife of Elder Thomas Bradt

BLACK.—On the fourth day of December, Rro. Thos. Black exchanged a life of suffering for the blissful scenes of Paradise.

On the 18th June, 1885, at a barn-raising on his own farm in the Township of West Luther, by the accidental falling of a beam, his spine was so seriously injured that all the lower part of his body was paralyzed. During all those four and one half years he was comparatively helpless. All that medical skill could do; all that the most loving, faithful and nover wearying attendance could accomplish; all that patient and submissive resignation on the part of the sufferer, could contribute, was ineffectual to save a life so precious in the family and the church.

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He is a grandson of the late Bro, James Black, and
the oldest son of Bro. John Black. He was born in
Eramosa, February Sth, 1856. Was married to Myra
Laight, daughter of the late William Laight of Eramosa,
in 1882. Bro. Black obeyed the Savieur when only
seventeen years old, and has ever since lived a good
and consistent Christian life.

He was rioved from Luther s) orthy after the accident o his father's house in Eramo a where he di d. During to his father's house in Eramosa where no at a. During his last days the writer was privileged in visit ng him, and officiated at his funeral. The attendance a as very large. Text: John xi, 26. The deceased leaves behind him a most devoted wife and one child.

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all other preaching is useless and vain. J. S. Tuorpe

should be the aim of all of us. Selfishness is into the vessel, cat our supper, and tumble into probably at the bottom of most of the ills of the little possible neds built against the ward that is what I did, but papa and mamma stayed life. In the records of good men we invariably up on deck, to watch the lights on shore seem to find they were animated during their lives by move away as the vessel steamed in the direction unselfishness of character, a high sense of duty, of the setting sun, and to hear the doleful song and a love for their fellow-men. No less a of the fishermen as they threw out their nets in philosopher tuan Kant, when speaking of duty, once said, 'Duty-wondrous thought that worketh neither by fond insinuation, flattery, nor by any threat, but by merely holding up thy naked law in the soul, and so extorting for thyself always reverence, if not always obedience, before whom all appetites are dumb, however secretly they

If God made the world you need not fear that He can't take care of so small a part of it as yourself .- Edward Taylor.

Children's Work.

MRS. JAMES LEDIARD, Supt., POPLAR HILL, To whom communications for this department should

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD,-I am glad to write a few lines to you to let you know we have organized a Mission Band in Guelph, called "Buds of Promise." It was organized on the 29th of October, with a membership of twenty-one. The following officers were elected: President, Miss M. Kilgour; Vice-President, Miss Stewart; Secretary, Maud Bower; Treasurer, Miss Eliza Tindal; and a Board of Managers. I will give you the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes read and appproved; meeting opened by singing "We're a little Pilgrim Band"; prayer and scripture reading by President; an essay by Master Fred. Kilgour, and a study on it The President read a paper on missionary work. The programme was as follows; reading by Ethel Wardell; song by Lizzie Edwards; reading by Maggie Tindal. Misses B. Edwards, A. Kilgour, M. McDougal, Master C. Wardell, were appoint ed to prepare programme for next meeting. During the roll call Miss E. Smith took collection, each member answering name by quoting verse of scripture. Misses M. Fairly, M. Butchart, M. Tindal, and Master Errett Kilgour were appointed as a Look-out Committee. There were twenty-two present. Next meeting on the 6th December. We meet the first and third Friday of every month.

Maune Bowfr, Sec.

In an interesting letter from Mrs. Brown, Wiarton, she says, "I did not see the report the secretary of the Children's Mission Band sent you, and so do not know whether she explained concerning it, or not. She probably just sent an account of their organization according to the Constitution sent us. We had monthly meetings and missionary collections for more than two years past, out had no organization. Now the young people have the matter entirely to themselves and are getting on nicely. I dropped in at the close of their meeting last night and found thirty children there, and all conducted in a very orderly manner. They will report and remit to you at the end of the first quarter." I am sorry if the report from Wiarton did not appear. It has been mislaid or lost.

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD.—The Ridgetown Mission Band was first organized on September 1st, 1888, but worked independently until November 9th, 1889, when we re-organized and became auxiliary to the Ontario Children's Band, under the name of "Cheerful Givers." Our officers are President, Vice-President, Sceretary and Treasurer, and a Board of Managers. We intend to do our best in this work and will report regularly.

FLORA CAMPBELL, Sec.

A GIRLS TELLER FROM JAPAN

It has been truly and that a holy life is a ... The following letter was written for the especial)

OS Shiebovro, July 4, '89

hour, and he wields an influence for Christ which are going to spend our summer vacation. We hour, and he wields an influence for Christ which all the eloquence and wisdom of this world cannot equal. Best of all sermons is the silent sermon of a holy life; and, indeed, without it Japanese people cannot harry even if they would sermon of a holy life; and, indeed, without it -it is not their nature.

When at last they got the little row-boat, to To do our duty and make the best of life bye" to the young ladies and rowed off, to chimo for their daily support.

When I awoke at half-past twelve I told mam ma it was half-past three (I did n't understand the bells that mark time on a ship, so I made that mistake); and then, after taking cat-naps for a while, I tried to get up and put on my clothes, but found I could not stand up or else I would get sea-sick immediately. So I did not get up until the vessel stopped at Hako-da-te.

There, papa, mamma, and I went ashore and visited the Methodist Missionaries—Mr. and visited the Alethoust Alissonaries—In and Mrs. Greene, and the voung ladies, Miss Hewitt and Miss Dickerson. We had a very pleasant time there, staying until eight o'clock next morning. Then we steamed off to Ottara. I stayed ing. Then we steamed on to Outsite I suppose on deck most of the day and so I didn't get seasick. Land was in sight elmost all the time The scenery was beautiful; the cliffs and hills, The scenery was beautiful; the cinis and fulls, rising straight out of the sea, were formed of rock, and looked like great cathedrals. At other places, they were rolling and symmetrical, carpeted with green grass. Sometimes a little line of fishing villages would nestle at their base, the state of the s Higher up, on the slopes, wheat and barley world often be seen growing.

In the morning, about seven o'clock, we reached Ottara, a little scaport town about twen ty-two miles from Sappora, our destination. The town lay at the foot of a long range of beautiful green hills.

We gathered our numerous bundles, valises and so forth, together, and rode in a little row-boat to the shore. We went to a hotel, where, after a good deal of uelay, they brought us breakfast on three little lacquer trays. There were two dishes of soup, one of rice, one of fish and pickle, and one of some kind of vegetables, on each tray. For dinner, they brought the same, besides some hard-boiled eggs.

At one o'clock, we boarded a reat America. rein, and in two hours reached Sappora.

We were fortunate in having secured good rooms beforehand, so we could go right to them. We are busy getting settled now.

I have written most of this letter on shipboard and could not use pen and ink; so please excuse my pencil.

We know that you are all doing a good work Your loving friend, ELSIE H. SMITH.

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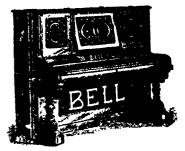
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