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It has been remarked, says the Interior, for the encouragement of reformers, that when one is swimming against the tide of public opinion he is certainly not a dead fish, since a dead fish floats with it. We regard it as more cheering still to reflect that reformers can beat all live fish records, by actually turning the tide of public opinion from a wrong' to a right direction. Let the brethren who are swimming against the tide of public opinion which tolerates the desecration of the Sabbath, continue to head up stream. The whole body of water will flow their way by and by.

AnOTHER Zulu war seems imminent. They are said to be mustering in formidable numbers. All available forces in Natal have been hurried to the fromtier and urgent calls for reinforcements have been sent to Capetown. These have been at once responded to, and a regiment, as well as artillery, horses and supplies, have been at once despatched to the scene of expected hostilities. While the British penple were exercising themselves uver a possible invasion of their island home, the enemy was preparing to strike at what they supposed a vulnerable point, thousands of miles away. What is the cause of the new Zulu war bas not yet transpired.

The British Wcekly says: The great Missionary Conference, which was most appropriately to close on Wednesday with a protest against the Drink and Opium traffic, has een carried through with signal success. Without diparaging the services of others, it is only just to say that this is in large measure due to the organizing secretary, the Kev. James Johnston, (who visited America last year in the interest of the Conference) whose grasp of the whole subject, tireless industry, and dauntless courage have accomplished a great work. Not till the complete report of the whole proceedings has been published will it be known what a substantial contribution has been made to our knowledge of missions and the best way of working them.

The Niagara Whirlpool has claimed one more fool-hardy victim. The unfortunate who tried to navigate its seething waters in a slender skiff lost his life in the attempt. If the poor man placed but little value on his life he had no right to sacrifice it while others were dependent on him At the present time a man is endeavouring to cross the Atlantic alone in a boat of diminutive size. He may reach the other side in safety, or he may vever more be heard of. His success would prove nothing ; lis faiture mould only be one more warning to those who purposely tempt Providence by setting the dictates of religion and common sense at defiance. It seems that cranks, like the poor, are always with us.

A SCOTTISH conternporary remarks that ministerial inefficiency is not the only reason why it would be well sometimes that a pastor and his congregation should part. There may be a want of adaptation producing baneful results. This refiection is suggested by the case of Claremont Street Unired Presbyierian Church, Glasgow. Owing to painful differences betreen himself, the Session and the congregation, Rev A. Scott Matheson has resigned his charge. There was no want of earnest devotion to duty on the part of the minister, who is animated by the most fervent spirit of evangelistic zeal : but the teaching was not suited to a west-end congregation, and the people ceased to attend. Mr. Matheson might ac-
complish a great work in some other place; and we hope to hear soon that he lias obtained the spliere in which he will be useful and happy.

The name of William Quarrier, the practical Christian philanthropist, is not unknown in Canada. Many of the orphans he has been enabled to rescue have found a friendly shelter and a sphere for honest and honourable endeavour in the Domimon. Last week he was in Toronto and addressed a meeting in St. James Square Presbyterian lecture-room giving interesting details of the work to which he bas devoted the best years of his life. In seventeen years they had rescued more than 5,000 children, about 2,500 of whom were brought out to Canada. Children are taken into the homes at the rate of 450 each year, and they wanted to increase that number to 700. This was the reason for the necessity of twelve further cottages. Mr. Quarrier is a man of strong faith, great zeal and much earnestness. In combination with these good qualities there is not a little Scottish shrewdness which keeps him clear of the realms of visionary enthusiasm. His style of address is direct and simple, and his story is certain to elicit sympathy from all who listen to it. While there is a strong feeling in Canada that a particular class of emigration is in danger of becoming disproportion ately large, none will withhoird encouragement and sympathy from such a movement as that which Mr. Quarrier conducts with so much zeal and self-denial.

Tife remonstrances against Sunday labour on the Canadian canals has as yet been without avail. The Ottawa correspondent of the Empire says: It is undersiood that all the St. Lawrence canals, including the Welland, will hereafter be open for the passage of vessels on Sundays until eight o'clock in the morning and after nine in the evening. The change has been made at the request of forwarders, who complain that they are heavily handicapped by the delay which the Sunday closing of the canals entailed. The Erie canal is open for traffic on Sundays and is was represented to the department that the St. Lawrence route suffered by the difference of a dav whirh Sunday closing made. The men employed on the Canadian canals will be paid extra for the work they do. It will be seen that the moral aspect of the question is completely ignored. The violation of the Sabbath rest, and the encroachment on the workmen's liberties are apologized for on the ground that forwarders complain. Their complaiats then are more imperative than the divine law, and more to be respected than the right to Sabbath rest. The men who have to work on that day are to have their consciences salved by extra pay. That the American canals are open on the Lord's Day is no excuse why the Canadian canals should be open likewise. The people who, with their eyes open, sanction the clear violation of a divine law for the sake of gain alone and justify their action by the bad example of their neighbours, will lose much more than they can possibly gain by the operation.

IT is the belief of the inhabitants of lona, says tie Christian Leader, that the Roman Catholics desire to obtain possession of the island; and from what we hear from other quarters we have no doubt that the Duke of Argyll would receive, were he willing to accept it, a very handsome price for that portion of his estates. The scheme that is simmering in the minds of the Roman Catholic dignitaries is to re-edify the ancient cathedral and to plant there a new colony of monks. This was not obscurely hinted at by the two ecclesiastics who addressed the pilgrims latic.y when they spoke of the imminent fulfilment of a prediction which one of their legends credits to the dying Columba. But the people of Scotland will keep their eye on thatreathedral at Icna, which is, we presume, not the property of the Duke of Argyll though it happens to stand on the island of which he is owner. Why does not the Church of Scolland re-edify the vererable structure instead of resting content with a parish church that is more like a barn than a place or
worship, and which is actually below he level, architecturally and in every other important respect, of t te very poorest Primitive Methodist chapel we have seen in rural England? It would be easy to raise the necessary funds for such a work of restoration. If the weathy men in the scottish Establishment are not prepared themselves to accomplish it, there are thousands of Protestants of all the Churches on both sides of the Atlantic who would gladly hasten to assist. That cathedral in the islands of the Culdees must not be allowed to go to the monks.

Tue Glasgow Leader says: As Principal Cairns remarked at the celebration of the ministeral jubilee of Dr. Bonar on April 5 last, the occasion was historic and will be ever memorable. It is fitting, therefore, that a full and authentic record of the proceedings should be printed such as we find in the elegant pamphlet issued this week which bears the imprimatur of Messts. Lorimer and Gillies, of Edinburgh. The addresses of Sir Thomas Clark, Sir William Muir, Professor Charteris, Principal Cairns, Mr. M'All, of Paris, Mr. James E. Mathieson, of London, Mr. J. P. Coldstream, V. S., and the other speakers each contain points of permanent interest and value. The brochure is one that will be eagerly sought for and highly prized by every lover of sacred song. Mir. Sloan tells us that shortly after he became Dr. Bonar's colleague he was speaking to him about his hymns, and inquired if he remembered particularly he times at which they were written. Dr. Bonar replied that he had kept no record as to when they were written, or the circumstances. Referring esperially to the hymn, "I heard the voice of Jesus say;" Mr. Sloan asked, "Do you remember when you wrote that?" "I think," replied Dr. Bonar, "it was a year or two after the Disruption." H2 added that the most of the hymns were written for the Sabbath school children of Kelso. Perhaps once a month, or once a quarter, he would write a hymn, and have it printed and circulated among the children, and it was sung in the Sabbath school. One thinks of the text "Whosoever shall give to drink utito one of these Ti:!- ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his rexiard."

An unusual ceremony was solemnized in Scotland lately. Well nigh 650 Roman Catholics assembled at Oban, and next day sailed on pilgrimage to Iona. The proceedings bore a double character. It was half a piesistic oneration, half a holiday enjoyment. The company was very variously composed. Monsignore Persico was there, the two Scottish Archbishops, and other members of the Scottish Episcopate, a throng of priests and monks, a few members of the nobility, such as the lately-widowed Lady Lovat and her son, Lord Ralf Kerr, who is brother to the Marquis of Lothian, the secretary for Scotland, with his wife, Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas, a good many gentry and representatives of the middle class, with 3 very considierable jprinkling of humbler folks, who were not the leas: \{ervently devout. As the Hebridean trading steamer which conveyed them neared the isiand, the pilgrims gathered on her deck, said the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, and sang the hymns "Faith of our Fathers," and "Louk down, oh ! Mother Mary." After landing High Mass was celebrated within the ruins of the old eathedral, the Duke of Argyll having given his permission. Archbishop Smith, of Edinburgh, deiivered a panegyric on the life and labours of St. Columba; the Bishop of the Diocese followed with a sermon in Gaelic; and then a couple of hours were pleasantly spent in walks and talks. There is not a single Roman Catholic inhabitant on the island; they are all Free Church folk; nevertheless, a good many of them, attended the servise, and thcugh, instigated by their own clergymen and yet more urgently by gratuitous advice from the outside, a few were sullenly discontented, feeling ashamed or deeming themselves insulied, nothing in the shape of protest or opposition arose ta vex the visitors or mar their enjoyment.

## Our Contributors.

## polonius gives the young afan SOME ADIICE ABOUT HOLIDA YS.

## by knoxonian.

1 am glad to know, my san, that you are about to take a holdday. Holidays are mu_h better than $\mathrm{s} \cdot \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{n}}$. and are much more easily taken. Rest implies work you are a worker, and therefore you can take a rest A man who never works cannot take a rest. He lias nothing to rest from. Brain workers are in special need of rest. Three hours of hard brain work consumes the vital forces more than six of mere manual labour. Brain workers usually have more worry than any other class, and worry is a thousand times more destructive than any kind of work. You, my son, have a respectable share of brains, and therefore you have somethung in your upper story to rest. Some people go away to rest their brains who never gave any outward and wistble sign that they have any.
Let ne give you a few plain words of advice, my son, about this holiday business.
The first problem to be solved is how to get the money.
You can't take the first step without the money Not being an editor nor a member of Parliament you have no pass. If you have no money stay at home like a man. Don't give your friends a hundred reasons why you are not going to any place this summer when there is unly one reason-the want of money. ll you give any reason at all tell the truth.
When you have the moncy the next question is where in go. That question need not trouble yeu long. There are so many good places in this country that a man who has not enough sense to select one should not be trusted to go from home. If you feel that you cannot trust yourself to select a place or a trip perhaps you had better stay at home with your parents.
Having decided on your trip and fixed the place at which you expect to rest for a week or two, the next thing is company. Unless you are a philosopher, or a poet, or a crank, never start on a holiday alone. As a general thing one of the best travelling companions a man can have is his mother-in-law's daughter. Some men have no relative of that kind, and sometimes the good lady and her husband cannot leave home at the same time, but that is no reason why a man should go alone. Go with a party of friends. Many a good holiday is ruined for want of somebody to speak to. At every resting place in the country you see lone, solitary men, sitting apart on the verandas trying to put in the time and ", convince themselves that they are having a good holday. The other guests are in groups, chatting, laughing, singing, and having a good time generally. The solitary man sits alone and gazes silently into space. Quate frequently he is a ciergyman. He would be happier at home. If you must leave home alone get arquainted with a few decent people as soon as possibie, and don't sit all day on the hotel veranda or on the deck of a steamboat silently gazing into space.
Having fixed your route and joined your partystart. Y'es, start and don't make as much fuss about it as if you were going in search of Sir John Franklin's remains.
Don't expect that the railway company have put on a special train, or even a special car, for your party.
Don't try to occupy four seats while other passengers stand who have paid as much fare as you have.
Don't assume that the conductor has nothing to do but answer your questions.
Don't growl and grumble because you have not the best state-room in the boat. Everybody can't have the best room.

Don't make a superhuman effort to sit beside the captain at meals. If you are much account you can afford to sit anywherc. If you are not much account forcing yourself up to the captain's end of the table won't make you anybody in particular. If the captain cares much to have you beside him he'll ask you to sit there.
Don't make a fuss because you cannot get the best room in the hotel.
Don't expect all the waiters in the hotel to devote themselves to you.

Don't pose as a distinguished man when you are among strangers.

Don't nssume that a holidny must be all plensure. A few day's fog on the lower St. Lavrence, or a night's unrest on the cabin flonr of a crowded steamer, or a three hours wat for a place at the steamer's dinner table, or a seven by nine room in the attic of a stummer hotel with thousands of small but intensely active compamions, or an hour's exercise in giving yourselfaway over the side of the vessel-all these combined, or any one of them singly, may be sufficient we convince you that a holday is not all pleasure.

Having given you these few plan directions, my son, about your holdatas, allow me to give you one word of advice about the way you should conduct yourself when you come home.
. Don't bore your neighbours with a long list of the distungurshed people you "met' during jour travels.

Don't try to make th appear that you became quite intumate with these distmgusshed penple. Yerhaps they were not :ery distungushed, and possibly you and they got acquanted mainly because nether pariy had anything else to do. Watt unth you see your new friends in their own home before you put them on your hist, and don't "blow "about them even then.

## FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

Many no doubt are interested in our work at Round Lake and would like to hear of progress. I anglad to be able to report progress. If I contrast the solitary tent pitched on the shore of Round Lake in Junc, 1884, and the splendid school buildings now occupying the same spot, I see there is progress.

Our new buildings were opened on December 30 under favourable circumstances. We are not able to give a full description of the buildings, but we may say that the main building is 2.8 x ; 4 feet, with basement and two story above. In the basement we have cellars, furnace room and school room. To the main building there is a wing $24 \times 32$, on the ore side and the old buildings form a wing on the other side $30 \times 42$. On the first that we have four bed rooms, two parlours, dinung hall, girls' sewing room, store room, bath rooni, kutchen, pantry, wash room and two class rooms. On the upper flat we have bed rooms and dormitorics, etc. The basement is stone work; the upper part frame. The buildings are comfortable, and when the thermometer was fortyfive below zero, we found no troub , in keeping every part warm. We are now able to carry on our work with comfort and we hope to be able to accomplish much good.

We had the opening at a later date than we expected, being much detaned in our work through sickness. A fever among the workmen stopped the work for a month. We were delighted to have with us on that occasion Hayter Reed, assistant commissioner, and Mr. Mckae, mspector of schools, from Regina, also Colonel and Mrs. Mcl)onald, and others interested in mission work among the Indians. We expected to have the Governor with us, but he was detained through sickness ; also Professor Hart, of Winnipeg. All secmed to be delighted with our buildings. If you looked in at our parlour you would find a room $14 \times 22$, with beautiful bay window of coloured glass, looking towards the lake and rwer and Indan Reserve, you find that the parlour is beautifully furnished, and when told that $t$ is the work of St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Winnipeg, you would see at once that they are interested in our work.
If you passed through our dormitories you would be surprised to see so many beautiful little beds on iron bedsteads, and if you enter our store room you might be still more surprised at seeing a good supply on reserve of quilts and blankets, sheets, pillow-slips, towels, etc. We have not forgoteen the ladies of Stratford and Huron I'resbyteries, and we are glad to know that they still think of us. From Harrington we are receiving a bell. Many also noticed a valuable case of medicines sent from Seaforth and a beauthful writing desk and book case also from St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Winnipeg. We can't give even in condensed form what was said or this occasion. Hayter Reed wished me to say to the Church, and especially to the Womans' Forcign Missionary Socicty, that they do not know how much the Guvcrnment appreciated their efforts in civilising and Ch-istianizing the Indians of our country. The commissioner watches with interest our school, and hopes to see results which shall justify a larger support and also the establishment of other schools
on the same principle among the Indians of the North. West.
M. de Cazes said that this institution would be of more use to the country than ton one hunired policemen.
Mr. Mekne is much pleased with our plans and with tesults which he has already seen, and experts to see our institution grow.
Mi. McKitrie was ghad to see the flag of Britamnia fluttering in the storm, and hoped that by the pawnenf the Gospel this poor tegraded people may be raise, sn that they may no longer be as a spot upon that $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ : a burilen to our country and a stain upon the Church A large number of ladians were present, and mans; "ere delighted at the privilege of having a schont in which to send their cl:idiren

I fear my letter is now ton long, but 1 must anj that nut school is now open and about thirts attend ing, ten have bern taken by our brethren, the priests, but we expect others sonn in thke their place We are thankful for the clothing we have receved our Indians ate now more comfortahly (lad than what they were five years ago We are thankful for the school books sent of "Gage's series," alsi) copy bonks. pens, pencils, slates, etc, also illustrated papers. We are alwass glad to receive buots and shoes, old or new.
Our new buidungs have icost $\$ 4,000$, and are now free of debt. I trust we have spent the money guen to us by the Womans' Foremg Missionary Soctety to good purpose, and that they may look with pleasure from tume to tme upon the results of their investunent. you bave been sowing gold and silver, mav you gather souls on which are writien immortality. You have been seatering the dust that glitters and becomes dim, may you gather jewels which shall sparkic forever.

Rer. H. llckar.

## EETYER FROM FORMOSA.

For more than two weeks I have been Inoking on at work that would rejoice the hearts not only of $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {a }}$ nadians, but of Christians in any land to see. A large number of preachers and students are here at Tamsul studying. Preachers, old and young, from statuons near and far, are out for drill. Dr. Mackay arranges subjects so that the class of students at piesent to Oxlord College can take part and be profited with the older preachers. All form one large class.
Native pastors and preachers who bave already acted as teachers ("prolessors") in Oxford College, preachers of sixteen years' standing, listen as eager ly, take notes and go over the work as earnestly as the latest acquisition to the college. Indeed th: older preachers-having had experience-know bess how to prize the privilege they are enjoying. They count every minute precinus. Some of them are so engaged with work at their stations in the country that they can seldom conac out to attend classes Pastor Tin is one of these. A look at his face is enough for any one to see that he is more that thankful.
The text-book in use from day to day is the Bibe itself. How can those whom Dr. Mackay has beea teaching for sixteen years still continue to take les sons? Will they not go over the same ground?
Who asks the first question does not know lt Mackay. Who asks the second does not know the Bible. Dr. Ilackay never repeats. He teaches the same truth many times, but always in a different war
In constant study of nature, and in reading latest news from all parts, be gets a fund of illustratioss apparently inexhaustible. He gathers ligh, as te says, from everything clse, brings it to a focus and concentrates it on the pages of that one bork. So powerful is the light that through scientific investigation by the help of God's Spirit Mr. Mackay is eo abled to cast into that "mine of truth" that his students have many times been spell-bound. is wonder they are men of faith! Dr. Mackay oftes says, "they need-we all need-all we can get to coo firm our faith because we worship the invisible God'
Before telling you of subjects in which I have heasd students drilled, let me give you' some account of hor classes are conducted.
Any and every way is taken to have variety and keep students side awake. They certainly are $n x$ only alive and wide awake, but enthusiastic. Thes are called for an hour either to the college class roam, assembly hall, or to Dr. Mackay's study art
veranda. Their work is begun and ended with singing and prayer, if a long session, enlivened by occas. ional singing. Students are seldom kept in class more than an hour ; they stand or sit, just as convenient. With paper and Chinese pen they take notes in Chinese characters-running hand, which, by the way, I can no more read than I can read Greek. Dispersed, the preachers go to copy their notes into books or to learn by rote something already given them. I see them, alone, or in twos and threes, or groups of four, five and six, wandering up and down the garden and all over the grounds studying. In half an hour or more they are called again. Again the earnest hearty singing-often singing the creed or a prayer for China-and again they are taught more
or drilled and questioned on what they have learned. or drilled and questioned on what they have learned. Thus for hour after hour every day. Sometimes they
get seven hours' teaching in a day. They are often up till midnight copying notes, etc., for the older preach. ers cannot stay long. Preachers near Tamsui return weekly to take charge of Sabbath services. Stations at a distance are in the meantime supplied by other men. Every evening preachers, students, girls and their teachers, and all converts on the premises assemble for worship.
For the evening worship Dr. Mackay arranges the exercises so that the youngest, even little Georgie Mackay, may be interested and enjoy the service. At intervals Dr. Mackay attends to sick students, mandarin dispatches, converts calling him and numberless other mission matters, while younger students are drilled by native teachers in Oxford College. Mrs.
Mackay and the matron and another Chinese lady are Mackay and the matron and another Chinese lady are
teaching the girls. Altogether the scene from day to day is an animated one. The singing is full of life. It is always so. I never heard half-hearted singing in North Formosa.
The daily singing and prayer and study of the Word of God is like what we would call in the west a "revival." It is not a revival; rather, all the work in North Formosa seems to be one continuous revival. I think this is because Dr. Mackay keeps
preachers and converts constantly stirred up. preachers and converts constantly stirred up.
Stations are frequently visited. Often Dr. Mackay selects one station, pays a visit to it with a band of students, teaches them in the chapel and preaches nightly. Converts are strengthened in faith and become heartier than ever. Many of you heard Dr. Mackay in Canada. Be there four or five to listen or several hundred I never heard him speak in any other than the same earnest emphatic way.
I believe the singing is a great power in all the
work Work. I never saw one of the native worshippers standing with closed lips while a hymn was being sung.

Preachers, converts, men, women and children join in praise. The hymns are full of prayer and praise and heart-comforting Gospel truth.
While bearing patiently with students' mistakes during first days at college, Dr. Mackay will not allow either half-hearted singing or half-hearted speaking. In the country when I have listened to some of stirred native evangelists, my own heart has been stirred and my soul fed by their teaching. Here in Tamsui, as they are gathered together, deep spiritual earnestness prevails among them, and can easily
be read on their faces. Joy, evidently more than they be read on their faces. Joy, evidently more than they
can express, is produced by the reunion and Christian can express, is produced by the reunion and Christian
fellowship of earnest souls who love the truth, who hunger for more of it, and who are daily having their minds filled with it. Annie C. S: Jamieson.

## JUStice to the romish church and TO GAVAZZI.

Mr. Editor,-Some time ago, I received from an unknown friend, two copies of a pamphlet entitled "Essay on the Times, Canada, "1887. By VII. CCCXXVIII." It is printed in good type, on excellent paper, and, no doubt, has been read by a goodly Oumber. There are several strange statements in it. One, especially, ought not to be allowed to pass unnoticed. To it I shall here confine myself.
Tying a certer charges the Romish Church with falsifying a certain part of the Word of God, and gives Gavazzi as his authority for saying so. To make Presbyterian, I shall give his own words. He says:
The root and foundation of that great apostacy is the per-
Vision of a text of the Holy Scriptures, the falsifying of the
Hords of the apostle Matthe
and appointed apostles. In the version of Mat ihew's Gos-
pel, printed in the English Now pel, printed in the English New Testament, under the
auspices of England's King James I. (the translators having auspices of England's King James I. (the translators having
no means of maintaining its truth or falsity), from the no means of maintaining its truth or falsity), from the thirteenth to the twentieth verse of the sixteenth chapter, it reads as follows. (The passage need not be here quoted.)
Gavaszi, the Italian Christian peacher Gavaszi, the Italian Christian preacher, once a Romish priest, in several of his interesting discourses, told us of his conversion, as he said, from Romanism to Christianity. The commencement of which conversion, or that which first opened his eves to the great deception perpetrated by Romish ecclesiastics during the fifth and sixth centuries, was the discovery by him in the library of the Vatican of the oldest copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew which was then and has ever been in existence. It is a Gospel which the Papacy does not acknowledge,
and to which the endorsement of the College of Car. and to which the endorsement of the College of Car-
dinals of the Church of Rome has not been given, though dinals of the Church of Rome has not been given, though
bearing date in the thirty-fifth year of the fi st cenbearing date in the thirty-fifth year of the fi st cen-
tury, or abuut two years afier the crucifixion of the Rury, or about two years after the crucifixion of the
Redeemer,-at least 400 years before the date of the copy which was used by the bishops in King James I. time, when translating the Gospels to form part of our English New Testament, and which bore the endorsement of the Papacy as authentic. Of cyurse the Protestant Bishops had no option-ihey were compelled to use the spurious copy, having no means of ascertaining its trath or falsity.
"Fa:her" Gavaszi, as he was called, gave us the trausla inn of the passage above referred to as written by the apostle Mathew in ine old hidden-away Gospel which he had found, and which translated is as follows-which must
be read in'tead of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth be read in tead of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenih
verses of King James's version of the Guspel by Matthew, verses of King James's version of the Guspel by Matthew, as above is quoted:
"Thou are Simon, but thou shalt be called Peter. What do the people say of Me, whose Son am I ? One of the
disciples anjwered, Some say Thou art Elias; and some disciples anjwered, Sume say Thou art Elias; and some
say John the Baptist come again into the world; but what say John the Bapist come again into the world, but what
sayest thou Simon that I am? Simon answered Thou at sayest thou Simon that I am? Simon answere, Thou art
the Chfist, the Son of the Eternal Father. Then said He the Chfist, the Son of the ELernal Father. Then said He,
Thou sayest it ; upon this Rock I build My Church and the Thou sayest it ; upon this Rock I build My Church and the
power of Satan shall not avail against it $(\mathrm{p} .6,7)$," "" . The above perverted passage in the said and nineteenth verses ( p .7 )." "The seventeenth, eigh teenth and nineteenth verses are entirely changed from the original copy as found by Gavaszi. The version issued from
the $V$ a ican as authentic, and represented as having been the Va'ican as authentic, and represented as having been written by the Apostle Mathew, which the translators in
Janes I. time used, was not authentic, and was never seen Jaines I. time used, was not authentic, and was never seen
until the end of the fifth century, 400 years after the Apostle Matthew's death, when the Church of $R$ me succeeded in gaining supremacy over all other Churches; the nineteenth verse is from the first to the last word of it false, and foisted into the original text found by Gavaszi."

At the instigation of Satan the Word of God was changed, and upon that changed and talsified part the Church of Rome was built (p. 8)."
passage, the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth verses of the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, as given in the English Version of the New Testameut
and which is shown by the good and truthful Gavaszi to be utterly false and not in the Gospel as written by St. Matthew." " . . i upon, which falsified copy, that been written by the Apostle St. Mathew in the year 35 A.D., had been long before put out of the way or concealed in the Vatican, never came to light until found by Father Gavaszi (p. 9)." "How was it that with all their cunning no doubt overruled it should riood did not burn by Gavaszi. His description of his finding that precious Gospel was noticed by the papers at the time he was in America." "Did Father Gavaszi tell the truth about finding that precious old Gospel written by St. Matthew himself, above referred to? . I believe he did." sixteenth chapter of the Gospel falsified passage in the
"The so-called Catholics. . . succeeded at last by various means, and the getting up the invention of the perverted three verses, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth read as in King James I. version of the English New Testament, was their strong point and which in fact car ried the day in their favour. The dogma (of Peter's supremacy) was asserted to be correct, and shown by antedated and falsified copies of St. Matthew's Gospel ; and it appears that no body of Christians were in a position to refute the falsehood ( P II)."
In these passages the writer of the pamphlet referred to most distinctly says that the Romish Church has falsified a part of God's Word, and does so on the authority of Gavazzi. Well, I wrote to Gavazzi on the subject. I received no answer. By and by I had occasion to write to the Rev. Mr. Macdougall, of the Scotch Free Church in Florence. I requested him to write to him for me. In due time $f$ received a reply from Mr. Macdougall, enclosing a few lines from Gavazzi, in which the latter says that he answered my letter (which answer I never received), and adds that he has nothing to do with the statement referred to, and that it pains him to hear such things said about him. Well, then, the "good and truthful," the "pure and upright," Gavazzi calls a lie, the statement of the nameless writer regarding him, which I have quoted. This should be published for two reasons (I) In justice to the Romish Church. She has a heavy enough load of real guilt on her without anyone adding lies to it. The very
vilest should not be falsely accused. Even Satan
should not be represented as worse than he really is, which is sometimes done. (2) In justice to Gavazzi. It is most infamous to put into his mouth what he never said, and what is, in itself, a lie. The writer of the pamphlet, in every instance, spells Gavazzi's name "Gavaszi." Is there a trick in this? Does he mean to make his readers think that he is speaking of the famous Gavazzi-and no intelligent reader can do otherwise-yet be able to say when "taken to task," "O, I do not mean him but Gavaszi?" If he do, then I say that he is, in plain English, a rascal. I may add that the combination " $s z$ " is not found in Italian.
T. Fenwick.

Elders Mill, Ont.

## WHERE LIES THE FAULT?

Mr. Editor,-You have lately had letters from certain among us whose minds are uneasy regarding the welfare and usefulness of the Church. They see, or think they see, that the Presbyterian Church is practically losing ground in Canada. They do not deny its absolute growth in the Provinces, but they see reason to conclude that its comparative growth and influence are not what they might be, but that other Churches are making, relatively, more advance. Among ministers, elders and people there has been manifested dissatisfaction with the progress of the Church, and there seems to have been a variety of causes given for the affirmed evil, and a variety of proposals has been made for the correction of it. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that, among those who, with more or less directness, have dealt with the subject, no one, belonging to either of the three classes named, has looked in his own class for the possible cause of the complaints. A worthy minister has, in the General Assembly, proposed a resolution for the reform of the eldership, while in your columns it seems as if an elder and co-member had unwittingly joined hands to afford the like benefit to the ministry, and again, as if a minister had kindly exhorted elders and people to look to themselves in this matter.
Far be it from me to say that all those good friends of the Church have been in error. Nay, I am willing to admit that they are, all of them, in the right. Admitting this, it is in order to ask : How is the evil to be amended?
How are ministers, elders and people to be moved to a sense of responsibility. Not attempting to answer this question at present, I make bold to say that of the three classes, the first has upon it the heaviest responsibility, the ministry being its undivided calling. The rest of us, for the most part, have all we can do to provide things honest in the sight of all men by our daily occupations. Therefore congregations can hardly be said to be unjust if, when things are not prospering with them, they do not take to themselves the chief blame of their misfortune. It has been attempted to make them see that the fault is chiefly theirs, but the showing has not been in the least successful. The minister may be sure that more will continue to be expected of him, than of all others in the congregation put together, and if he thinks this a hardship, he may reflect that it is also a great honour, and if the honour be thought too heavy, he may farther reflect that he but shares such honour with every other professional man, of whatever sort he may be.
J. D. Macdonald.

## Hamilton.

The various reports presented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, held in Belfast, are of a most encouraging and hopeful character, and indicate that the churches generally under the care of the Assembly enjoy a vigorous life. The contrast between fifty years ago and now by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. Orr, posseses more than a denominational interest. This much, said the new ex-moderator, may be mentioned, that the ministers of the two Synods constituting the General Assembly were then 404, now they are 627 ; then we had 392 congregations, now 555 ; then our, professors were five in number and their classes located in a building which was not our own ; now we possess two suitable colleges with libraries (and in one a set of students chambers) and with investments amounting to nearly $\$ 515,000$; and we have fourteen professors. Then our Home Mission income amounted to $\$ 13,000$, now it reaches $\$ 80,000$.

## Dastor and lueople.

EIN FESTE BURS.

notes on the great orkman hymin of hartin LUTHER, "A SURE STAONGHOLD OUR GUD is STIL:." SEE HYNN 227 PGRSYYIERIAN HYMNAL.

## by rev. duncan morrisun, m.a., unkn sulnd.

This hymn has been called the Marserlaise of the Reformation-the batle song on the Chuiah motuant in its terrific contlut with the Ruman hiesationy. It is a transiation or tather a pasaphosase of the furty sixth psalm, and a noble paraphiase it is, for although some of the lines alay be rugged, the strength and majesty of the onginal are well pre served, and apatt aitugether hon is hastunic assuna tions, is fitted in a high dearee to stir the heart and minister to the fatth and the courage of the believer
As to the genesis we must look to the lite of the author, espectally the Dirt of Worm. for it was then 1521, as as generally believed, it was com posed. He was burn at Eisleben, Thuringia, Nov. 10, 8483 , and "born again" about iwenty yea:s after, when a flash of l.ghiming killed a suung com pantun by his side, and when be resulved to enter a monastery and take the cowl and the vows of a monk. This, he thought, was the first sure and certain step toward the higher life of the soul. He was admited to the monastery of Erfurth in 1;05, a munastery of the Augustiman order, and there the soon discovered that though a man may fee from the world he cannot flee from himself- frum hisoins and the ret: bultion that cleaves to thein. He had been deeply mpressed by the sudden death of his freend in the thunder storm referred to, and had taken sume steps in the divine life, but he had not entered into liberty We still find aim dimly groping his way aftea the light, spending mach ume over an old Latun E.ble, and humbly, thankfully recerving instruction from Staupith, the Vicar-General of the establishment-a man who had passed through a similar experience tu himself and had made his way to the light with.as the walls of the moastery. Lut Luther was far trom being happy. His heart condemned him, fur, do what t.e m.ibit in the way of penance and duty, it still pointed, eren on his best day's pertormances, 10 a 'ung a:rearage of duty at $n i g h t$. Very great were the penances he imposed on hamself, and severe the austenties that he prachised with the view of satisfi:ng his conscience and securasg that blessed peace for which he lunged and longed mure than they that seek for hid treasures, but in vain. He was miserable. His strong iron frame gave way, his falion eyes sank deeper in bis forehead and the once round and rosy youtb looked like a spectre as he walked up and down the corridors. Still be prosecuted his stadies with amazing industry and atta.ned io swh mastery and familianty in dealing whith the Suspiures that every one that heard him, even at an eariy stahe, thas im pressed. Then his prusperity was eywai tu his andus try. In two years fivin the latae he entered the monastery he was ordaned to the picesthuud, and in the year after he was raised to the piufessulate in the new universtly of Wittenturs' ijus,. He was made a D.D of Erfurth in 1j12, dad ar Apid, 1j.6, was made ricar of his munastio urder, an which wapa. city he visited exienarvely the varovis civ.sters of the provence of Suxuny, to which he beion ${ }_{b}$ ed.

It was in 151 y , when he vis.ied Kunhe, ...e unasiun on which that great spiritual chatige tuvk plave, which was followed wah such anughty results is the nuta.d. It was then, and nut thil then, that he was enabled tu shake off the onubus that $h$ as usuation his spint and darkeanos to his view all the ptumases of the Cuopel. Doing penance on the sta،ts of Pidate crec $\mathrm{j}_{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{in}_{5}$ us and down like other palgrams, he presented a spec. tacle, but suddeniy there fashed antu his soul a gas. sage which he must have often met betore the just shall live by faith. Then a is nut by dabuarious acis ui pesance? So Luther reasoned, and the result wis his reasoning was liberty even the jionuus liberty of the children of God. He sose fivili has krees strung in God and in the power of hos :moblht, like a siant iefrested whith new wine. He wert to Konic as a medixual ecclestastic, full of admisaion and reverence fur his Chunch, but he recaraed disgusied wath its abominations, with what he tad seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears in that city of churches and priests and friars and nuns and eccie-
siastics of many names. Still, at this stage, he had no idea of raising his voice agamst the Church. His idea was sumply relormation, and to this he bent all the tremendous energy ot his nature. He would now in his lectures and sermons make it clear as day that the facts of man's spiritual experience were of more value than their expression in stereotyped church forms-the church lorms that were prescribed-the only forms she would recogmze.
His first encounter (1517) was with Tetzel on the subject of Indulgences- that is the liberty, on the authority of the church, for a given price, to take a plange ato sin: A tew days ather the encounter he pusted up on the churth dour of Wittenourg ninetyave theses dyanast the sale of such indulyences. This was a bluw that struck right home, and so the Kelormation begun. The l'ope in his wrath , Leo X., issued a buat upholding the madugences, and pascine Luther unuer the ban (boycot, dectaring bim a heretic. How uid Luther treat the Kope's bull? Cringe, fal down upon his knees and sue toz mercy? Nui but in effect hurted the buil back in his tace. Niay, more than that. He had a fire kindled at the eastern gate of the city, Wittentiath, and at the nead of a prosession of protessurs and hundreds of stadents of the uaiversity of the city, walked turth with the offensive buis in his hanas tis they sea, hed the gate, whereupon Luther flung the sacred missive into the flames, and anuther piutessut did the same with a copy of the Canon Law of the Cnurch of Rome, saying. " Hecause thou, 0 gudiess thouk, hast long afficted the saints, be thou diso affluted and coasumed in everlasung fire!"
Tace resuit ot all this was the Diet of Worms (1521, to which Luther was summoned to meet the Hapal Niuncio, Lajetan by name, to answer for bis sins belute the prates and high estates of Germany. The Vunctu cuntented that Luther should not de heard on the ground that he by the bull of the Hope had already been cundeinaed, but the Emperor Lharies $V$., whu presided un the oclasion, thuught that ne should be allowed a hearing, and he was heard acuurdingiy. The lebsic luses bis temper. He will " nut dispute any lunger wath such a veast, he has such wiuked eyes in his head, and sucts horsia thuughis in his head," and su the meenng was bruken off, but great was the seasation and tremendous the enthustasin with which tae ductrines of the Retormawon were seceived. But the meeting-this bistorical ulaston was une to which the Keturmer louked furward to wath much anaiety. He spent the preceding atght in ptayer, and many of his supplications that aight cuasisted of two words, "Mure lighil More light: " It was in view of this meeung, this Diet of Hurms, that Luther wiute his translation of the hyma under cunsideration.

## A sure st:onghuld our God is still, etc.

And here many illustrations might be given of the power of this regal hymn--power to cheer, comfurh, to inspire with manly courage. In this respect this tymn has had a wunderfal history. Luther himserf has alcustumed to sing it in tumes of despondency or in seasons uf danger when the sky was dark and a sturin frum enemies was ampendiag. "Corne Pailip," he wuald say to Melanatiton, " let us siog the fortysixth P'sabia," and then would raise his splendid tenor voice on Ein feste burg, "A sure stronghold," ell " Dink un my i.the mard, you dun't know what famous peopic you comfort." That was what Melancthton humself said on une sad oucasion on hearing a litule bu' singing this same hymn on the streets of Wermar. And so he might speak thus fur many a despondios spisit has gathered a stratuge strength from its inspira Hon, and among these, it is said, Queen Elizabeth on one sad untasion. But :he most iateresting case that has cume under public notice, prubably, is that of Gus. tatas AJulphus, K. $\mathrm{o}_{\mathrm{g}}$ of Swedea, the great Chrisuan hero that came to the rescue of the German Protestants 24 th June, 1530 , one hundred years after the famuus protest was entered at the Diet of Spires by Martun Luther and his friends -the occasion from which the term Protestant took its rise. He landed on the coast of Pumerania with 30,000 troops, all in sympathy with their leader and the brave Germans that had been scattered and peeled by many years of hatassing warfare. They united into a strong phalanx and marched together to successive victories, and ultimately in the case of the chivalric Custavus Adolphus to death. Here is what Duffield says of bim. At the ba.lle of Leipug the king bade his army sing

Luther's hymn, Eins feste burg, "A stronghold firm our God is still." So he did again in his last struggle as Lutzen with Wallenstein, on that occasion with the accompanment of the drums and trumpets of the army. Then lie knels beside his horse and offered this prayer, " Uh, Lord Jesus Christ, bless our arms and this day's batile tor the glory of liny holy name" Then he aruse and went along the lines encuuragng his troops, and gave the men tuerr old slogata. "Liot mil unts-Gud with us," as their batte cry. "Now let us begin'" The tog which had bung over the plam was chinning away, and the king had only a bulf coat on. "God is my armour," he satd to the servant who wanted him is put on his coat of mail Later on he exclatined, "Jeau, Jesu" help us to tight this day tor the honour at liny name." About eleven o'cloch the latal bullet strucis him from his horse, but by tias tune he had wole the batile $A$ s the tell tie cried out, " 1 seal with iny blood the liberty and religion of the German nation." Then he said, " Vly Giod, my God:" and hanally, "Alas 'my poor Queen'" It is not strange that the name of Custavus Adolphus should be dear to Protestant Cermany, and that an assuctation beating his name shuuid seek to per petuate the principles for which he lived and died, and that svet as the association meet from thane: lime, they should sing," A sure stronghold our Cud is still."
Luther wrote only about serenteen hymnsaltogethe, and probably trarsiated from the Fathers abust as many more, but each and all were a power in the land. One great pu-pose which they served was the spread of the truth. They flew, we are told, as if on the wings of the wind frum one end of Germany is aucther. Someumes one song would win a whuie town as by une blow. A poor weaver walks thruubt the streets of Masdeburg, singitig une of the hymns of Luther, and makes a sensation. The mayur days hua' ot him and thoows him into prison, but the hymn hat. dune ats woik and $2 x 0$ sturdy citizens march up to the mayut and demand his release, and he is stleasc: accordingly.

To mentuon one case more. Luther hearing a puut lad from Prussia singing one of his hymins Letore his duut-a lad that knew nothing about the authorsh.p
touk him in and asked him where he had learnew it, and finding that he had icarned it in Yrussid, that his hymns were being sung in the Chuthes on that land, that the truth had already syread so fas, his eyes filled with icars of holy jus. And what shati we say ot such hymaists as Decius, the munk so lung buand in afflction and iron, :hat heard the sound of the Reformation in his cell and entered into hber:y the minstrel whose one song, "Glery in excelsis," was so greatiy blessed? And Schneesing, whuse juyfu: peans celebrate the tay of conversiun or illumaation when the darkness rolls away from the weary spirit of the penitent, and the Sun of Rightcousness arises with healing on his wings? And even with his weak and withered phystyue, but his sod: sttong in Cud ani in the power of His maght, because litaig' in the higit of Gud and daly drinkin' of the wane which He tad mapied? Aad Neumark whuse sung of cumfurt atia trust in Frowdence, "Leave God is urder all thy ways," has been such a blessing to the Chaurh anu met whit such a welcome in his day that when the people of New Bradenburg heard a baker's buy sing it in the streets, it was at once calught up by them and carred from town to town till it became a househuad word throughout the land: And Gerhatdt whose contributuon to the hymaology of :he Cetaian Churcit, is in sume respects the richest and best ot all, whuse 120 hymas are still in great faruur, and for the must part, are likely to be for generations to wome. They may not have the strength and majesty of some ul thuse of the great Reformer but in litetary finish, ia sweetness and poetu grace, they exue: has, and they are no less fragrant with the oure grand name and promises, great and precious to thuse that behere. Time would fail us even 'n enumerate the great masters of sacred song in this favoured land. Ger. many ts pre-eminently the land of tymns. ivo country has been more blessed in this respect. What a power they have exercised: They have been the means of yuickenug, illumanaung and comfurting the hearts of the people for ten generations -feciliab the fiame of piety when all around was dry as suma mer's dust. Our covenanting forefathers bad no suth advanage-no such spiritual sotigs to cheer them in therr long and arduous struggles-no Luther to sing to therr hute children as he sang to his little Hans
"concerning the Child Jesus," now the chief Christ mas song in Germany. They had to content themselves with the Psalans of David and celebrate the praises of Christ and redemption in verse, in which His name ofien does not appear' Huw the Germans rould have acted in such circumstances it is not for us 10 say : but one thing is clear that Gad did a great bing fot them when He raised up such minstrels as re have named-men whose hearts were open to he sweet loving light of heaven, and whose ips had been touched with a live coal from the altar. False teachers bave again and again aisen to teach another Gospel and bring them ato bondage; broad school men like S:rauss bave sneered at the evangel of Luther and soughs to eliminate the miraculous and the spiritual from be sacred page; infidels, sitting in the seat of eataing, where the best youth of the country were to e laught, have done their work ; but so long as these songs of tion are in favour with the people the great Reformation truths are safe, and they will still coninue to warm the hearts of the people and help to bind thens as with a golden chain to the throne of the Eernal. It is instructive to see what a high purpose bey served in Martin Luther's day - how they spread in all directions those great doctrines which, through fisib, are able to make us wise unto salvation; and re cannot read the story of Luther, and the part he played in the providence of God, without being reminded of the apocalyptic angel whom John beheld rhen in the isle that is called Patmos the angel that esaw flying in the midst of heaven, car-ying with him the everlasting Gospel to preach unto all them that dwell upon the carth.

> (To be concluded.)

## PERSONAL STUDY OF THE SCRIPTL'RES.

The modern Sabbath school teacher and Bible udent possesses facilities, aids and helps, for Bible tudy of which the generation past never dream?d. A single periodical, secured at the nominal price of per year, lays before him the results of the npest scholarshup of both continents, the homiletical treatment of lessons by the ablest living divines, and the practical thoughts and suggestions of the most suecessful teachers and superintendents of the present day.
But there is serious danger in the very abundance aodperfection of the helps placed withinthe easy reach of every student, danger lest these aids and helps hould take the place of the teacher's own personal sudy of the lesson itself, should lead hum to neglect as own devotional reading of the Holy Scriptures.
"It is one thing," says Dr. John H.tll, "to prepare by an intellectual effort to be a teacher; it is another thing for your own hungry soul to feed upon the living biead. Do not let the one thing be a substitute to the other. Do not suppose that your Christian activity in this department of Christian work is a substitute for your own close walking with God, for your own initation of Christ. There is always daner of that. Let me illustrate it to you. I once aw an intelligent man on his dying bed, taken to see him at the request of a friend. He was well enough to talk perfectly freely. I asked him about as church relations. Yes, he said, he had been a member of the Church. Where? Well, it was not ecently; it was a good while ago. How was that? Vell, he said, he attended such and such a Church, ad they were building a new edifice, and they made im chairman of the building committee, and he was ery active then, and enjoyed it very much; but when he bulding was completed and there wasn't anyGing particular for him to do, then he got out of the nay of going. Ah! there is the peril in this socalled active age. We fuss and run abous, and are ctive, and associate ourselves with our fellows, and oin in social co-operation : and we are tempted to nake that a substitute for a personal growth in grace, for a personal fighting the good fight of faith, for the personal putting on of Christ, and becoming a living epistic of Christ, known and read of all". - AssuciutcReformed Presbytcrian.

The New Hebndes Presbyterians are ratsing a fund for assisting aged and infirm mimsters; and it s contemplated to glie them a minimum of $\$ 250$ and max, mum of $\$ 750$. This is doing exceedingly well for the lisboyterian citizens in these distarit islands of the blue Pacific.

## Qur woung jfolks.

## THE EMPENOR'S FAVOURITE HYMN.

The late Emperor Frederick, of Germany, in the long and heroic struggle with his fatal malady. becane so atached to a lutle hymn, espectally appropriate $t a$ his case, that it is called his favourlic. The words are by Ernest von Millich, a tweive-year-old boy, composed as he lay on his dying bed. The f. lowing is a translation :

When the Lord me sorrnw sends,
Let me bear ut patiently,
Lilung up he heart in prayer;
Comilurt He will no diny,
Therefore let thete come what
In the Lord my heart is still.
Thugh the heart is ofien weak,
In despair and all forluen,
When in days of stmust pin,
Not a day of joy will dawn,
Tell il; Let there come what will
In the Lord all pain is still.
So I pray, O Lord my God,
That my fath and hope may stand,
Then no eare I kn w nor need,
Therefore let there come what will
In the Losd my heart is still.

## SHORT I.ECTURES FOR BOYS.

Most boys and girls do not like lectures-they say they are too long for their highnesses. Perhaps they may like these short lectures. They will give food to think over, and nust not be read too hastily.
A Sivedish boy fell ous of a window and was badly hurt, but, with clenched lips, he kept back the cry of pain. The king, Gustavus Adolphus, who saw him fall, prophesied that that boy would make a man for an emergency. And so he did, for the became the famous General Bauer.
A boy used to crush the flow ers to get their colour, and painted the white side of his father's house in Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaneers gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist, Titian.
An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings on his pots and brushes, easel and stool, and said: "That boy will beat me one day." So he did, for he was Michael Angelo. A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Rught in the mudst of $t$ he said to humself : "Now this will never do. I get too much excited over 1t. I can't study so well after $t$. So here 4 goes !" and he flung the book into the river. He was Fichte, the great German philosopher.
Do you know what these little lectures mean? Why, simply this, that in boyhood and girlhood are shown the tratts for good or evil that make the man or woman good or not.

## SHE SAW THE PROCESSION.

The Germans have a story about a little girl named Jeannette, who once went out to see a grand review. She found a capital place from which to see the soldiers pass, and she noticed a poor old woman in the crowd trying very hard to get where she could see.
Jeannette said to herself: "I should like to see the solders march, but it isn't kind in me to stay in this nice seat, and let that old woman stay where she can't see anything ; I ought to honour old age, and I will." So she called the old woman, and, placing her in the nice seat, fell back among the crowd. There she had to tip-toe and peep and dodge about to catch a glimpse of the splendid scene, which she might have seen fully and easily if she had kept her place.
Some of the people said she was a silly girl, and laughed at her. Jeannette was rewarded in her heart for the kindness to old age. A few minutes later a man, covered with lace, elbowed his way through the crowd, and said to ber: "Little girl, will you come to her ladyship?" She could not imagine who her ladyship was, but she followed the man to a scaffold within the crowd. A lady met her at the top of the stars, and said : "My dear child, I saw you yield your seat to the old woman. You acted nobly. Now sit down here by me; you can see everything here." Thus Jeannette was rewarded a second time for honouring old age.

## DONT LOOK AT IT,

1 once learned a lesson from a dog we had. My father used to put a bit of meat or biscuit on the floor near the dog, and say "No," and the dog knew he must not touch it. But he never looked at the meat. No, but he seemed to feel that if he looked at it the temptation would be too strong, so he always looked steadily at my father's face.

A gentleman was dining with us one day, and he said, "There is a lesson for us all. Never look at temptation. Always look away to the Master's face." Yes, this is the old way ; do not look at temptations "Avoid it, pass away." When the thought of doing wrong in any way comes into your heart, however small a thing it is, you may be sure it comes from Satan ; so do not look at it, but look up at Jesus, and ask Him to keep you and make you more than con. queror over every temptation, through Him that lover you.

## COVETOUSNESS.

There is an old Scotch proverb which has a lesson of wisdom contained within it. "He that would eat the kernel maun crack the nut." How much trouble might have been and would be saved if people did not envy the nuts that other people crack, and determine greedily to possess the kernels by fair means or foul. If it were not exasperatingly provoking it would be ludicrous (and I rather think it is anyway) to see the swagger and bravado with which some street loaier clams that he is "just as good as anybody," and that he is "destrous of better treatment " imeans money mostly) than he gets. A good many of this class who want to eat other people's kernels have lived lives as idie as that of the Alpine shepherd, who spent fifteen years in learning to balance a pole on his chin, os: as the king who employed himsejf in hunting through has kingdom for a white mouse with green eyes.

It is a crying shame to see great ablebodied men going about idly and discontentedly envying the kernels of the nuts belonging to industrious people who have cracked them. Socrates talked none too strongly when he said: "Envy is the daughter of pride, the anthor of murder and revenge, the beginner of secret sedition, the perpetual tormentor of virtue. Envy is the filthy slime of the soul, a vermin, a poison, a quicksilver, which consumeth the flesh and drieth up the marrow of the bones."
And envy is the twin sister of covetousness. Spencer remarks, "It is one property, which, they say, is required of those who seek for the philosophe?'s stone -that they must not do it with any covetous desire to be rich; for otherwise they shall never find it. But most true it is that whosoever would have the jewel of contentment (which turns all into gold) must come with minds divested of all ambitious and covctous thoughts, else are they likely never to obtain it."Ernest Gilmore.

## CHKISTOPHERS.

The young men of to-day are growing up with a great enthusiasm for science-for the marvellous things she has done, for the marvellous things she is yet to do. It is a noble enthusiasm, for true science is God's voice speaking among His works of creation, saying to all, "Come and see." Yet a caution is needed in this eager pursuit : Science is great, but she is not greatest. The thing this poor world needs most is not more speedy and wonder-working ways of doing things, but the impulse, the desire, the purpose, to do right things, the fear, the hatred, the forsaking of evil things. And this change not all the chemistry of the day can produce. This move from wickedness to purity no electricity can effect ; only the religion of Jesus Chrst can give new hearts, can make new lives.

There is a beautiful old story-with which, perhaps, you are all familiar-of the giant who would serve only the strongest, and, finding that his earthly master feared the devil, he took service under the devil; but, seemg the devil tremble at the sign of a cross, he left his employ and offered himself to the crucified One. His Lord set him the task of carrying travellers, in Christ's name, over a dangerous ford, and, lers, in Christs name, over a dangerous ford, and,
finding no Lord so great as this one, he ever after refinding no Lord so great as this one, he
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mained a Christopher-a Christ-bearer. search, by fauthful work in those fields so tapidly opening up, but see that you do it all in His name, as servants of the Highest-as Christophers.

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## TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 th, 1888.

On all sides, and by all parties, it is predicted that the coming Presidential contest will be a "clean campaign." No doubt these predictions are founded on the fact that both candidates are Presbyterians. Not long ago an esteemed Presbyterian pastor whom we know was considerably annoyed by the proselytizing practices carried on by his Methodist neighbours during an alleged revival in the Methodist Church. The Presbyterian pastor remonstrated with the Methodist pastor who said that he did not do any work of that kind himself, but he "could not restrain the ardour of the people." Cleveland and Harrison being decent men and good Presbyterians may want a clean campaign, but perhaps they may not be able to restrain the ardour of their friends. It is to be hoped they will try harder to do so than some Methodist ministers do during those revivals which prompt their people to steal sheep.

Clergymen and other people who get or take no holidays have a fine opportunity just now to test the merits of the mind-over-matter theory. If the mind has absolute power in the body all a stay-at-home need do is to imagine himself having a good holiday, and the best holiday effects will follow. To aid the imagination it might be well to read some of the letters from resting places with which the journals will teem for the next two months. Read, for example, one of Dr. Cuyler's graphic descriptions of Saratoga water. Then put a full head of steam on your imagination and see if the imaginary water has as beneficial an effect as the real. Imagine yourself sitting on a rock near Portland sniffing the Atlantic air and listening to the roar of the waves. Let your mind sail around among the islands of Muskoka, and see if the bodily effects are as good as sailing around on one of Mr. Cockburn's fine boats. Mental efforts like these with the mercury at ninety-five might probably matter.

## The Globe says

There is a school of fanatical prohibitionists, who in default of prohibition, and as a means of disgusting respectable people with the liquor traffic, would incontinently
abolish all licensing and excise systems. They would not abolish all licensing and excise systems. They would not
attempt to regulate the traffic and would not take any attempt to regulate the traffic and would not take any
revenue from it, but allow whiskey to be sold as freely as revenue from it, but allow whiskey to be sold as freely as
sugar is. When it is pointed out to them that this would sugar is. When it is pointed out to them that this would
mean free trade in liquor, the cheapening of whiskey to less mean free trade in liquor, the cheapening of whisikey to less
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under everybody's nose, and the general bedevilment of the under everybody's nose, and the general bedevilment of the
country, these prohibitionists reply, "Exactly; this is country, these prohibitionists reply, "Exactly; this is
what we earnestly want ; the greater amount of crime and what we earnestly want ; the greater amount of crime a
misery caused the sooner we shall get total prohibition." Now these fanatics are but a very small portion of the Temperance people. To the ordinary Christian their plan appears horrible, callous, diabolical. To do evil that good may come of it is not permitted to Chistians.
But if a man believes that the sale of liquor is a crime against society what other course can he take? It is not permissible to license crime. Does not the theory that the sale of liquor is criminal, or even sinful, logically shut out the man who holds it from having anything to do with a license law? That is the point.

THE Interior gives the following racy account of the college and courtship days of Benjamin Harrison, the Republican candidate for the Presidential chair:
He was a close student and a good debater-and never assumed superiority-which indeed was allowed to no one among the boys of Farmer's College, except as they won it in the classes and literary societies. He left the college and took his degree at Miami. Professor John W. Scutt, still living at the age of eighty-eight, had the class in chemistry,
and also taught a school for young ladies. His daughter Caroline and Benjamin soon became friends, and were married probably before he finished his law course-very young girl. There was a handsome and popular student from the south, Thaddeus handsome and popular student Miss Carrie, and most girls would have preferred him-but she chose the better part in a less showy preferred him-but housekeeping in a little cottage of three rooms in Indianapolis, she doing her own housework. Mrs. Harrison retains much of the vivacity and beauty of her youth. The two have climbed the hill together of her youth. The
straitened straitened circumstances, and all the friends of their youth will join in hearty congratulations.
When we read the foregoing and remember that Harrison is a Presbyterian elder, we almost hoped next November would see him President of the United States. But then Cleveland is a Presbyterian and a son of the manse. May the right side win. Whoever wins the next President is sure to be a Presbyterian. That will not help Presbyterianism much, for we don't depend for success on kings and presidents, but it may be a good thing for the United States.

THE well known contributor "Clement" gives the New York Evangelist a fine descriptive letter on the Convention that nominated Harrison the other day as Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Among many other sensible things "Clement" says
It is the fashion, which the clergy are quite too forward in setting or following as the case may be, to look upon such men, and to speak of and denounce them as a set of esty or principle, supremely devoted to self-interest or honmeihods, however despicable, which to self-interest by any mehods, however despicable, which may promise to further
it. This is a very reprehensible practice which harm. For one, I have found those who are chich does great cians, meaning by that thouse who are who are called politioffices of State, to be about as free holding or are seeking self-seeking as editors or lawyers, or from evident and low seians, or even ministers. I have seen moress men, or physi-
clating clans, or even ministers. I have seen more trickery manoe-
veing to achieve place, or to carry a Assembly, than I have ever seen of a point, in a General employed for the same ends in a political sone kind of tactics employed for the same ends in a political convention. This business of denouncing politicians, as if all seffishness, cor-
ruption, double-dealing ruption, double-dealing, and infidelity to principle, were doubtless, most done by those whe the overdone. It is doubtless, most done by those who themselves ar
guilty of the crimes which they charge upon Und
Undoubtedly it is, and the practice damages the ministry and proves a serious stumbling block to candid, honourable men, who are outside the Church, and who should be within her pale helping to do her work. . How can any sensible man respect a minister who habitually denounces politicians, and at the same time practices as much "trickery manœvering" as any politician. A few "tricky" ecclesiastics in any Church expose all their brethren to suspicion and make it much harder to do the Lord's work. Denouncing politicians and then practising the unsavoury arts of unscrupulous politicians is a bad business and should be stamped out.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

As detailed accounts of the meeting of the Presbyterian Council in London have not yet arrived, and as the cabled dispatches have been of the most meagre description, all that is yet known in Canada of the proceedings of this important body is tantalizingly little. The production of a new opera, or a fashionable wedding would have received much more prominence in the associated press despatches. Still real and relative importance are often very different, and in due time the desire for a fuller acquaintance with the proceedings will be gratified. At present meetings that have yet appeared that they haves of the meetings that have yet appeared that they have been most harmonious and profitable, that many of the most prominent representatives of the great Presbyterian family from all over the world have had a most
pleasant reunion, which has cheered their hearts pleasant reunion, which has cheered their hearts and strengthened their hands, and which- will result in benefit wherever - Presbyterianism exists-and on Presbyterianism the sun never sets.
Questions both of administrative and speculative interest have been ably and fully discussed. One great advantage which the Council posesses over ordinary Church Courts is, that its functions are not legislative, so that general subjects may be considered on their merits, irrespective of any personal or local interest they may excite. At former meetings the existence, causes and character of unbelief, have received careful consideration. At the present gathering, this, and kindred subjects have been
treated by thoughtful and scholarly men in a judicious and becoming spirit. The discussions on these themes have been participated in by the British, American and European divines, and by intelligent laymen from both continents. Social and industrial questions now pressing for solution have as their importance demands, received more attention this time than on any previous occasion. It is gratifying to observe that Canadian representatives occupied the place of honour at the time these questions were discussed, the chair being occupied by Justice Taylor, of Manitoba, and one of the most important papers was read by Principal MacVicar, of Montreal. For some time the learned Principal has been giving the great social problems of the time his earnest attertion and has already given utterance to the conclusions he has reached in one of the best of our American quarterlies.
One conclusion unanimously reached by the Council will be peculiarly gratifying to Canadians generally and be of special interest to the people of Toron'0. Some time ago the Presbyterian Council of this city resolved to invite the general Council to hold their next meeting here. This proposal was promptly urged in these columns, and generously commended in Canadian, British and United States journals. The invitation conveyed by Principal Caven and ably sup. ported by Dr. Cochrane and other Canadians met with a unanimous and cordial response, resulting in the resolution by the Council to hold the next regular meeting here four years hence. That meeting will be looked forward to with great interest. It is eminently fitting that such a representative body should meet in the Dominion, and if in Canada, then in Toronto, as the most central meeting place that could well be selected. It is easily accessible from all parts of the Dominion and from the United Stateswhence a large representation are sure to come. To, ronto will also form a convenient centre from which delegates from abroad can radiate in all directions, as they will be desirous of seeing all they can in 2 land that will astonish most and interest all. The position attained by the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be a matter of interested enquiry to most of the delegates from abroad. They will doubtless learn much that will encourage them to faithful continuance in well-doing in the lands whence they come. They will learn much from actual observation of the condition and resources of the Dominion, as doubtless facilities will be offered many of them to travel from ocean to ocean. The Church in Canads will be greatly benefited by the presence of men whose names are household words in the Evangelical Church. Many will come to hear and see men whose spoken and written words have been widely read in Canada. It is superfluous to add that the delegates to the Presbyterian Council of 1892 willl be tendered a cordial welcome not by the people of Toronto alone, but by the Presbyterians and people of Canad generally.

## THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

Leaders in the Temperance movement have, by the Convention held last week in Montreal, taken ${ }^{2}$ step in advance. This has been achieved, not so much by any of the special decisions to which they have come. as by the conciliatory spirit which for the time seemed to animate the members of the Conven tion. Hitherto one hindrance to the advancement of the Temperance cause has been the existence of so many separate organizations, each with its own particular purpose and methods, that a certain degree of of antagonism and friction was perhaps inevitable: Of late, there has been a growing disposition to unite various bodies of temperance workers, whose sever ance tended to promote petty jealousy and rivalries that are never anything else than sources of weakness if nothing worse. Unity of aim and of action, asso ${ }^{-}$ ciated with large-hearted tolerance, will necessarily be helpful to the great cause in which earnest and zealous workers are engaged.

The representation at the Convention was not quite so large as many expected. It was, however, comb posed for the most part of promirent and active wors ers in the good cause. Senator Vidal, a veterab Temperance reformer, presided at the opening meeting, and Mr. W. H. Howland was elected permanent chairman. The Hon. Neal Dow was among the visitors present. The Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister
Finance, rook part in the proceedings, and .expressed
the opinion that the Canadian people, as a whole, prohot yet prepared for the enactment of a general Prohibitory measure. In the delegation were two
Senators, eight members of the House of Commons, sixty-six clergymen of various denominations and two ladies. The Provinces sending delegations were Prince Edward Island, two; New Brunswick, nine ; Nova Scotia, twelve; Quebec, ninety-nine; and ntario, 158.
The recent repeal of the Scott Act was not conaddition so much a matter for discouragement as an additional reason for greater and more energetic effort to work for the entire suppression of the liquor traffic by urging the adoption of prohibition. The Act reand rece the emphatic endorsation of the Convention, and recommendations for its extension, and its adopsatisfan the Dominon Parliament were made. Much Gnestion with the deliverances on the Temperance question by the Presbyterian General Assembly and
he Methodist Conference was expressed,
The live question before the Convention was the Course that ought to be pursued politically. The Third or Prohibition party movement had its zealous The general feeling is that much moreless minority. The general feeling is that much more effective work present political affiliations. Thisists retaining their present political affiliations. The Conservative and
the Reformer can make their influence better felt in the respective camps to which they belong than by withtive plank is acting together in a party whose distinctive plank is prohibition. The action of the convenconvinced of, that it would be a difficult thing to detach even strong temperance men from the existing parties with which many of them have so long been assoemphatically emphatically discouraged, it does not follow that the onvention was indifferent to political action. Meaand effective then to make such action more thorough Organization is effected, which is to be pushed forward with all due diligence, an influential committee was ${ }^{\text {apppointed to act wherever good work can be done in }}$ supporting temperance candidates for municipal,
legislative and parliamentary vacancies, and if need be of bringing out a reliable temperance man if neither of The parties place an acceptable candidate in the field. diately before the to bring prohibition more immether method. It will bring prohibition within the educative practical politics and have an excellent The Cative effect.
The Convention makes a recommendation to Christo organize throughout the country to use every effort organize temperance societies in their respective mill act. At the closing meeting which was largely attended by the clading meeting which was largely loquent addresses were delivered by several promiion's leaders, the following summary of the Conventanding vote:
A demand for a government measure of immediate total
prohibition, declaring the convention definitely opposed to Expration to the discarded liquor traffic.
the Spessing appreciation of good results attained through it. Act, and calling on temperance people to stand
Recommending the formation of law and order leagues
wislach and supplement official entorcement of anti-liquor Endorsin
Approving the principle of woman suffrage.
pred, and pleadines of scientific temperance, instruction
Providing a schang for further extension of the same.
alliance on a scroader for re-organization of the Dominion Lemperance and religious organizations.
action in a detailed report declaring for scheme of political action towards prohibition ; (2) for (1) united electoral resolution of 1887 , and calling for persistent Parliamentary action on the same line ; (3) a def pinite plan to secure the tiezination and election in andeffinite plan to secure the toral to at once organize for the carrying out of this elec-

THE meeting of the International Missinnary Union year United States and Canada is being held this war at Bridgeton, N. J. It opened on the 5th and five returned to the ijth inst. Fiom fifty to seventytant dennminassionaries, of a!l the principal Potesmeetinnminations, are expected to altend, and the enough to attract ministers and Church workers from
great distan

## TBooks and תliàgazines.

OUR Young Folks and the Nursery. (Boston: The Russell Publishing Co.)-This favourite is undoubtedly one of the best of the magazines specially designed for very young readers.
Harper's Young People. (New York: Harper \& Brothers.)-This magazine, which makes it appearance weekly, places before its young readers in the most attractive form a great variety of instructive papers, stories and poems splendidly illustrated.
The Dominion Illustrated (Montreal : Desbarets) has made its appearance, and an excellent appearance it makes. The illustrations, produced by the photo-graveur process, are admirable specimens of art. If real merit can command success, then this new Canadian literary and artistic venture will have a splendid career.
Canadian , Methodist Magazine. (Toronto William Briggs.)-The first of a series of papers by the editor on "Landmarks of History" appears in the July number of this varied and interesting Canadian monthly. Another series is begun by George J. Bond, B.A., on "Vagabond Viguettes," illustrative of life in the East. There is a third series begun in this number, "Round About England," all illustrated. Dr. Daniel Clark contributes a very interesting paper, "Half Hours in an Asylum." There are other papers of value by eminent contributors.

The American Magazine. (New York: The American Magazine Publishing Co.)-The first paper in the July number is most attractive to all interested in fine art. It is devoted to a description of the "Walter's Collection," and is illustrated by fine engravings of several of the more noteworthy pictures in that collection. One of the features of the American is the variety and brevity of the contributions. There is fiction and poetry in profusion, and a number of excellent and readable papers, several of them finely illustrated. The cabinet also contains much that is valuable and useful.
The English Illustrated Magazine. (New York: Macmillan \& Co.)-The frontispiece of the July number of this attractive monthly is an excellent engraving of Sir Joshua Reynold's portrait of Dr. Samuel Johnson, in the National Gallery. The second part of C. F. Gordon Cummings paper on "Pagodas, Aureoles and Umbrellas" is given. A short, racy paper on "William Hutton" will be read with interest. Other descriptive illustrated papers are "A Hampshire Hamlet," and "Coaching Days and Coaching Ways,"-the latter dealing trenchantly with Harrison Ainsworth's "Turpin's Ride to York." Professor Minto's serial novel, poetry and "Et Cetra," complete a capital number.
The Atlantic Monthly. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin \& Co.)-The high literary quality of the $A t$ lantic Monthly is well maintained in the July number. The public has taken kindly to J. P. Quincy's rather weird story, "Miser Farrel's Bequest," which now reaches its closing chapter. Miss Harriet Waters Preston's article on "A Changing Order" goes far to prove that a woman can write upon a large historical topic in a manner thoroughly to be admired. One of the bright, short articles is entitled "A Browning Courtship." A practical theme is treated very intelligently by H. C. Marwin in his timely review of "The Telephone Cases." William H. Downes begins a series of papers on "Boston Painters and Paintings"; Bradford Torry describes "A Green Mountain Corn Field"; and Lillie B. Chance Wyman contributes some thoughtful "Studies of Factory Life," which are most excellent reading. The charming story "Yone Santo," retains all the charm with which this unique narrative began. It was a happy thought of Mr. Aldrich's to run this novel of Japanese scenes along with "The Despot of Bromsedge Cove," by Charles Egbert Craddock. Dr. Holmes's new volume, Lea's "Mediæval Inquisition," and Kinglake's "Crimea " are noticed at length in the book reviews; and the books of the month are epitomized in the brilliant manner which raises this regular department of the Atlantic into an invaluable feature. "Mr. Stevenson and Mr. James," "The Average Man's Verdict," and "The Science of Names" are among the bright skits given a lodgment in the " Contributors' Club."

## THE MISSIONARY WORLD. <br> AT THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Miss Butler, of the Medical Missionary Association, felt she must say a word for the children, who had no representative there. If the children did not hear of that work in a way they could understand it was hopeless to try to excite their sympathy. She advocated simple plans of bringing this distant work to their notice, and especially the plan of providing sultable missionary literature, that would appeal to them, and not to them only, but also to older people.
Mrs. Mary Nind spoke from "a mother's standpoint." Her enthusiasm had been imbibed from her mother in England. Early led to Christ, and taught to give herself wholly to Him, she had never read a novel save "Uncle Tom;" but had read Baxter, Doddridge and Angell James. So she soon became a Christian. She was taught as a child not to spend money on candy or other "superfluities of naughtiness." In her home they were brought up plainly, and taught to save that they might give. She wanted them to teach their children that the great end of life was to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever, and not to bring up their daughters with the miserable idea that the great thing to do was to marry a man with lots of money. She wanted the children to be "living collections." She thanked God she had been brought up on the "Shorter Catechism"-" though, mind you," she added, to some ardent Presbyterisan who cheered this, "I don't believe in predestination.'
Dr. Schreiber said it was better to interest people in missions than to plague them for money, for when interested they would give. Nor should they refrain irom taking up a work for want of funds, because God would see to it that the money came. In Germany they had not many rich men who were masters of their money. Rather the men were too often possessed by the money. In Germany they got most of their money from the poor people.
Dr. W. B. Derrick, of New York, a coloured speaker, said they needed missionaries who were adapted to the work. A large number of pastors in London and New York were not fitted to be missionaries. Christ should be the leader of all their efforts, and missionaries should go forth in His spirit. Missionaries sometimes went into the foreign field not remembering that all are equal before Christ, whe. ther coloured or not. By their thus preaching one thing and practising another the kingdom of God failed to be advanced. Dr. Warden, of Montreal, described their method of collecting money in envelopes weekly, by which means more money was got than by any other plan. He said that missionary societies should publish the names of subscribers and amounts given, although some objected to that course. Good methods needed to be well worked.
Rev. F. T. Hamilton, of the British Syrian School, said their societies were put to unnecessary expense in having to send missionaries and deputations to churches. Ministers should make more missionary speeches and sermons themselves. There should be also missionary working-classes, at which the workers should have missionary information read to them while at work.
Principal Cairns spoke on missions and commerce. The divine idea of commerce, he said, was that it
should minister to human wants, and it was should minister to human wants, and it was theirs to see that it accomplished the divine end. Was it enough even to say that what they produced and sold, although it might minister to caprice and fashion, was at least innocent ? Certainly there was no good or profitable end in the slave trade, or the opium trade, or the liquor traffic. The general principle which should regulate all commerce was that our buying and selling should be done unto the glory of God. Commerce did not work in fields of charity, but in righteous dealing. There should be no unfair compact, no lying advertisements, no cheating. If they had been governed by this high morality, would heathen nations have been robbed and spoilt ?' Would they not in everything have remembered that the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof?
A missionary from Africa said it was the duty of missionary societies to spare the lives of their missionaries as msch as possible, and that was why the Church of Scotland had determined to keep to the hills. But they were training native missionaries for the plains. These would be the true missionaries of the future. They were the men who would regener-ate-Africa. The Arab slavers were beginning to be afraid of the missionaries; and the speaker told a very moving story of rescue, and charged the Portugues on the coast with being the real sources of the mischief, adding, in a low tone, that some British subjects were concerned in the evil?

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THESPELL OFASHTAROTH.

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## chapter xiv.-Continued

As he spoke his voice had softened until fierceness and bitterness were gone. Only deep and overpowering affec tion was in its tunes. He threw himself down upon the rude bench. His head bent forward upon his breast, and for a space no word was heard. Then she came softly to
his side and, kneeling down, took both his hands in hers his side

If my lord so loveth his handmaid that he would die thus, such love as he hath given shall he have in return." The blood again coursed he old life sprang up within him The blood again coursed ho ly through his veins, and with arms wouad close around her slender form, he strained her to his bosom and kissed fiercely again and again the flower like face turned unresistingly toward him. Then, releasing her, he ruse to his full height, once more in the semblance of the fieree soldier that had pressed on eagerly in the forefront of the battle; once more that Adriel who had mounted the breach sword in hand against the spears of Canaan ; but not he who had spoken to Miriam of love where the stan dard of Judah waved on that night before the city fell.
There only was the image changed ; for the heart had gone There only was the image changed; for the h
into the keeping of the daughter of Ashtaroth.

At last Adiel spoke again
Now is my heart free to welcome death and torment, and laugh with thee, my beloved, at those who may seek to do us ill. We shall die a merry death."
Then she looked up again and said : Wherefore, O Adriel, dost said :
row is not yet come, and hou speak of death ? The like sheep at the shambles? Let us rather hasten to the city that has overthrown thy people's warriors in batlle, and peradventure we shall live and not die.

Adriel shook his head mournfully while he smiled on the girl who stood erect and eager before him.
the God of Israel is such a feeble God that Jehovah ? That hath marked out for destruction may say, 'I will arise he journey ten niles, or I will journey twenty miles, and this God shall not find me'

Nay, but," she answered stoutly; "shall we therefore set ourselves down and say that death is upon us because some $G$, $d$ hath frowned? Are there not other gods beside
the Jehovah? There are Ashtaroth, and Baal-Moloch, and Baal-Melkarih, and Adonis, and Ashea ; and there are all the migh y gods of my father's peopie in the East. And I have heard of the great things they have done for those who worshipptd them. Dosi thou think that thy God can slay thee if all these bid him nay? Yet, know that thou must regard thine own safety, that the gods may see it is of value, for they bend not from the heavens for little things." As she spoke a dark perplexed cloud spread itself over his face, and afier a moment's thought he answered :
"It is taurht amung my people that there is no God but Jehovah; that those whom thou callest gods are but wood and stone, and gold, and silver, and that they slay not, neither save
Once more she laughed, this time low and softly
"Think n "t," she said " that the stories of old are false, and that thy God has but to breathe upon all others that
they sink away. Is it for nothing that Ra has reigned for a 1,000 years in Babylon, with Ana, and Belus, and Hua? that thy people, coming, naked out of the desert, should say that these are not gois? Arouse thee! Shake thy superstiti,n from thy suul, and I will show thee that "Wherefure, then," asked Adriel, "did they not sa the city?" "The gods know all things, she answered, solemnly "They give life, and they take it. Pradventure they
sm te the cily that it should be as a warning unto others to neglect not their worship, for the men of Jericho thought not of aught but feastion and pleasure, until the word came that Israel was come up argainst them. Then it was that they fill down and worsh pped and made sacrifice; but the thy people for a prey. Markest thou that he smote not the men of $A_{1}$, and they met ye man to man in the open field ?" Ag
said

What wouldst thou, maiden, that I should do "Fly!" she answered promply, "and not linger bere to be stricken down like a slave under the lash. It is
not yet the middle watch, and thou canst return to thy camp and get beasts of burden that shall bear us across the mountains even unto Ai, and laugh at thy God ere be
arise to slay thee in the murning " arise to slay thee in the morning."
"It shail be as thou sayest," he
'It shail be as thou sayest," he answered. "I will make the aitempt, and do thou pray unto thy gods that they bare their arms in our defence, for I tell thee that the God of Israel is mightier than thou dreamest. Come thou with me,
and I will lead thee unto that border of the city nearest the and I will lead thee unto that border of the city nearest the
camp, that thou mayest await me there until I return with camp, that thou mayest await me there until I return with
the beasts, for of a truth no asses could pick their way through the pate by which $I$ seek thee here."
Taking her once mure by the hand, he led her out into the night, and they passed again through the remains of narnow, crooked streets, clogged and well nigh impassable from the ruin that had fallen over them.
Suddenly, as they turned a corner, Adriel, whose watch ful eye had been ever active for signs of danger, perceived three figures starding but a few paces ahead of them.
He sprang back behind the angle of a wall, drawing of the men, who called out
"Ah, Badezor! Thiukest thou to hide? I will bring thee forth-" and his sandals sounded on the stones as he
sprang forward to seek one whom he thought to be a com ent greeting was in store for him.
Adriel stood close to the wall, with Elissa crouching behind him, and the man started back in astonishment as he hind him, and the man started back in astonishment as he
found himelf face to face with one he had never seen. The flash of a weapon in the moonlight came before his eyes, and then he sank down with the sword deep set in his throat.
A gasp-a vain attempt to cry out; and then the gurgle
of swift-rushing blood, and all was still. swift-rushing blood, and all was still.
"Now let us fly swiftly," whispered
Now let us tly swiftly," whispered Adriel, "for his might fare bady soon to seek him, and without armour I might fare badly at their hands;" and, half carrying his companion in his arms, he ran wich her until a safe distance
separated him from possible pursuers. Then they resumed separated him from possible pursuers. Then they
their interrupted way toward the edge of the plain.
"Were they robbers?" asked the girl, as she regained her breath after their rapid flight. "Yea, robbers," he replied, "or peradventure stragglers from Gilgal. It
seemed to my startled years that he spoke to me in Hebrew, yet the name he called is not one given among my people. But what matters it? Be he Jew or Canaanite, soldier or robber, the danger were equal and the escape welcome.
They now found themsevles on the border of the plain that extended down to the surrounding belt of palm-trees, and a short search disclosed a small bollow among the ruins, a sort of artificial cave formed by fall-n timbers which
rested upon blocks of rested upon blocks of stone. It afforded a perfect conceal-
ment to such as might need it, for the opening was small
and offered no temptation to an and offered no temptation to an explorer.
Here then Adriel bade his companion remain hidden until he could cross to the camp and return with animals which should bear them to a place of safety; and, leaving his mantle behind bim that his speed might be hindered the less, he ran swiftly across the plain and plunged into the shadow of the palms. Without checking his speed, he bounded on through the wide spaces of the grove where the moon threw the shadows of tall trees across his path,
trees that swayed with a graceful motion which seemed to trees that swayed with a graceful motion which seemed to
give life to the phantoms of their forms in the eyes of an give life to the phantoms of their forms in the eyes of an imagination excited and overwrought by contending tides of superstitious dread.
Quickening his pace, he soon bounded clear of the ghost
camp.

## Chapter xv.-the flight of hope.

It was no easy task for one bound on a doubtful
errand to penet'ate unobserved into that warlike camp, to pass among the tents of thousands of men who slept but to wake for war, and whom the perils of battle and the desert had made watchful and suspici, us. Yet to-night the attempt was fraught with uncommon danger.
banished even such as was accustomed to hold sway-was and and sacrifices and ablutions to make ready for the s
True, an Israelite could wander about without exciting attention or remark, but it was a doubtful thing if any man could venture forth without excidng sum the went dee is. If in addition to this, he should have the temerity dee is. If, in adh beasts of burden, 'hat suspicion would become a certainty and a certainty which, in the hiyly excited state of men's minds, it would be highly dangerous to state of
induce.
As Adriel passed toward the tents of his family, the full difficulty and danger of his position were well before him, but an excuse occurred to his mind which he hoped would be sufficient to disarm any distrust which his actions might cause.
Revolving this over, he gained his father's tent. Five asses were tied by thongs to the pegs that held its edges to
the earth. To step forward and loose the halters that fastthe earth. To step forward and loose the halters that fastmoment, and, unobserved so far, he commenced to lead memencautiously toward the western gate, at which point it was probable that the greatest danger was to be afpehended. He had noticed when he entered that a small guard had been stationed near by, and he could hardly hope to pass out unquestioned from under their very eyes. gained the very gate without exciting attention, and this fact seemed to argue that, if destiuction was his doom, tre outraged Power which condemned him was unaccoun ab:y failing to take advantage of the fairest opportunity of thwart-
ing rebellious designs. Safety, however ing rebellious designs. Safety, however, was not yet quite
assured, for, as the fugitive led his animals thruugh the aperture, a sudden exclamation from the guard, followed by a clashing of arms, told him that he was observed.
The first thought that arose was to throw himself upon one of the beasts and urge his way over the plain with the other in lead, but an instant's refection revealed the wildness of such a step. It could not fail to bring about immediate pursuit, and he had no start sufficient to insure his safety, considering that he must seek Elissa, must stop and assist her to mount, and then resume his way before his pursuers should come up. The temper of the Israelites that night he well knew would be such as would press no half. hearted pursuit. Reverting, therefore, to the scheme which had fiashed across his mind for such an emergency, he halted and waited with trepidation for the aroused guards. A dozen men with drawn weapons were around him in an instant, and their captain stepped forward and accosted him. "Wherefore dost thou go forth to-night, my son, with beasts of burden as though for a journey
Choking down his fear with a might effort, Adriel made answer boldy:
"Is not my lord aware that many are going forth to the mountains to succour the wounded who may have fallen by theway in the flight of yesterday?"
ciously. "Joshua sent many out during the other, suspi
less they are sufficient, nor is, it wise that one man should go alone into the mountains.
Adriel's heart sunk wi hin him as he saw the cloud of
doubt settling down over the captain's mind. He started to speak again with a faliering voice
vant have not yet come in, and -" here a soldier plucked the officer's sleeve and said

- Is not this Adriel, the son of Achan, a man of Judah ? Know that it is rumoured that he loved Mirian, the daugh-
ter of Ozias who they say have fallen before Ai. This surely is a man trusted by the princes.

Art thou he of whom he teleth? " "asked the captain, again turning to Adriel, who, grasping the offered chance, replied promptly

It is even so, and thy servant goeth out now that he of Israel, lest the heathen cover it with insulis.
The look of suspicion disappeared from the officer's face. What more natural than that the lover of the daughter should go forth to rescue the fa her's body? Wiih a softened vuice he spoke, at the same time stepping aside from the fugitive's paih
" Go in peace ! and may Jehovah be with thee."
As Adriel passed beyond the camp and heard the voices
of the guards dying away in the distance, a feeling of tion took the piace of his late distrust and depression. Had nut Jehovah and A,htaroth but just now joined battle? And had not the latter, in chicane at least, proved too powerful for the Gud of his fathers? Was not this an omen that in future combats she would prevail in his behalf and cover him from the vengeance which he feared?
Filled with such dreams he urged on his beasts and hurried over the space that separated him from his beloved trees; now hey and hie. Now he was among the palm separated them from the city. He could see the portion of the fallen wail that marked the spot of Elissa's concealment, and from which but a few hundred feet now parted him.
Hark! He stopped short and listened intently. Were light air of the night? Surely! And apparently proceeding from the very point waich he sought. Were they robbers passing by? Had they discovered her, or had she fled, or was she still hidden? The uncertainty was mat.
dening, and yet he coald do naught but wait, for it dening, and yet he cosld do naught but wait, for it was evident from the sounds that there were far
for one man to attack with any chance of success.
While he hesitated in choosing whether to remain where he stoud or draw back inio the shelter of the trees until the way should be clear, his furtunes fell as rapidly as they had seemed to rise. One of the beasts he led, aroused by and uttered a harsh bray.
Thoroughly alarmed, Adriel turned to lead his animals to some more sheltered spat where they misht elude the eyes of those who he knew would be sure to institute imeyes of those who he knew would be sure to institute in-
mediate search; but it was impossible to guide two stubborn brules at a sufficient sp-ed to escape from unencumbered pursuers. As he pressed on he could hear the voices drawing mumentarily nearer and calting to each other as the men spread out to intercept the prize. Then it was that 2 men spread out to intercept
new thought came to him.
new thought came to him.
He was not $y=t$ s-t seen. His pursuers could have no He could leave that one, and, scaping among the palm-
Hurriedly he dropped the halter of the beast that had be-
trayed him, which, fecling itself free, stopped and commentrayed him, which, fecling itself free, stopped and commenced grazing. But now a new difficuly arose. When he endeavoured to redouble bis specd with hi, remaining crarge,
the ass, perhaps envenying the happy condition of his the ass, perhaps envenying the happy condition of his
liberated companion, set nis fore feet firmly in the ground liberated compuni,
and refused to move.
Already Adriel heard the pursuers close upon him. He felt that his very muvemeits must soon betray his presence. and nothing short of Elissa herself in hostile hands could justify the foolhardiness of an attack. Should he be discovered, such little chance as still remined for her final
rescue wuuld be lost f,never ; so, muttering a fierce imprerescue would be lost forever; so, nuttering a fierce impre-
cation, he le't the reffactory animal and plundged into the
shulter of the prive shelter of the gruve.
Conceald Lehin
Concealid tehind the broad trunk of a tree, he saw a
dczen men come up to where the asses stood, and gather arcund them. Armour glistened in the moonlight, and voices rose as they spuke to ether in the Hebrew dialect, a
speech more terrible to Adriel's ears than the jargon of speech
demons.
"Truly," said one, "these must have strayed over from Ginga
for they, answered a comrade, " and it is well they have, Come! let us turn back and sleep
As they moved uff toward the point where they had left their companions, a full realiza ion of the truth came over him. These were Jews; eilher fugitives from the battle or one of the many bands Jushua had sent out to aid the wounded and collect the stragglers. It was evident from what they had said that they were wounded men among them, and only too clear that, whether for their sake or on account of fatigue, the company had settled themselves where they lay to rest for the night. A cold sweat broke out upon him as he foresaw the impending consequences of these new misfortunes. Ashtaroth had not yet made her triumph sure.
One thing he felt must be determined, and that, too, at hands of his people If so whether Eissa had fallen into the over his handsome but now haggard and careworn features - he had still his sword, and, be the result what it might, he could throw himself among her captors and perish, fighting and sla ing to the last.
raced cautiously the helter, and advanced cautiously toward a portion of the wall some distance
to one side of the spot where sounds still told him that the

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were preparing to repose themselves. From this, advantage of the many facilities for concealment ruins afforded, he drew near and looked down There they lay, ten, twenty-ei,ht men; all One of them kept guard, and three or fuur Suffering from wounds more or less serious ; aale form, dead or living, was to be seen, alchough 2ace to the gril's place of concealment was actually the circle of recumbent forms: She was safe for the least.
Wledge of this fact was as a momentary reprieve dation, even at its best ansiousness of the deep peril even at its best, gave him short ime for
Either the maiden was still hidden in the she had seen the party approaching and had unquesionably have sought the hut, her were true then he bent his steps with the hope that an even on foot might be effected before the day broke. drew near, the open entrance filled him with appreapprehension too soon substantiated, for the place moment the day he first discovered it.
and then he leaned against one of the hollow darkand bis strong frame seamed one of the stone doorshock of congtending emotions.
did to shat and shiver un-
did did not weep ; he did not cry.
aack faot weep; he did not cry out ; but the pallor of powing of his handis tuld of feelings which voice or tears Powerless to interpret.
ad then was the end of all. Even at the moment when
deemed himselt past all obstacles the tide of batule
Id tanned, and the new deity in whom he had put his trust

THE TROPICAL TOWN OF ST. PIERRE.
We are ashore in St. Pierre, the quaintest, queerest and the prettiest withal among the West Indian cities; all stone built and stone-fligged, with very narrow streets, wooden awnings, iron balconies and peaked roofs of red tile pierced by gabled durmers. Most of the buildings are painted in a clear pale yellow tone, which contrasts de-
lighifully wihh the burning blue ribbun lighifully with the burning blue ribbon of tropical sky abuve; and no street is absolutely level. Nearly all of
them climb hills, descend into hollows cure, twist de them climb hills, descend into hollows, curve, twist, describe sudden and amazing angles. There is everywhere a
continuous chant of running water, pouring through the deep continuous chant of running water, pouring through the deep
gutters cuntrived between the paved thoroughtare and the gutters cuntrived between the paved thoroughfare and the
absurd little sidewalks varying in width from one.foot to absurd little sidewalks varying in width from one.foot to
three feet. The architecture is very old; it is seventeenth three leet. The architecture is very old ; it is seventeenth
century probably; and it reminds one a great deal of that haracterizing the antiquated French quarter of New O leans. But one must inagine New Orleans idealized by artistic conception, made intensely tropical, and projeeted audaciously upon the side of a huge volcanic hill. All the ints, the forms, the vistas, would seem to have been espe cially selected or designed for aquarelle studies, just to please the whim of some extravagant artist, No ruin was ever more piciuresque than these living streets in their perfect solidity and undelapidated quaintness. The windows are frameless openings without glass; some have
iron bars; all have heavy wonden shutters with movable iron bars; all have heavy wonden shutters with movable
slats, through which light and air can enter as through Veslats, through which light and air can enter as through Venetian blinds. These are usually painted green or bright
bluish gray.-Lafcadio Hearn, in Harper's Magazine for bluish g
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## THE SUBSIDENCE OF MOUNTAINS.

According to La Gazette Geographique the Cordillera of the Andes are gradually sinking. In 1745 the city of Quito was 9,596 feet above sea level, in 1803 it was unly 9,570 ; in 1831, 9,567 , and scarcely 9,520
in 1867 . This a amounts to a lowering of seventy-six feet in 122 years, or at the rate of about seven and a haif inches per annum. We are also told that the farm of Anlisana has sunk 154 feet in sixty-four years, or more than two and a half feet per annum. This is the highest inhabited spot on the Andes-about 4.000 feet higher than Quito, the highest city on the globe. The peak of Pichincha was, according to the same authority, 218 feet lower in 1867 than in 1745 , a sinking of nearly two feet per anuum. Assuming the accuracy of these figures, they present a curious geolugical problem, especially as or at the toot of these same mountains, which descend rather steeply to the Pacific. If the plasticity or viscosity of the tarth's crust be such as I have contended in this magazine it follows almost of necessity that such a mass of mountain land as that in this region of Quito and Chimborazo must be squetzing itself downward inio the subcrust of the giobe by its own enormous weight. Although the highest of by its own enormous weight. Althuagn the highest of Himalayas, the conctnration of elevation in a given area, or, utherwise staled, the mass standing above sea level in prupurtion to the base on which it stands, is greater than
can be found in any other part of the world and is can be found in any other part of the world, and its downthrust is similarly pre-eminent. Such duwn squeezing lateral hrust, or elbowing that should produce earihquake disturbances on every side. The facts fully saisfy this requirement of the theory, as the country all around the regiou in question is the very fahberland of terrible tarth-quakes.-W. Mattieu Williams, in the Gentleman's Maguzine.

## MAMMOTHS IN SIBERIA.

The existence of ivory in Siberia in a subfossil condition, but still sufficiently durable to be used for all the purposes to which recent ivury is applied, has been known since the Middle Ages, and formed one of the earliest expurts from Siberia to China. The very name given to the gigantic creature which produced it, mammoth or mammont-p.obably a corruption of bemoth-was introduced by the Arab traucrs whu iniluated the tiaffic in fossil ivory in the tenth cenury. It was not, however, until the middle of the ti, hteenth century that the trade became consideraile.
In or about 1750, Liachof, a Russian merchant, discovered In or about 1750 , Liachof, a Russian merchant, discovered
vast stures of ciephant tusks and bones in the northern disvast stores ot ceephant tusks and bones in the northern dis-
tricts ot Siberia, and especially on the islands off the mouth of the Lena, which have since borne his name. The ivory brought thence, says the traveller Wrangell, " is often as fresh and white as that foom Africa." Since Liachof's discovery it has been computed that the tusks of at least 20,000 mammoths have been exported, while even a larger number are too much dicayed to be wurth removal, and others are so large tnat they have to be sawn up on the spot waere they are fuund. These buried hecatumbs of elephants abuund throughout the fruzen soil of Siberia, but tuey are mure numerous the surther we advance northward, and must plentiful of all on the islands above-named and in those termed New-siberia. Mure remarkable still are the mammoth mummes-several of which have been disinterred, whole carcasses not infrequently standing upright in the foozen sull, with their flesh "as as Iresh as if just taken out of dut E-quimaux cache or a Yakout subterranean meat safe." The must widely known of these is that discovered in 1806 by an English Lotanist named Adams, and the skeleton, or -uch parts of it as could be recovered-for in the interval Letwen part of it being laid bare and the information reach1 g Adams wild animals had preyed on the flesh and wiuricd off many of the bones-is now in the museum of St. l'ctersburg. Carcasses of the rhinoceros have also been fuutd under similar conditions.- Jaturday Review.

Dr. King, the Bishop of Lincoln, is about to be pro secuted in the oourt of the Archbishop of Canterbury for rituaistic practices.

## JBritisb and JForeign.

There has been a gain of 791 members in the Irish Presbyterian Church during the prot ycar.
Owing to his cuntinu-d ill health the resignation of Rev. D. Patterson of Sunderiand nas buen accepied.

The Presbytery of Carisle will arrange Sabbath services at Keswick duing July, Augusi and September.
The municipal elections in Kume have gone completely aganst the canuidates no:minated wy the Vatican
in Hamittun Cnurch ot Scuthand Presbytery tent services were cominended by several brethien as a means of reaching the lapsed masses.
The statue erected in Aberdeen by the clad Gordon to
the memory of Gelleral Guruin, was unveiled by the Marthe memory of General Gurion, was unveiled by the Marquis of llunuly lately.
Glasgow Presbytery has appointed a sub-committee to recelve the statements
Mackie of Manchester.
The Rev. Robert Campbell of Carieton has been elected Moderator of Glasshow Nurth United Presbyterian Presby-
tery fur the next six monihs.
In the action against Rev. J. P. Lang, of Stirling, it has been decided that a parish minister is not exempt from the cost of paving veture his duor.
Colonel Olcott, the high priest of the Theosophists, bas auanduned spmatuaism and now pruclaims his taith in the sublime mysteries of Aryanism.
Canon Liddon, offered a fee of $\$ 500$ per night by Major Pund it he woulit ho to the States and
In the histoical tripus at Cambridge the ladies have secured another triumpn, four of their nu
tirst class, which incirded only two men.
thrst-class, which inclided ondy two men.
All the mutinous students of the Madras Christian College but seven have expressed sorrow for their unjustifi able actions and returned to their classes.
The Rev. P. T. Murrhead, of Kıppen, died lately at Inverness; he was in nis uidinaly s:ate of health when he lett home io attend the Free Church General Assembly.
The Rev. A. Marshall, late of Inveresk, was inducted to the scots Church at Metwoune on April 23 in the presence of a large congregation aud received a must cordial welcome.
Mr. J. T. Morton, who in so many ways is assisting the Churches, offers a prize of $\$ 500$ tur the best essay on the Sabuath to be
terian Church.
Dr. Ross of Reading, having accepied the call of Trinity Church, Newcasile, the shuri vacancy caused by the removal to Crouch ithl of Kev. J. B. Menarry has been
brought to a close. brought to a close.
The vicar ot St. John's Newport, Isle of Wight, has had a bapistery constucted in his church fur the administration - of the ordinance by mmersion. This step is takin to meet the views of sume of his panshioners.
After furiy-one year s hunuurabie service as professor of Hebrew in te Theulugical Collge at Bel.ast, Dr. James G. Murphy has outaned leave to reme. Mr. Гhomas Walker, M.A., has been app inted mis successor.

Mr. W. I. Whittaker, who has taken the first place in the law tripos at Cambauge, is a son of a Baptist deacon at Harluw. He went direct to Cambridge frum the Nunconturimist graumar schuul at bisaup Siturturd.
InTEKEST in Bible circulation is becoming so general in Hullan., Germauy, Swi.zerland and Denmark that it is expecie. the Bible suciety may snordy wiludraw and leave
the work to ve done wnolly oy the lucal suciecies. the wurk to be done wnolly oy the lucal sucieties.
Mr. Spurgeon was sufficiently recovered to enable him to preach. Tue o.puanage celeuration, which is always held on his birthday, touk place as usual. Mrs. Spurgeon's health is also iuproviug, thouga she is still very weak.
The Rev. Mr. Rubson, ot Inverness, who is chairman of the Nuribern Countles' Insutuce for the blind, presided at the aunual contrence of teachers and missionaries oo the blind, assemuled irom alt paris ot sculland in the Highland capial.

An Austrian who has beeen engaged in his own country in Biole distibution fur torly yearis ays of the bouk: "It has made my heart happy, $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{y}}$ lite-work both delightul and useful, my nouse curersul, my tamily united, my present joyun, and my tuture gloiliou
The Rev. Gurdin Mucaell, M.A., of Kilmadock has been presented by Duablane Presbytery with a cungraiulatory adderess on reacuiag ais ministerial juvilee. Ordained at Souih Snields in January, 1838, he was translated to Kilmadock in the June ot the same year.

The new play " Lutuer and his Time," was produced in Bertin lately; we first act had been entirely altered, an ufficial juurual of the governument punted out that in its ongiual form it casta slur un the Ruman (atholic faith and its rituals. The veneration of samis and relics, indulgences and fastings were derided. The principal scenes were were loudly applauded uy the people.

The Dumfries Stanaard gives a description of an interesting manucript volume of $s$ imons in the possession of Dr. Jonn Cunningham, of Dumiries, which is believed to have velonges to Lachary Buyd, the Principal of Glasgow Cromwell in his presence. A leaf bound in at the end of of the volume associates the book with John Knox, minis of the volume

Dr. Macfadyen, of Manchester, having completed the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate at Churlton-Road, the event was celebrated at a commemoration soiree of the past and present members of the cnurch and congregation, including thuse connected with the two branch churches and the three mission stations. On the following Sunday, Dr. Macfadyen preacned two sermons, having special reference to his semi jubilee.

## IDinisters and Cburches.

Principal King, of Winnipeg, has returned from Clifton Springs, much benefited in health.
The Presbyterian Church at Grenfell, N.-W.T
s.ruck by lighining recently; the damage was slight.

Twinty three new members were added to the Church at Norwood, on profession of faith, last Sabbath. This Rev. Professor Weir, of Morria College, Quebec,
preached in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Sabbath preached in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Sabbath
Principal Grant writes Mr. Sanford Flemming from
Cape Town, that his health has Cape Town, that
the sea voyage.

The Rev. John B. Edmonson, of Almonte, expects to spend a few weeks at Port Dover, Ont. : which will be his
Thess for so.
Thr Ladies' Aid Society of Norwood Presbyterian Church, matie $\$ 105$, clear of all expenses, at their bazaar and straw-
berry festival last week. berry festival last week.
The Guelph Mercury says: Dr. Wardrope thankfully acknowledges the receipt of $\$ 200$ from a friend thanknown aid ore gn Missions,
Rev. Mr. Hogc, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Church, which was largely attended.
Mr. WellingTon Boulter, of Picton, has contributed o General Assembly at Ilalifax an account of his visit to
The Rev. James Muray B.
The Rev. James Murray, B. D., pastor of Wentworth
Street Piesbyterian Church, Hamilun, Street Piesbyterian Church, Hamilion, left last week for the
Lower Provinces to spetd his vacation. Lower Provinces to spetd his vacation.
The re-opening and anniversary services will be con-
ducted in the First Presbyterian Church, ducted in the First Presbyterian Church
Sunday and Monday 15th, and 16 th July.
The Young Penple's Christian Association in Grey 1 ownson, addressed the meeting on the Bible recently. ST. Andrew's and St. Mark's Sunday schools to the ex-
tent of $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{O} 0$ picnicked at Victoria Park on Ftiday, One tent of 1,000 picnicked at Victoria Park on Friday
and all expressed themselves as very much pleased.
The cungregation of Morrisburg, vacant since the translation of Mr. Bayne to Pembroke, have called the
Hugh Cameron, B.A., of Watford. Stipend, $\$ 1,000$.
THE Charles Street Presbyterian Sabbath school, held their annual picnic last week to Long Branch. About 400
The Rev. Mr. Irwin, of Bray, Ireland preached in S Jaines Square Church, on Sabbath last and greached in St.
teresting account of evangelistic work in the south and west teresting ac
of Ireland.
The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, having decided to build a new church on the present site, worshipped
The Rev. George MacArthur, B.A., of Cardinal and Mainsville, was waited upun by a few members of his consume new phaeton.
At the meeting of Waterloo County Council, recently, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., was appointed trustee of Galt Colle, iate Institute in place of Rev. Dr. Smith, who
has removed to California.
The Presbyterian
THE Presbyterian garden party at Mr. Stiver's on Do-
minion Day, the Newmarket Era says, was a decided minion Day, the Newmarket Era says, was a decided
success, proceeds amounting to $\$ \mathrm{I} 30$. The Stouffille band supplied music in abundance.
THE Sabbath school scholars of the Presbyterian Church,
Stouffville, held their annual picnic in Widemat Stouffille, held their annual picnic in Wideman's bush
lately. The young folks enjoyed themselves very all returned to their homes tired and weary.
Long Branch was on Friday the picnic ground for turned out in large numbers and were unanimous in their opinion that it was the most successful picnic they had ever opini.

A Numbrer of members were put on roll of membership at
Welland Port at communion, first Sabbath in July. The Welland Port at communion, first Sabbath in July. The
number added for fully tweive previous years, does not number added for fully twelve previous years, does not
equal the increase this last year, under the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Peatchell.

Thr Rev. W. A. Mackay, of Woodstock, preached in St. much appreciated. Mr. Mackay has been attending the Temperance Convention and has taken a prominent part in
On Domin.
On Dominion Day, the Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampof national success. In the evening his subject was "The of national success. In the evening his subject was "The
glory of Womanhood," introductory to a series of sermons
on the Women Tue Nomes of he Bible,
The largest and most successful garden party ever held
in the town of Uxbridge was held last week under the ausin the town of Uxbridge was held last week under the aus-
pices of the Willing Workers' Society of the Presbyterian Church in the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Jos. Gould. The
young ladies realized the handsome sum of upward of $\$$ IIO young ladies realized the handsome sum of upward of \$iro.
The annual picnic of St. Andrew's Church, Pickering was held last week in Gordon's Grove. There were about five or six hundred present. Games of various kinds took place
on the grounds. The Green River on the grounds. The Green River brass band was in at-
tendance. Both socially and financially the picnic was a grand success.
Mr. Meikle, evangelist, on leaving Ottawa, will pro-
ceed to the Lower Provinces, which were for a long time ceed to the Lower Provinces, which were fir a long time
the scene of his missionary labours. Halls or churches are not to be had in several parts of the country through which to hold his services.

The excursion last week under the auspices of the Young People's Association of St. John's Church, Brockville, was a pleasant and successful affair. The steamer Island Queen left Brockville with a party numbering about 250, and
steamed up the Canadian channel to Gananoque. Thousand Island Park was next visited, and Alexandria Bay touched Island Park was next visited, and Alexandria Bay touched
at later, the party reaching home shortly before eight o'clock. A contemporary says; The Rev. Dr. McTavish, of
Lindsay, is doing a great work among the good people of Lindsay, is doing a great work among the good people of
South Ops. They have a Bible class organized and fortnightly prayer meetings. The meetings are held from house to house, but at present every meeting is crowded. The
influence of the Rev. Dr. McTavish is admited influence of the Rev. Dr. McTavish is admitted on every hand to be
awakening.
Brooklin and Columbus Presbyterian Sabbath schools held a union picnic at Corbet's point on Tuesday week. The day was everything that could be wished for. If a little more time had been given for preparation, it would have accommodation of those who wished to tak hand for the and were kept out. All returned well salisfied with the day's outing.
The chief attraction in St. Mary's on Dominion Day, says the Argus, was certainly the garden party in Ardmore
Park given by the friends of Knox Church. The day was delightfully pleasant, and though no musical and literary programme was given in form, yet we venture to say that rew gatherings could present such an excellent programme of enjoyable things as did the ladies of the above named
church. Proceeds about $\$ 80$. church. Proceeds about $\$ 80$.
The Truro Guardian
churches in our town the sayn: In all the Presbyterian bath week that the Rev. John Wilkie, of Indore, In 2 ,
wouid address a mass meeting in wouid address a mass meeting in St. Andrew's Church
on the following Friday evening. Mr. Wilkie noble mission work in India during the past eight years. noble mission work in India during the past eight years.
His address before the General Assembly in Halifax the other week was one of thrilling interest.
OF the Moderator of the Manitoba Svnod, the Algoma
Record says: The Rev. Mr. Smith, of Cadurcis, is one of the pioneers of our Church. in the Nurth-West. If there are any honours going the men who stuck to the land, and
to the work as Manitoba mud io the work as Manitoba mud sticks to the buots, de-
deserved to bear them. The far east sends greetings to desetved to bear them. The far east sends greetings to the
Moderator of Synod. Rev. W. R. Ross was elected to the office of Clerk-a position in which he is perfectly at home.
The lawn social, held at Dr. Hution's on the 19th ult.,
under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Pres under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Pres-
byterian Church, in Forest and otherwise. The night was all that could be desire. A. Before dispersing, the pastor called upon James E. Lister, M.P., to address the audience, and he rein which he had been treated. Proceeds of the social ahout $\$ 50$.
The recently.formed congregation of Waterloo has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, of Toronto, with a handsome communion service set consi,ting of eight
pieces, two pitchers, four goblets and two plates, and is pleces, wo pitchers, four goblets and two plates, and is
quadruple plated on white metal. Though very plain, the whole has a very neat appearance and the design is very
tasteful and beautiful. It bears the following inscription: To the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, from Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, 188
The Board of the Upper Canada Tract and Book Society has appointed Rev. Dr. Moffat as permanent secretary and
agent. He was for many years minister in W agent. He was for many years minister in Walkerton, and
has had ample experience of such work in Glasgow and Canada. Dr. Moffat is well known as one of the special lecturers of the Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario. He has written largely for the press of Canada,
(hicago and New York. The Chicago and New York. The society is to be congratulated in securing a live, energetic man for its great and very much needed work.
The firemen of St. John, N. B., resolved on a Sabbath excursion to $\overline{\text { redericton. The pulpits of St. John uttered }}$ Sabbath. The Telegraph prints brief outlines of the the courses delivered. The Rev. Messrs. T. F. Fotheringham,
G. Bruce, L. G. Macnell G. Bruce, L. G. Macneill, Dr. Macrae, of the Potheringham,
Charch
Cerian Church, Canon Basingstock, of the Episcopal Church, Mr.
Gordon and Mr. McFarland preached direct, forcible and timely discourses, in which were pointed references to viola. timely discourses, in whic
tions of the divine law.
The Rev. A. MacDougall, B.D., Ph.B., pastor of Calvin Church, St. John, in his recent trip to New York State,
visited Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., and while visited Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., and while
there, passed examinations which extended over a period of eighteen days, and averaged from six to seven hours per day.
The result of his examination was that on commencer day of Syracuse University, the 27th ult, he received the degree of Ph.M. (Philosophix Magister), and also of
Ph.D. (Yhilosophix Doctor). Many friends will ion in Ph.D. (Philosophix Doctor). Many friends will ioin in
hearty congratulation to Dr. MacDougall on well hearty congratulation to Dr. MacDougall on a well-earned
distinction.
The people of Knox Church, St. Mary's, are determined way of providing comfortable apartments for their in the school, and making the child apartments for their Sabbath feel that they have a special interest in their wellare, temporal as well as spiritual. The basement now forms a schooiroom equal to any found in a day's travel. The walls
and ceiling have been plastered, all woodwork its beauty generally enhanced. Mr. Woodwork cleared and respected superintendent, will be filled with inspiration and respected superintendent, will be filled with inspiration and
naturally redouble his efforts for the welfare of the school.
The Glasgow Christian Leader says : Rev. George McKelvie, M. A., a member of Dalmarnock Church, Glasgow,
has been appointed by St. Paul's Church, Montreal as mis. sionary at their station in Indore, India. Mr. M'Kelvie, who studied in Glasgr w University, and took a part of his theo-
logical curriculum in the hall there, went out to
ada a year ago and completed his course in the Presby
an College at Montreal Although receiving two an College at Montreal. Although receiving to
in Canada, he has elected to proceed at once to
dian mission field. St. Pauls is the wealthiest
terian Church in Montreal. Mr. M. Kelvie will car
terian Church in Montreal. Mr. M•Kelvie will ca
him to India the good wishes of many friends and in the east end of Glasgow.
The Dundas Banner says: The Happy Workers d Knox Church Sunday school were greatly gratified on
day last by the large turnout at their fural concert. basement of the ct urch, where the entertainment was was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and with
white dresses trimmed with white dresses trimmed with natural flowers worn fairyland. A first-class programme wasas given in adm
style. A goodly sum was secured by style. A goodly sum was secured by the band for t
project, the education of a pupil at Point aux-T project, the education of a pupil at Point aux- Tr
School. The entertainment was under the managem
Mrs. Peleg Clarke, and to her is due much of the su Mrs. Peleg Clarke,
which attended it.
The Rev. James McCaul, late of Stanley Street Church Montreal, who has been assisting the Rev. William R
Cowcaddens' Free Church, since March, has received animous and cordial call to Broad Street Presbyteri Church, Birmingham, and is to be inducted there on
July. The Corucaddens Evangelist says: Mr. McCaul qualities of a marked kind for the work required in
Street. He will not let the grass grow under his feet knowing that will not let the grass grow under his feet faith, as well as loyalty to Cbrist and mightily used in the upbuiding of God's cauls, Mr. McCaul will be greatly bl
labour as he has been with

THE new chapel at Seatonvilie was opened for the of the mission and the wurship af God on Sabbath,
ult. The building is neat and comforate ult. The building is neat and
about 250 persons., The opening
preached preached at three oclock in the afternoon by the Gulray, pastor of College Street Church, under autpices mainly the enter prise has been incepted; a
a second sermon at seven p.m. by the Rev. James a second sermon at seven p.m. by the Rev. James
M.A., who at present supplies the pulpit of the Strect Presbyterian Church. In the morning at encouraging meeting of the Sabbath school was Which the attendance of children was larger than
fore. The attendance on all the services was good, hope of establishing a self-sus aining congregation point in the course of time is confidently entertained.
A very successful tea meeting was held on T attendance was large, the weather pleasant and the gramme excellent. Refreshments were partaken of basement of the church. After tea all went up in church and spent a profitable evening, sisting of singing, reading, reciting, the programm Mr. Whillans occupied the chair. Richmond, took part by reading and manner. The Merivale choir rendered somg fine during the evening. The Birchton choir also Whillans with refererce to the blews were made by shed, and it is hoped confidently thating down of the be built to supply the lack caused by the overthrow old structure demolished by the recent tornado
old structure demolished by the recent tornado.
On Dominion Day the ceremony of laying On Dominion Day the ceremony of laying the
stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Richmond, was witnessed by a very large concourse of peop assembly was greatly augmented by a procession Caledonian Society, who, with their friends, had celebrate our national holiday. There were prese and Rev. J. R Mingsbury.

## Dewey, of Montreal, (former pastor of Chalmer's C

 was expected to be present to lay the stone, but J. R. MacLeod, of Kingsbury
## he stone in which were placed

copies of the Presbyterian journals of copies of the the Montreal Slar and Witness, and coins of each nation of Canadian currency
The corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Church being built for the South Westminster congregatio church, the pastor in the chair. Excellent addresses given by the Rev. Mr. McEwan, the first pastor church, and by Mr. James Armstrong, M. P in the name of the congregation presented the Rev. Pr Charles Elliott, D.D., with a beautiful silver trow gave an inspiring address on " Dr. Elliot in acceptint gave an inspiring address on "Christ the chief corne the name of he Trinity epaired to the new building, the name of the Trinity the stone was laid. The g placed in the stone contained The Canada Presbyt parties, current coins of Canada, pers representing statement of the church, annual report of the cong Shorter Catechism and Temperance pledge. The
was liberal. The bentdiction brought these most ing services to a close.
The annual meeting of the Glengarry Woman's Foreig Mission Presbyterial Society was held in Avonmo being well reeting was very successiful. kind friends of Avonmore most hospitable. bearers were all re-elected for the ensuing yea business of the day had been disposed of in methodical manner, two excellent papers were rea Dıvid McLaren, of Alexanitria, In the evening a meetirg was held, when addresses were delivered
Rev. Messrs. Mr.theson, Rub-rison and Stewart. Ewen, president, Miss Fracer, who is preparing for
work in India, and Miss Sc, tt. The following

Cameron's request to have his course in theolegy shortened by one year had been granted. Mr. Mrclean presented the report of the Hume Mission Committee. Mr. Yeoman's resignation as ordained missionary at Glenvale, etc., was
accepted. Mr. Givan having been inducted into the accepted. Mr. Givan having been inducted into the
charge of Williamstown, his name was removed from the roll. The Home Mission. Committee were authorized to secure an ordained gissionary for L'Amable. Committees
were appointed to make arrangements fur the dispensation were appointed to make arrangements fur the dispensation
of the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the several mission fields. Mr. MacGillivray was appointed Moderator, pro tem., of the Kirk Session of Glenvale, etc. Next quarterly
meeting to be in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Monday, meeting to be in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Monday,
September 17th, at three p.m.-Thomas S. Chambers, September
Pres. Clerk.
Presbytery of Toronto.-This Presbytery met on the 3rd inst., Rev. J. M. Cameron, Moderator protem. Rev. Dr. Gregg reported in a call from the congregation of Bloor Street Church, Toronto, to Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., to be signed by 119 members, and concurred in by forty adherents. The guaranteed stipend is $\$ 2,000$. Reasons for translation were read. And of those whom the congre gation had appointed as commissioners, Messrs. J. Harvie, W. Davidson an\&J. C. Robb, severally appeared and were duly beard in support of the call, It was then moved and carried, to approve of Dr. Gregg's conduct in this matter, as
also to sustain the call. And Rev. J. Argo was appointed to preach on an early Sabbath at Georgetown and Lime house, and to cite the congregations there to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. It was also reported by Dr. Gregg that, as substitute for Rev. A Gil ay, he had moderated in a call from the congregation of Erskine Church, Toronto, to Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A. minister at Orangeville. The call was found to be signed meanwhile by 291 members, and concurred in by sixty one adherents. The stipend promised is $\$ 2,000$, to be given in monthly payments in advance. Reasons for translation were read, and Messrs. W. Blackley and William Adamson were duly heard in support of the call. The conduct of Dr. Gregg in this matter was approved of. The call wa also sustanned, with liberty given to the Session to obtain for it additional signatures ; and the same was orderted to be sent in due time, together with relative papers, to the Pres bytery of Orangeville. Also Dr. Gregg and Rev, I. Car michael, were appointed to appear before said Presbytery in prosecution of the call. A paper was read from the con gregation of West Toronto Junction, making application fo leave from the Presbytery to borrow $\$ 1,500$ for the erection of a new church on the old site. The said leave was unanimously granted. A committee was appointed, consisting of the Moderator and the Clerk, to assign to students within the bounds subjects for summer exercises, said exer cises to be heard before the re-opening of the colleges of the Church. It was stated as a very probable thing that the Pres bytery of Lindsay, at an early pro re nata meeting, would grant the translation of Rev. D. B. Macdonald. ; and with hat belief, it was agreed to make provisional arrangements fo his induction ; a special meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, on Tuesday the 24 inst., at two p.m Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to preside and deliver the charge, Rev. R. Thyppe to preach, and Rev. J. Carmichael to order. Rev. W. G. Wallace reported in a call from the congregation of Knox Church, Milton, in favour of Rev. A . The call was found to be signed by seventyone members, and concurred in by forty-seven adher quarterly payments in advance, together with the free use of a manse, Messrs. Bowman, Caldwell and Elliott, appeared as commissioners from the Sessions and congregalion, and were duly heard. On motion made and agreed to, the call was sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Doherty, who was present, when he stated that after considering various points, he had come to the conclusion that it was not his duty to accept of the call. The call was accordingly set aside ; and power was given to Mr. Wallace to moderate in another, whensoever the congregation may be ready for the same. Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery on the first Tuesday of August, at ten a.m.-R. Monteath, Pres. Clerk.

## MONTREAL NOTES

This Convention has been for several the chief centre of interest in the city. It has wisely decided not to favour the formation of a third political party in the meantime, but to continue working along present lines. The minority, however, was a considerable one and shows that there is con siderable feeling of dissatisfaction with both parties now ex-
isting. The dread of losing the support of such earnest men isting. The dread of losing the support of such earnest men
may help to make them more energetic in pushing forward may help to make then

A mournful accident happened in the Presbyterian College on Friday last. Mr. Hugh Clark, a student who had taken one session in the hiterary course and was preparing to matriculate in the university, entered the bathroom and having locked himself in turned on the water. He appears to have been seized with a fainting fit and fell forward into the water. He was discovered in this position some lime after, but too late to render any assistance. A doctor was hastily summoned, but only to pronounce bim dead. He had been doing efficient mission work in connection with Calvin Church for several months back, and gave promise of great usefulness. Except one brother, he had no relatives in this country.

A reunion of French Protestants, students and former students in the various mission schools is to be held at High gate, on Lake Champlain, on the io h inst. Such gather ings from year to year will do much to encourage French mission work by giving a certain visibility to some of its results and bringing scattered French Protestants into social longer ignored that there is now an actual French Protestant community in Lower Çanada having considerable

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## INTERNA TIUNAL LESSONL

$\underset{\substack{\text { July } \\ \text { r88. } \\ \text { 22, }}}{ }\}$ FREE GIFTS FOR THE TABERNACLE. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Ex. } 35: \\ 20-29 .\end{array}\right.$ Golden Text.-Got loveth a cheerful giver. - 2 Cor ix. 7.

## shorter catechism

Question 85.-The sentence of death is passed upon all, for all have sinned. In the infinite wisdom and mercy of
God there is a way of escape from the wretchedness, the God there is a way of escape from the wretchedness, the
guilt and the doom of sin. Jesus has made a complete guilt and the doom of sin. Jesus has made a complete
atonement for the sins of men. The benefis of His death atonement for the sins of men. The benefirs of His death
can only be received in God's oun wav. Salvation cannot be merited by any one. It cannot be bought. It must be accepted as God's free gift. Faith and repentance are necessary to salvation. Trust in Jesus Cirist and in Him alone for deliverance from sin, and repentance, tue sorrow for sin and the resolve to forsake it are the conditions on which God's saving grace is bestuwed. It is through the channel of word and ordinance that the blessings of the
Gospel are usially $\operatorname{tij} j y \in d$, a.sd their diligent and fait hful use is enjoined.

> introductory.

After having witnessed the impressive manifestation of the divine lory Moses ascended again to the summit of Sinai, and the moral law was again, by supernatural means, inscribed on tables of stone. Again minute directions are given for the government of Irael and the wor-
ship of God. On his descent from the mount after forty ship of God. On his descent from the mount after forty days' absence, Moses assembled the people and delivered
to them God's message, and the particulars relating to the to them God's message, and the
construction of the tabernacle.

Willing Givers.-According to the statute each Israelite was required to give a half a shekel for the maintenance of the
shall sum and binding on all, rich and poor alike. For its full equipment and maintenance much more than this was required. What was to be given was to be the freewill off-rings of the people. These gifts were given in accordance with a higher law, the law of gratitude to God for all His precious gifts, an expression o message that There was a full and generous response to the message that Moses
delivered. "Every one whose heart stirred him up ard every one whom his spirit made willing" gave freely the things required for the tabernacle. Remembering what had only lately taken place when they contributed their valuable ornaments with which the golden calf was made, they are now generally willing to give for the worship of the living and true God. It was only from those who were that God accepts and blesses. Men and women were given willing in offering their gifts. Men and women equally need the blessings of the Gospel, the same spititual blessings are free to all without distinction ; the same duties rest on both and God accepts and blesses the labours of both man and woman for the advancement of His glory. It is quite offerings. It was left to the who declined to br:ng free-will preferred not to part with their possessions for such they pose. They would not benefit by their want of generosity. So numerous were the gifts, however, that more than was required for the tabernacle was speedily provided, and Moses had to tell them to stay bringing their offerings.
II. Valuable Gifts.-Money was not coined at the time of the exodus, and what wealth people possessed was usually in the form of jewels made of the precious metals, and costly garments, etc. The gifts offered for the tabernacle consisted of various gold ornaments obtained in Egypt. Fine linen also of various hues and dyed skins of animal. were among the offerings. Those who had not gold brought silver and bronze ornaments and shittim wood. This was an accacia, a finely.grained wood suitable for cabinet work, and which was used exclusively in the tabernacle and for its furniture. The women not only gave their or naments willingly, but gave their skill and labour in spinning and weaving the materials for the construction and decoration of the sanctuary. The rulers were as willing to contribute as were the mass of the people. Their gifts corresponded to their influence and to their possessions. The precious stones, symbolical in their meaning, for the dress of the high priest. The ornaments of onyx ston uumber, were in the breastplate of the high priest, and on each was engraved the name of one of the tribes ers also provided spice and oil for the light which was to burn continually in the sanctuary, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense. The aromatic odour of the light and the fra grant incense were symbolic of the grateful worship of lov ing hearts. The marked feature of all the gits was the hearty cheerfulness of the givers. The lesson closes with a repetition of this characteristic which marked all the giv ing. "The children of Israel brought a willing offering hem willord, every man and woman, work which the Lord hath commanded them to bring by the hand of Moses The willingness with which the gifts were made was accept able to God, and productive of good to the people then selves. No one gives to God willingly but is the better for

## practical suggestions,

It is in the heart that all true and acceptable service of God takes its rise mind.
Fathers, mothers and children can all serve God in build ing His spiritual temple here on earth.

Giving for God should be systematic; proportionate, cheer We mould
 bandana idea it may find that it has been nursing a wiper in its bosom.
Old lady (to boy in shoe store) : Are your shoes all made on anatomical principles, boy? Bny: No, mum, they're all made on lasts.
First Bostonian: Do you speak any foreign language? Second Bostonian: Yes ; one. First Bostonian : What is it ? Second Bostonian : English.
Washington Guide (to visitor): That gentleman is Mr. Lamont. He is one of the lions, you know. Visitor: Is he? I s'posed
he was the Daniel.
Scapegrace Son (introducing his old father to young lady) : Miss Gladys-the author of my being. Old gentleman (bowing): A work that has been much criticised.
A correspondent asks: "When execution by electricity comes in, what is $g$ ing to become of the old familiar 'Hang it' of the irritated ma
"shocking?"
"The Best Way to Keep Girls on the Farm" was the subject of discussion at a recent agricultural meeting. Keep the boys them company.

Tramp: Won't you give a little something to an old hero of the ba'tl field! I have survived four wars! Stranger (handing him some money): How did you do it? Tramp (after pocketing the mone)) : Kept out of 'em.
Brown : You don't look well lately, Robinson. Robinson : No, I can't sleep at night on account of lung trouble. Brown : Nonsense ; your lungs are all right. Rut:inson: Yes, mine are; the trouble is with the baby's.
Instructor: By the way, Mr. Straddles. which is the most general term, poet or poetess? Mr. Straddles: Yoet. Instruc. tor: Can you give me a reasinn for it? I think so sir. It is probably because a "poet is born, not maid."
"W-I-L-I-I A-M D E.A-N H.O-W E-L-L S T-o-n.i-g-h $\cdot$,"," spelled a street gamin from a placard at which he was squinting, wi h one eyes closed. "I say, Dinny, whu's dat bloke, Billy Dean ?" questioned a brother
Arab at his side. "Mot's it 'e howls for?"
Mr. Einstetter (in the bosom of hi family): How mooch mein liddle Davit loaf he's fa her-heh ? Litule David: Von hundred per cend, no dicound, fasi golors, mid exchanche on Lohndon! Mr. Einstetter (in an agony of filial love): Ach! mein fader's own chrantson, say dut agains!
"Ir is a curious thing in public life, said Wiggins, as he laid his newspaper down on the table, "that a windy, 1 ud-mouthed impostor often succeeds, while men of great merit are passed over.", "Nut at all," replied Bobl-y, "it's the most natural thing in the world to put the bluwer before the grate."
Bearded Stranger (who ran away to sea when a boy): D, you remember a boy named Dick Dart? District Telegraph Manager : Very well. Twenty years ago I sent Dick around the corner with a message requiring an immediate answer. Bearded Stranger: I am Dick Dart. District Telegraph Manager: Well give me the answer.
One Sunday, as a certain minister was returning homeward, he was accosted by an old woman, who said: "O sir, well do I like the day that you ploach!" The minister was aware that he was not very popular, glad to hear it. There are too few like you And why do you like when I preach?" "O sir," she replied, "when you preach I always get a good seat."

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