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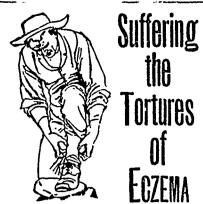
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The best mutton is of fine grain, a bright color, the fat firm and white. It is better for being full-grown. The meat of the ewe is not so bright, while the grain is closer. The ram mutton may be known by the redness of the flesh and the sponginess of the fat.

Most cakes need a moderately hot and some even a cool oven. A good old test is to put a piece of thick paper into the oven, to shut the door and open it again after five minutes. If the paper is of a light brown color the oven is moderately hot, and if yellow the oven is cool.

If you live in an old house where the door sills are worn down, and under which the wind rushes, making the floor so cold, no amount of fire can warm it, try tacking strips of oil cloth across the bottom of the doors, letting it come well down on to the sill. If done with care it will not drag, neither is it unsightly; still if one objects to the looks it can be painted to match the color of the door.

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Rotes of the Week.

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The Chronicle, the organ of the London Missionary Society, says:—"The speech which Mrs. Isabella Bishop, F.R.G.S., delivered at the Gleaners' Union Anniversary in Exeter Hall, not only produced an indelible impression upon all privileged to hear it, but is reaching a vastly wider circle through the Press. The C.M.S. has published it as an 8 pp. leastet, with the title, 'Heathen Claims and Christian Duty,' upwards of a hundred thousand copies of which have been issued in response to definite orders. Other societies also, both here and across the Atlantic, are reproducing the speech. A more forcible description of modern heathenism as it is one could not have."

Some information has at last reached this country with regard to the burning of the Great Mosque in Damascus. The catastrophe took place so long ago as October 14th last, but for some reason or another the Turkish authorities have stood in the way of the facts becoming known. The Mosque was the ancient cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and it contained one of the four copies of the Koran deposited by the Calinh Othman in the four chief Moslem cities. The Koran has been destroyed, but the library otherwise is intact. It is said that the "rebuilding of the Mosque is now being carried out in a way which recalls the work on the great cathedrals of the middle ages." Even ladies of position are insisting on sharing in the manual labour.

Bishop Hirth of the Koman Catholic Mission in Uganda is finding it desirable to circulate the Scriptures. He writes .- "After much hesitation, I have concluded that it is necessary for us to print the New Testament, which the Protestants are spreading everywhere. The chief reason is that we cannot prevent our people from reading it—everbody wishes lo know how to read for baptism-except women and old men. We are therefore preparing an edition with Notes from the Holy Fathers." One can appreciate the bishop's trouble when one hears that in June last eighty-nine boxes were despatched from London containing 1,511 complete copies of the New Testament, 5,170 volumes containing the four Gospels and the Acts, 406 books containing St. Paul's Epistles, and 25,880 separate copies of the Gospels and Acts.

The Free Church of Scotland Monthly says of the Cunningham Lectures which Dr. Hugh Mac-millan has just been giving: "Dr. Hugh Macmillan ought to have felt gratified by seeing, day by d such large audiences gathering into the Assembly Hall to hear his lectures. The weather was almost always exceedingly unfavourable, storms of wind and rain making it difficult to walk through the streets. But, notwithstanding, numbers came invariably, and the need for resorting to the Moncreiff Hall never arose. His subject was an interesting me-Biblical Archæology-and his treatment of it as might have been expected from such an accomplished man of letters) was highly attractive. The book, when it appears, will be read with avidity, occause the lectures were so crowded with facts that twas difficult to follow them; and, we may add, twill be greatly valued, inasmuch as all that was said was confirmatory of the Bible records. In this last characteristic, Dr. Macmillan's lectures were in striking contrast to those of Professor Pfleiderer, whose rationalism was sadly conspicuous."

Lord Rosebery, Gladstone's successor in the Premiership, is a comparatively young man, being only forty-seven years of age. He is of an ancient Scottish house which takes its name from the estate of Primrose, in Fifeshire. He was educated at Eton and at Christ's Church, Oxford, at both of which institutions he ranked high. It is said that both Disraeli and Mr. Gladstone regarded him even in youth as one of the brightest and most promising young men in Oxford. His father never became Earl, but died in 1851. The present Lord Rose-bery had only attained his majority in 1868 and was about to seek a seat in the House of Commons when his grandfather died and he became a member of the House of Lords. He at once identified himself with the Liberal party. An aristocrat by birth, he is a democrat in principle, and the general opinion seems to be that he will make a very suitable successor for the great Mr. Gladstone.

One of the guarantees of continued peace in Europe is said to be the aversion of the present Czar of Russia to war. We are told that during the Russo-Turkish campaign, when he witnessed the unutterable suffering of the wounded and dying on the battlefield he solemnly resolved that during his reign there should be no war if he could prevent it. The recent commercial treaty ratified between Germany and Russia seems to be a sort of pledge of peace between these two of the chief combatants in any probable European conflict. In these latter days when the engines of death are so nearly perfect in their destructiveness, and when the nations of Christendom are united by such far-reaching and vital commercial relations, war is not a thing to be lightly undertaken. The great nations with their great armies shrink from such a cata trophe. May it not be that we are approaching the time when, on account of the very perfection of the military art, wars shall be made cease unto the end of the earth?

The great lottery which for so many years had its headquarters in New Orleans was a fruitful source of demoralization to the whole of the United States and far beyond. Since it has been declared illegal it has been trying every possible means to evade the law and prolong its baneful work. It sought to establish itself in Florida, at Port Tampa, but it does not seem likely to succeed in its new home. The postmasters at all the principal American cities along the Canada border were last month forbidden by Postmaster-General Bissell to certify money orders payable to anyone connected with the lottery company and directing that all registered letters addressed to the company should be returned to senders stamped as fraudulent. The Postmaster General has also issued an order directing that no mail for Honduras shall be sent to Tampa, even if specially addressed via Tampa. All such mail must be sent directly to New Orleans and thence to Honduras. This will upset the plans by which the lottery company has been evading the law.

The British consul at Jerusalem has sent home a report on the Jaffa Railway. It is about fifty miles in length; it passes some twenty towns and villages with a combined population of 100,000; and its construction cost only £6,800 per mile. If the new railway projected between Beyrout or Damascus and Suez is carried out, Palestine will be placed in contact with all the world. The railway will run along the coast, and have branch lines at various points into the interior. One clings to the hope that sooner or later the Jews will be gathered again into their own land. But in the meantime it is natural to ask what may be the nearer result of the opening up of the country, and it is worth while to recall the fact that Laurence Oliphant speaks strongly of the capabilities of the regions beyond the Jordan, and urges their colonization. For one thing, he says, "there can be little doubt that the Dead Sea is a mine of unexplored wealth, which only needs the application of capital and enterprise to make it most lucrative property."

For some time past the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been preparing for presentation to the different governments a monster petition against the liquor and opium traffic and against legalized vice. It has grown until it bears now over two million individual signatures, and with the attestation of certain societies, not less than three million. In order to present this an around the world-demonstration is to be organized, a first-class steamer to be chartered, and a party of one hundred persons, it is said, will accompany Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Willard in the presentation. The plan is to begin with the United States Government next October. They will then go to Great Britain, having a grand demonstration at Exeter Hall, London, on November 1st. Italy will be the next point, where it is hoped that both the Pope and the King of Italy will receive the delegation. Greece, Jerusalem and Cairo will then be visited. It is intended to reach India in time for the National Congress, and great mass meetings will be held in all the principal cities. From Calcutta they will go to Ceylon, Australia, China, Japan, etc.

About one hundred years ago bankruptcy and the intolerable burdens of over-taxation precipitated the French revolution. The fear of bankruptcy. caused by the keeping up an army on a war footing in time of peace, necessitates in Italy taxation hardly less oppressive than that under which the French people groaned in the reign of Louis XVI. The defect in the Italian treasury for the year lately ended was \$30,000,000, and the only thing which the Chamber of Deputies or the Minister of the Treasury has been able to do toward relieving the situation has been to make some slight attempt to curtail public expenses, and to vote a new taxation by which it is hoped to meet one half of the deficit. In the meantime to maintain its standing as a member of the triple alliance the army must still be kept up, and a deficit for the new year is accumulating. The people, ground to abject poverty, show signs of resistance and even revolt. An uprising in Sicily has but recently been quelled. In Italy, as elsewhere in Europe, the most threatening danger seems to be not a conflict of nation with nation, but an aprising of the oppressed and downtrodden classes against their rulers In Italy it seems scarcely possible for the present unnatural conditions to continue much longer without a crisis which might mean the overthrow of the present order of things and the present form of government.

On a recent Sabbath morning, at the close of his forenoon service in the Free High Church. Edinburgh, Rev. Dr. Walter C. Smith took occasion briefly to refer to his contemplated retirement from the pastorate of the congregation. The subject had long been occupying his mind, and he had been compelled to think that he was no longer fit for the work with its increasing burden. He had striven with all his heart to do as well as he was atle, and the work in consequence had suffered through his long delay. He had thought at one time have been able t a little while longer with a colleague-assistant, but he had been forced to the conviction that the right course was to do what he had done. He took the step in the interest of the congregation. He thought that if a man, frankly looking at himself and his position, found that he was no longer able to fill that position, he ought to put himself out of the way in order that someone who was able might occupy his place. That was what he had been anxious to do on behalf of the congregation. He had no wish to lead an idle and easy life, and he hoped, if God spared him, to be of some service to the congregation and to the church. If they loved him, as he believed they did, let them hold fast. He would do everything in his power to facilitate a settlement, and they would soon get a man who would bring more strength to the work, so that they would be blessed in the future as in the past.

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Our Contributors.

A MILD SUGGESTION.

BY KNOXONIAN.

It is alleged that there is a great deal of restlessness in the Presbyterian Church of this country. People with itching ears are said to be on the increase. Solid men are dying and feather-heads are taking their places. The lovers of sermonic strong meat are passing away, or are being put on back seats, while the lovers of veal and pulpit cons fectionery are shouting in the front. There are mysterious whispers about " under-tones," and other terrible things in many congregations that present a smooth enough surface. All this, and a good deal more, has been discussed in the press during the last few months. It is useless to deny that there is some truth in it. Smoke cannot be produced without some fire. Various factors may have been at work sapping the respect that people have, or ought to have, for the church of God. Each age has its characteristics and morbid restlessness may be the characteristic of ours. There is no use in fighting a mania. A mania may be treated; it cannot be crushed. It has been already stated more than once in this corner that the restlessness complained of may be greatly exaggerated. Restlessness is noisy and demonstrative. One person who takes hysterics in a church during worship makes more noise than a thousand devout worshippers. One congregation with a call, or an eviction on hand, gets more dead head advertising than a dozen congregations quietly doing the Lord's work.

But supposing there is some restlessness in the church what are we doing to guide it and lessen its baneful effects. There is nothing to be gained by scolding. You cannot scold restlessness out of people any more than you can scold sin out of them. The restlessness if not sin is one of the effects of sin. "Men cannot be scolded out of sin or lectured into virtue," said Dr. Punshon or some other man who knew human nature. Have we no resources on which we can draw for something to lessen restlessness. We have already given it as the opinion of this corner that better preaching and better pastoral visitation are the only human remedies that can be relied on, but they are not the only remedies. We

AN OCCASIONAL EXCHANGE OF PULPITS would be a good thing. Here are some reasons for our belief. No man can preach all the truth and a stranger in the pulpit will very likely present some truth that may not have been presented by the pastor.

Most ministers have a habit of looking at truth from one point of view, a preacher who looks at truth from another point of view will give a pleasing variety to the congregation.

It is difficult for the most industrious minister to do his other work faithfully and prepare fresh matter for the same people one hundred and fifty times a year.

People who are not cursed with itching ears and who may be thoroughly loyal to their own pastor may be willing enough to hear a neighbour occasionally. Is there anything wrong about that? What class of people go round more than clergymen when they get a

An occasional exchange gives a minister a week and a week is a great thing for a busy man. During that week he can take a rest, read a good book or two, bring up arrears of pastoral visitation and do a good many things that he could not touch if he had two sermons to write.

Viewed from a wider standpoint an exchange may be a good thing. Theoretically we say a minister is the servant of the whole church. Practically he works for one small fraction of the church. If our theory is good for anything it surely might do us a little good to try and live a little up to it.

The personnel of the ministry would, we believe, be considerably improved by occasional exchanges. There is none too much sympathy among clergymen, and truth, to say, many Presbyterian ministers do little to help

Here as everywhere else there would be some difficulties.

The young man who pays himself and his congregation the compliment of thinking that the congregation would go to pieces if he left for one day, would of course not want to exchange with anybody. If his work is so poorly put together that he has to stand by and watch it all the time he ought to stand right there and hold it up. We once knew a young pastor who declared he could not bear to leave his "dear people" even for a day. The "dear people" did without him altogether not long after he thought they could not do without him for a day.

Then in most congregations there are one or two males or females who always go up to a stranger and say, "if we only had a man like you here," or something to that effect.

The most serious opposition would come from a conscientious class of ministers who might wish to avoid the suspicion of laziness. Hitherto, "exchanging" to any extent has been considered evidence of laziness or of the fact that a minister had got to the bottom of his barrel.

Far be it from this corner to suggest anything that would encourage clerical inertia. What we mean is such occasional exchanges as would give ministers a chance to preach better sermons and give the people a pleasing variety. Why should anybody advocate even a modified itinerancy when we do not avail ourselves of the variety we have in exchanges. There is an immense variety of gifts in the Presbyterian ministry between Principal Caven and the young minister who rides a bicycle dressed in knickerbockers.

For the CANADA PRESEVEERIAN. STUDENTS CONVENTION AT DETROIT.

BY REV. R. P. MACKAY., B.A.

In July, 1886, a conference of college men was held at Mount Hermon upon Mr. Moody's invitation, for the purpose of Bible study. There were 251 students present representing 87 colleges. Ten days had passed before a word was said about missions, but a few men, especially young Wilder, were cherishing the conviction that God intended a number of these students for the foreign field. On the evening of July the 16th a missionary meeting was held at which Dr. Pierson pressed home the Lord's call for laborers and the perishing world's need. Another meeting was held and another and another and at the close of the conference an even one hundred volunteered to become messengers for Jesus Christ amongst the heathen, if God should open up the way. That is the origin of the Students' Volunteer Movement. The fire soon spread. A deputation of students was appointed to visit the colleges, with the result that 477 institutions of learning have been reached and over 7,000 have volunteered to take part in this ministry. It very soon became apparent that enthusiasm evaporates; many students who volunteered during the first three years of the movement vanished and cannot be accounted for. This unsatisfactory state of affairs made it at once apparent that careful organization was necessary in order to secure what had been gained. Travelling secretaries were appointed to visit the colleges systematically and keep the machinery in order, with the result that after the first three years very few who enrolled themselves retreated from their declaration, and there are at the present time on this continent 3,200 bona fide volunteers who declare it to be their purpose. if God permits, to obey the Saviour's command-to carry the gospel to the regions beyond. The first convention of this organizawas held in Cleveland in the spring of 1891, which was considered in every respect a successful gathering. The second convention was held in Detroit on the 28th Feb. and the four following days. There were present 1,187 students, representing 294 institutions of learning, 151 of these students being from Canada. There were 38 religious bodies represented, 50 missionary societies, 50 missionaries who had been in the foreign field-some of them for over 40 years. So large a representation from abroad, together with the widespread interest existing amongst the Christian people of Detroit, secured very large audiences throughout the whole convention, the evening audiences overflowing into two of the neigh-

bouring churches.

The object of this organization is not the sending out of missionaries. That is the work of the boards, and the students do not purpose to invade their territory. Their aim is the cultivation of a missionary spirit in the colleges and thus meet the demands of the various boards in order to evangelise the world in this generation. That will to many appear to be a hopeless undertaking-and yet is it? In the light of the commission "All power is given unto"-"Lo I am with you always"-"Go ye therefore." Is it too much to undertake? If it is not undertaken and overtaken in this generation, so far as this generation is concerned, it will never be done. They will be gone into eterniny not having known Christ. With the promise and command of the Lord of missions, and the world's awful need, surely the students are right in this holy ambition. although so impossible to unbelief.

There were three mottoes displayed which answer all difficulties: "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations," etc., "Let us advance upon our knees," "The evangelization of the world in this generation." These mottoes translated into practice will remove all mountains and reach the end in view. It is not, of course, expected that all students can go abroad, but if the 250,000 students on this continent are duly impressed with the importance of the work, those who remain at home will do their part in the church, and there will be universal effort towards this the greatest and most important service ever undertaken by Spirit-inspired men. By organization, missionary meetings, literature, etc., the students of America have inaugurated this movement and are labouring to that end. Already 686 of these volunteers are known to be in the foreign field, and yet it was only in 1886 the first meeting was held. In the colleges of Great Britain there are only 700 volunteers, but 80 or 90 per cent. of all volunteers who graduated since the movement began found their way into the foreign field. Surely the possibilities are incalculable and should elicit the sympathy and co-oporation and prayer of every one who has a heart that can feel for perishing men and a conscience that urges obedience to the Lord's command. It has been said by an American scientist that if the heart-beats of one man could be brought to bear on the Bunker Hill monument, it would crumble to dust. So if the heart-beats of the church were brought to bear upon the great rock of heathenism, which has been intermittently assailed for sixty generations, before one generation more passed the gospel would be preached to every creature. Does not the very thought thrill us with an ambition to be partners in this glorious enterprise? The tone of the Detroit meetings was pre-eminently spiritual. That was ever kept in view. Prayer was always in order, speeches were begun and ended in prayer and delivered to praying audiences. There was no strong manifestation of emotion, the addresses were not fitted to produce such results, but were rather intended to deepen a sense of responsibility as soldiers of Iesus Christ by the presentation of His claims upon us and His interest in this world for which He died. That the services were effective appeared in many ways, especially at the close, when 31 students stated that during these days they had resolved to consecrate their lives to Foreign Missions. When the chairman asked how many in the meeting expected to go to the foreign field within a year 52 men and women arose and each in a sentence or two named the field to which they expected to go and stated the motive that actuated them.

and simply emotional and evanescent in their results. No doubt we have a great many of them and often they may have been disappointing. However, that cannot be said of the conventions held in Toronto and Hamiltion and Brantford and London and Detroit. That they were immediately fruitful in many lives is quite apparent and that there will be a future harvest can be doubted only by the unsympathetic. Yet it ought not to be forgotten that it is as needful that we should have much prayer after as well as before. If every Christian would accept the Student Volunteer metto, "Let us advance on our knees," what might not the harvest be?

WHAT IS MEANI BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE CONFESSION OF FAITH!

The question at the head of this article has special importance to-day when those who appear to be openly departing from the tra ditional forms of faith are so frequently charged, not only with the holding of false views, which so-called "false" views may be honestly held and eventually found to be correct, but also with violating their fraternal obligations as covenanted in their ordination vow, with being dishonest in retaining their position in a church with whose standards they know themselves to be at variance. In our present and humble contribution towards an answer to the question with which we began, we shall seek brevity and confine ourselves chiefly to facts which may be viewed as precedents, leaving the definition of limits, which we hold to be variable, to other hands and another time.

When the negotiations for union between the old and new schools of the American Presbyterian Church was nearing a critical point, the elder Dr. Hodge contributed as article to the old Princeton Review upon this very point, and its manifest breadth did very much, if, indeed, it was not the turning point towards completing successfully the negotiations. We have not the article by us, and it is long since we read the same, but our line of thought we know to be but a following of Dr. Hodges' argument as to its general divisions

Three views may be held as to what is meant by subscription. It is related of a certain Scottish professor, whose chair could only be occupied by one who subscribed to the Confession, that being asked on his installation -Is this the Confession of your faith? replied as he took the pen in hand, Yes, and great deal more! That such a relation to subscription has been practically maintained by some cannot be well doubted; as readily may it be asserted that no church has yet ever accepted such a relation as implied in its demand for subscription. That view, which means anything or nothing, need not detain

Nor the opposite extreme, that as with a contract so with subscription, every article in every part must be taken as binding. In which case all subscribing would be bound of maintain the six-day theory of creation, theircestuous character of a marriage relation condoned by the entire church at least for a generation, with many details of controversial doctrine in many instances utterly forgotten Certainly not one representative Presbyterian Church has ever asked such subscription from its ministers, or attempted thus to fetter

There is a middle ground, but the limits

have never been rigidly defined, and here, it anywhere, the question presses as to how far the Confession is to be accepted by those who subscribe. Our American friends define their acceptance by the term "System of Doctrine," i.e., the Calvinistic system in general as in contrast to exclusive Arminianism. Yet the definition needs defining. What is the system? If the Synod of Dort's decisions be the norm of the Calvinistic system of doctrine we must not look to the general declarations from the pulpits of present day Presbyterianism for any very plain manifestation thereof. Indeed the Institutes of Arminius rival those of Calvin in the accepted system of doctrine, especially is this the case in respect to the extent of the atonement and the unconditional decrees. If this statement is questioned in its applicability to ourselves as well as to our American breth ren, let it be remembered that in the school of divinity connected with one of the bodies forming our present happily united church Wardlaw's system of theology with its gov ernmental theory of the atonement was a test book. This, however, may safely be said, and system that would displace the sovereignty of God from its centre, especially by substituting therefore the will of the creature, would not be the system of doctrine required by the church that asks general acceptance to the Westminster symbols. That "general-acceptance" is all that the church means is not only to be gathered from its tolerance of broader views, but also by the actions of the supreme courts. Let two examples- suffice. The premillennial theory of the second

advent of our Lord is not only not taught in the Confession, but in so far as any utterance is given, the opposite teaching is set forth; Christ's second comtng being placed contemporary with the general resurrection and the final judgment. No amount of special pleading can harmonize premillennialism with the Position of the Standards. Yet one section of the present united church did appoint to its chair of Systematic Theology a minister who was known to hold those views of Eschatology which in this particular are at variance with the teachings of the Confession, thus setting its seal upon a subscription of large liberty in a matter of detail. The appointment was not made because of those views, but in spite of them, and the church's forbearance in that matter is strongly in contrast with the propagandist spirit of many thus tolerated in the communion. Again. The Confession explicitly states that the Pope is Antichrist, which stamps as Antichristian the Papal Church, and commits itself to thus explaining II Thes.

Yet Roman Catholic priests have been accorded status in the Presbyterian Church without baptism or ordination. In other words, the baptism and ordination of Antichrist has been officially accepted if the Confession is to be construed literally. The church in these instances is harder than its creed, to which it has never asked a slavish adherence, while at the same time it seeks to guard as a sacred trust the faith once for all delivered to the saints..

It would appear, therefore, that charges of unfaithfulness to the terms of compact are not to be ruthlessly made, and that the church will from time to time as light and truth break forth, declare either by tolerance or by act, how far in details departure from the text of the Standards may be allowed. And the church may be depended upon in this matter, the virtual liberty given to orderly discussion, and the time necessarily spent as the case-if case there be-goes from court to court are safeguards against precipitancy on either side. Only let individuals be trustful the one towards the other, and patient; neither liberalism nor conservatism will have cause to fear. Only let liberty be used not as an occasion to the flesh but for the serving of each other in love, and the holding fast be by the prrving of all things, retaining that which is good.

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A SYNOD MINUTE BOOK OF TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

No. I.

Those who have any general knowledge of the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland are aware that prior to 1840 there were two bodies in Ireland, each represented by a Synod. The strongest and most numerous body had for its Supreme Court the Synod of Ulster, and the representatives of the movement of the Erskines had the Secession Synod. At the date mentioned the two bodies united, and from that time forward the Supreme Court has been known as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. It was only after the present century had begun to run its course that the minutes of the Synod of Ulster were printed, those of earlier dates were until very lately hidden away in the manuscript books in which they were originally transcribed. Of course the records jealously preserved, by leave of the Church Courts historians such as Reid and Killen and Witherow having free access to them for literary purposes. At the suggestion of the last-named it was arranged a few years ago to have them printed, but so far only one of these volumes has appeared. This volume came into the writer's hands some weeks ago, a present from an Irish friend who passed through Canada on his way from the World's Fair in August last. We propose to tell our readers some things about a volume which is of great interest as well as valuable for historical purposes. The archaic spelling and contractions are retained, but there is no difficulty worth mentioning in reading the

This volume contains the minutes of the years 1691 to 1720 inclusive. There are not

quite thirty meetings recorded, for some two or three years during that time the Synod seems not to have come together. There are some twenty-seven meetings of which the proceedings are given. An attentive and observant reader will find many striking contrasts between the ways of transacting business then as well as in the mode of recording them and our ways and modes of doing things now.

To begin with the roll. Two centuries ago our ancestors contented themselves with a very bold form of making up their roll. The ministers' names were set down in one column in Presbyteries, and the elders who were in attendance, side by side in another column, and that was all. No date of ordination, no name of congregation, no post office. If the reader of the present day wishes to ascertain such interesting items as these he will have to spend some time and have recourse to other sources to find them out. To know the name of a minister and not to know the locality where he lived and labored does not amount to much as we think of it now. The writer has taken the trouble to mark in his copy throughout the congregation opposite the minister's name, and he ventures to say that there are very few in Canada in possession of the materials for performing that task. There is not much of a boast in saying that. Possibly there are not a great many who care whether they have the material or not. Moreover it is very puzzling occasionally to identify the old name of the congregation with the modern name of it. We have come across names here we never heard before in all our reading, but in no case have we failed to find the modern representative of the old charge. In one respect there is evidence of the former days being better than these. That is in the number of elders that attended. For every ten ministers in attendance there were as a rule eight or nine elders. The elders of rural congregations in those days were as faithful in attendance as those from towns and cities.

So far as the ministers were concerned the absentees from meetings of Synod were taken to task with a sharpness that shows the oversight to have been of a real character. We find some exercises that were made accepted and some were not. If there were vacant congregations that the Synod made arrangements for supplying, the absentees as a rule were required to do double duty as compared with those who were in attendance on Synod. That was one way of putting a penalty on the defaulters.

When vacant congregations in important counties were to be filled, the Synod exercised its episcopal authority with a high hand. The personal preferences of the brother called from a country charge to a town or city weighed very little; it was what was thought to be for the good of the church as a whole that determined the issue. There are exceptions to all rules, no matter how iron bound they are. One brother resisted the decree even at the peril of being suspended or deposed and in the end by pure persistency and passive resistance had his way. But that is a very rare instance. If an important congregation called a licentiate, the Synod made strict inquiry as to whether the young man in their opinion was equal to the demands to be made upon him ere the Presbytery of the bounds was allowed to ordain and induct him. The supervision that was exercised at all times was by no means an easy yoke in particular instances, but the result as a whole, so far as one may judge from reading these proceedings, was salutary. It is to be remembered that at that time the Presbyterian Church was under grave disabilities, and these disabilities are ever and anon manifest in the deliberations. The toleration granted to nonestablished churches was of a very limited kiad. There was naturally a good deal of restiveness under the yoke which the Anglican brethren continued to make as galling as

The Parsees in Bombay, "the Jews of India," are influential, public spirited and progressive, says a writer in World Wide Missions. They number 50,000—more than half the whole number of Parsees in India, and are descendants of the Persian exiles who twelve hundred years ago were allowed to settle in Guierat on agreeing to adopt some features of the Hindu religion.

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Are you willing, in the event of your untimely death, that your wife and children should experience a double bereavement in the loss, not only of a husband and father, but also of suitable means of protecting them from the privation, distress and humiliating economies necessitated by poverty?

After perusing the above you should act at once, by communicating with the agents of some responsible life insurance company, and endeavour, if it lies in your power, to place some insurance on your life. A life company that has a record for the prompt payment of death claims and for liberal treatment to its members is the one in which you should insure your life. The North American Life Assurance Company of this city, has justly earned for itself a splendid reputation for the promptness with which it has paid its losses, and for the unexcelled success that has attended its financial operations. To-day the Company has assets of \$1,703,453.39, and a net surplus for its policy-holders of \$297,062.26.

It used to be a jocose remark long ago that officials bound for India used to say good-bye to Sunday at the Cape of Good Hope. It would seem that many members of Evangelical Churches do something of the same kind when they become shipowners or ship cap-It is well known that steamers in the coasting trade have their times of sailing so arranged that they are at sea on Sunday, and those employed on them are thus robbed of spiritual ministrations, if not of bodily rest. This desecration of Sunday seems to be extending. A report from Savona says-"British sailors in an Italian, Spanish, Belgian, Danish, Swedish, or Norwegian vessel -in fact, under any other flag than their own-may be seen enjoying their Day of Rest when they happen to have a Sunday in port; but under the British flag this right, this necessity is denied them. Can it be wondered at that by some we are looked upon as a nation of shopkeepers, whose only god is money, and whose gains are thought of far more importance than the souls of men? It is a sore disgrace.' "

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of this Company held last month, its forty-third report was presented. In common with all such Companies doing business, the very exceptional circumstances in a business point of view of last year were referred to. In conformity with a resolution passed a year ago the paid up capital has been increased to \$1,000,000. During the last five years preceding 1893 it paid dividends at the rate of ten per cent., and now out of its ample reserve fund, which it has been the policy of this Company to accumulate during prosperous years, it has been abundantly able to bear the strain of the last unusual year. Large as the losses of last year hav been as compared with preceding years the chairman showed in his report that in Canada they have been much less than that of companies doing a similar kind of business in the United States. With a reserve fund of over one million, and assets valued at \$2,412,642, this Company possesses a financial standing which must in the luture continue to command for it a liberal share of the best business of the continent. In the report the Company's officers and agents were accorded praise for their management throughout a particularly trying year. Mr. A. M. Smith and Mr. Geo. A. Cox were re-elected president and vice-president respectively for the ensuing year.

When we embark in the dangerous ship called Life, we must not, like Utysses, be tied to the mast; we must know how to listen to the songs of the sirens and how to brave their blandishments.—Arsene Houssave.

Christian Endeavor.

HOW AND WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

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April 1.-Matt. 6:5-15

Prayer is a most helpful means of grace. It is one of outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption. It is important, therefore, that we should know how to engage in it.

I. How should we pray?

- (1) We should pray reverently. We should remember that we are coming into the presence of the great God who searches the hearts of the children of men. Our hearts should be impressed with the thought that God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him (Ps. lxxxix. 7; Heb. xii. 28). Levity is utterly out of place in prayer. We should not be rash to utter anything before God for He is in heaven and we are upon the earth (Eccles. v. 2).
- (2) We should present our petitions in the name of Christ. "There is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. ii. 5). Very frequently did Christ remind His disciples that they must present their prayers to God in His name (John xiv. 13, 14; xv. 16; xvi. 23, 26).
- (3) We should pray in faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. xi. 6). "All things whatsoever we ask in faith, believing, we shall receive" (Matt. xxi. 22). According to our faith it shall be done to us (Matt. ix. 29).
- (4) We should also pray earnestly, or with importunity. This feature of prayer was emphasized by Christ in the parable of the Friend who came at Midnight, and also in that of the Unjust Judge. How earnest and importunate Jacob was! To the angel who wrestled with him he said, " I will not let thee go except thou bless me." How importunate Paul was also! Three times he besought the Lord to remove that thorn in the flesh (II. Cor. xii. 7, 9).
- (5) While we ask for what we desire we should always be prepared to submit to God's will. He knows what is best for us, whereas we know only what we would like to have, and what is best may be very different things. Let us be satisfied then, that even though we do not receive what we desire, we shall receive something better, and let us be prepared to say, "Let Him do as seemeth Him good."
- II. Why should we pray? Many are asking now the question long ago asked by another, "What profit shall we have if we pray unto Him?" The profit is greater every
- (1) We shall receive many of the things we ask for. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James v. 16, 18). The poet wrote:

"Who can tell but God may let some halfformed purpose wait, In answer to a strong united cry?"

But we do not so understand God's plans and purposes. God promised certain blessings to Israel, but he added, "Yet for all this will I be inquired of by the House of Israel to do it for them."

- (2) Even if we fail to receive the blessing which we desire, we shall receive something better. So it was with Paul (II. Cor. xii. 7, 9). "They that truly seek the Lord shall not lack any good." "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." He may withhold some things-indeed, He may withhold many things, but He will withhold no good thing.
- (3) In any case we shall have communion with God, and such fellowship can result only in good to us. Luther was accustomed to advise his friends to be much in communion with God, because he thought that if they were helped by being in the company of great and good men, they would be much more benefited by being much in fellowship with God.

Cumberland Presbyterian: A good way to begin work in a new field is to double the circulation of the church paper.

Pastor and People.

THE TRUE SHEPHERD

I was wandering and weary.
When my Saviour came unto me:
For the ways of sin grew dreary,
And the world nad ceased to woo me,
And the ught I heard him say,
As he came along his way,
"O foolish souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me;
I am the Stepheid true"

At first I would not hearken,
And put off till the morrow,
But life began to darken,
And I was sick with sorrow
And I thought I heard him say,
As he came along the way,
"O wandering souls' c'me near me
My sheep should never fear me,
I am the Shepherd true."

At last I stopped to listen;
Ilis vo'ce could not deceive me!
I saw his kind eye glisten,
So anxious to relieve me,
And I thought I heard him say,
As he went along his way,
"O dying souls I come near me;
My sheep should never fear me,
I am the Shepherd true"

He took me on his shoulder,
And tenderly he kissed me,
He bade my love he bo'der,
And said how he had missed me;
And I'm sure I heard him say,
As he went along the way,
"Oh precious souls! come near me,
My sheep should never fear me,
I am the Shepherd true."

Strange gladness seemed to move him Whenever I did better;
And he coaxed me so to love him,
As if he was my debtor.
And I always heard him say,
As he went along his way,
"O precious souls! come near me;
My sheep should never tear me,
I am the Shepherd true."

I thought his love would weaken.

As more and more he knew me,
But it burneth like a beacon,

And its light and heat go through me
And I ever hear him say,
As he goes along his way,
"O which souls! come near me,
My sheep should never fear me,
I am the Shepherd true."

Let us do then, dearest brothers.
What will best and longest pleaze us;
Follow not the ways of others,
But trust ourselves to Jesus.
We shall ever hear him say.
As he goes along his way,
"O wandering souls! come near me;
My sheep should never fear me,
I am the Shepherd true."

- Faber.

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

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It is not too much to say, that Bunyan's beautiful dream does not come enough into the hearts of godly men in our day! It does not haunt them and so it does not instruct them, and fill them with a great spiritual hunger for real advancement. Speak of it, and its bright, suggestive scenes all live again; but it needs this touch to make them live. This dream, with its rich and lovely picturings, painted with the sharp colouring of our simple Anglo-Saxon speech, and set in an atmosphere which only true genius can command, will never fade away. It will abide forever, to charm the soul and elevate the thought and ennoble the feeling of the followers of Christ. It is for the church an everlasting possession. And its teaching shall never become obsolete, because it is teaching the church always needs. No doubt, many may egard tue teachings as too narrow. covering the entire field of human activity, as being too strictly puritanic. And there is something in that objection. Bunyan gives us too exclusively the religious side of life, if we may venture such a statement in view of the fact well understood everywhere to-day, that all man's life is religious. But he so represents the pilgrim's action as though he had nought else to care for or consider. And so, as Charles Kingsley has pointed out, Edmund Spencer, has given a more just conception of Christian life in his great allegory, "Faery Queene." It is the nineteenth century conception. He says, "In the great allegory of the anti-Paritanic party, man is considered as striving to do noble work in this world, not merely, as in 'The Pilgrim's Progress, to pass through it on his journey to some Setter world, in the former, therefore, the proper background is the world itself, in all its forms whether national or artificial, and in the latter the world is renounced and the only background is the heaven toward which man is journeying." This parrowness of Bunyan's conception no one will deny. It is the powerful, concentrated, puritance conception, marking a strong and resolute revolt from a life of licentiousness and frivolity.

We need this, with its mighty emphasis, to counteract our sin which " doth so easily beset us," unbelief, and slipping into the life and ways of unbelievers. And we need to bring to the front its fundamental thought-progress. It is a reasonable and manful step to take, to come to the cross and look upon Christ and accept Him as our own sacrifice for sin. That is the first step in the life of godliness. Without that as a thoughtful and deliberate act, no other step, distinctively Christian, can be taken. That is the beginning, the setting out on a Christian course. But it is only the beginning, the whole of a life of faith and love and godliness lies beyond it. He has believed, now there is "the obedience of faith." He has received life, now he is to live as one who is alive unto God. He has been put in possession of a talent, now he is to trade with that talent. He has started to run, now he is to run the race set before him, looking unto Jesus. He is not to stand still; where life is, growth will be; and advancement and enlargement, in a word, progress!

Many a godly man is miserable and uahappy and an open sore of discontent, among even godly people, because he is not going forward. He ought to grow, but he does not, and a peevish, snarling, faultfinding temper takes possession of him. He sees good nowhere and in no one. He is all out of sorts himself and he does his best to make everyone he can influence like himself. A task, alas! that is often all too easy. He has fallen out of the circle of the heavenly harmonies and lies all broken and discordant. He gets no good out of Bible, prayer meeting or preaching. There comes to him only bitter reflections, severe condemnations and awful denunciations. He is the mark that every fiery arrow strikes. He is the object that every flash of lightning hits. He is the unfortunate one. The very happiness of others only increases his misery.

He is standing in a place that he ought to have left behind. He is not obeying the heavenly voices that cry, forward ! FORWARD!! If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above ! Giving ail diligence -mark the words-all diligence, add to your faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, etc! Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection ! Such is the uniform teaching of the New Testament. We are informed that God's purpose is that we should be "conformed to the image of his Son." And we have exceeding great and precious promises given to us that by them we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption of the world through lust.

We have also examples set before us to inspire us to effort, to win us to devotion, to fill us with enthusiasm. Paul cries, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Our Lord's watchword is akin to this, "Follow me."

Madan's poetic rendering of Micah's words, "Arise ye.. this is not your rest," is ringing with the New Testament spirit and feeling:

"Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings;
Thy better portion trace;
Rise from transitory things,
Towards heaven thy native place.
Sun, moon and stars decay;
Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
To seats prepared above."

The progress which the Christian makes is one which begins within first. Heartwork first, then handwork. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. With the heart man be-

lieveth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. When God draws us, and that He does by the cords of love gracious and tender considerations that take hold of our inner nature—then we run after Him. Obedience then is easy and delightful. We joy to do His will. And in this there is true and blissful freedom. We come in to the sweet consciousness that we are not slaves, but sons. Sons of God! Dr. Thomas Chalmers having been feasting for a time on the pure gospel delineated in "The Marrow of Modern Divinity," writes in his diary this brief but highly significant statement. "August 24-Finished the 'Marrow.' I feel a growing delight in the fulness and sufficiency of Christ. O my God, bring me nearer and nearer to Him." There we have laid bare the very roots of progress. In another part of his diary we have this heart-deep cry, "O Heavenly Father, convert my religion from a name to a principle. Bring all my thoughts and movements into a habitual reference to Thee. May I call on Thy name in deed and reality, that I may be saved." There we have the growing Christian.

Henry Alford, D.D., that beautiful soul loved and honored by all who had the joy of his acquaintance, records this in his journal when twenty-three years of age, attending Cambridge. "Reading aloud during our walks Isaac Walton's 'Life of Herbert.' I am determined by God's grace to be a follower of him, as he was of Christ." And in the same week, "I have been reading a review of the life of Felix Neff; many points to be imitated in it, particularly his entire devotedness to his work. O Lord, grant me the like."

These are the breathings of a devout and a progressive soul. The Rev. Thomas K. Beecher was wont to attend Episcopal service as a lad in Philadelphia. Being in the choir he was invited to join the church. His father, Lyman Beecher, visited him there and they conversed much about this matter. His father's advice was given in these words: "Tom, your mother loved the Episcopal Church. She was a good woman. The Episcopal Church is as good as any. Go there if you can do any good by going; I have no objection at all, only whatever church you go to, be a Christian and WORK."

Work! Ah. vigorous health, good appetite, growth and every kind of usefulness as well as happiness come through work. So our loving Master says, "Son, go work to-day in

my vineyard."

We are pilgrims and strangers on the way home and our Christ-likeness is to be put on in doing the Master's will, and so we shall be armed against Giant Despair, Vanity Fair, the Valley of the Shadow of Death and the terror of every lion along the way, and fitted to enjoy the Interpreter's House, the enchanted ground, the laud of Beulah, and go safely across the cold river to the fair palace of the King. And in addition to this, we shall have wrought such good along the way, that the world shall be the better for our being in it. And we being dead shall yet continue to speak.

A LESSON FROM A USEFUL LIFE.

On the first Sabbath morning of this month, a little before church bells were calling worshippers to the house of God, there entered into His eternal rest, from her own quietly home in Brick Church, N.J., one who has spent a long life of Christian usefulness and service. Happily such records are not so rare that they need to be especially noted, but sometimes, as in this case, there are features that have a value in illustrating truths too little appreciated.

The life just closed owed its earnestness and steadfastness in Christian character and service to the very wise action of her parents at a critical period of her youth, and this account is given with the thought that it may be useful by way of example.

Mrs. Juliana Bukley was the widow of the late Or. Henry D. Bukley, for nearly a third of a century a leading New York physician The home of her early life was at Rome, N.Y., and when she had availed herself of the advantages the place could give, her parenta sent her to a school of high character in a distant city. Some time after she had lettiner home a new and stirring interest arose in the

town; that wonderful evangelist, the Rev. Charles G. Finney, visited it, moving its people deeply as he spoke of the things of God. As the interest increased Juliana's parents greatly regretted the absence of their young daughter from these influences.

She was a dutiful daughter, the kindest of sisters, but they knew she had not settled the question between God and her soul, and the more they thought of it, the more their anxiety increased. To bring her home, for some time meant an interruption of her duties, a loss of standing, and possibly a serious injury to the effort at what was in those days a considerable sacrifice. Their anxiety for her religious interests, however, prevailed, and they had her return. She came with a young school friend as a companion, and little in sympathy with the great interest of the town, she determined to make it a lively and very pleasant winter vacation.

It was indeed to be so, but in a very different way from her anticipations, for the Holy Spirit brought her heart in penitence to the foot of the Cross, and she gave herself unreservedly to the crucified One. Those who recall the thorough, heart searching work so characteristic of the revivals President Finney conducted, will also remember the fruit they bore in steadfast and devoted lives.

All the first missionaries of one of the greatest works carried on by the American Board were converted under his ministrations. It was work which involved a complete surrender to Christ, and whether the convert entered upon a public service, or, like Mrs. Bulkley, served God in her home, church and neighborhood, it was a life "always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Mrs. Bulkley and her family were for many years connected with the church of the late Dr. Crosby in New York, where she was active in the missions of the church, in the Sunday school, and the little prayer circles. When, after the death of her husband, she took up home in Brick Church, N.J., the church, the needy of the neighborhood, the hospital and the orphan asylum were constantly benefitted by her good works as well as by her Christian walk and example.

She early had the satisfaction of seeing all her family (always strongly influenced by her) members of the fold of Christ. Her last few years were spent in feebleness and seclusion, but in unfaltering trust in her divine Master, in whose arms at last she gently sank to rest.

In these days when the ambition of parents for the advantages of their children in material things so often far outweighs any anxiety for their soul's interest, does not this story of olden time come with a most useful lesson? Who can estimate the good resulting from the decision of those parents to seek for their child "first the kingdom of God," placing it before all other interests, an act which God blessed with a blessing that not only pervaded her whole life, but was shared by those about her. Let us not forget that "He is the rewarder of those, who diligently seek Him," and especially that to those who seek to bring the young to Him His favor and reward is unbounded .- New York Evangelist.

Dr. Munroe Gibson, of London, has been lecturing at Birmingham, England, on the "Unity and Symmetry of the Bible." "Although the sacred volume," he said, "was a collection of the works of different writers. yet at the same time there was one continuous and progressive motion throughout the Bible. Following the course of thought, one could see as it were the building of a great bridge from one country to another. The workmen in the earlier parts of the work especially, had only the dimmest idea of what they were about, and of what was to follow, and they all built with far better effect than they knew. Each century seemed to be doing its work independently and sometimes in the most fragmentary and piecemeal fashion, and yet when all was done, the whole majestic arch suggest ed a single master mind."

The Empress of Germany is said to be a "living and earnest Christian in the deepen sense of the word." Such is the testimony of Count Bernstoff, who also says of the Emperor that he "takes a hearty interest in religion."

Missionary World.

MISSION WORK IN INDIA.

The following extract from a letter of Dr. Kellogg, to one of his friends in this city, has been given to us for publication. It will be read, not only by a large circle of personal friends, but by all who are interested in mission work, with great interest:

In mission matters the work of the last week of the old year has been especially pleasant; as it has been our happiness to receive into the Church of Christ by baptism six Hindoos during the week. Of these the last were the wife and daughter of one of my gervants. He had been a Christian some time, but she had not seen her way clear to join him until just now. In talking with her I was greatly pleased to find how well she was acquainted with not merely the substance, but the very words of the Gospels; for she cannot read a word, and it appeared that her husband, who can read well, had been diligently teaching her the Gospel in his home and thereby showing his faith by his works. She seems indeed to have really intelligently trusted Christ. I do not think one has any warrant to require any deep theologic 31 knowledge in a convert from among an ignorant people like these, but a certain degree of knowledge is certainly necessary to a real faith; and all whom I meet tell me with great regret of the very light and superficial character of the Christianity of many of the thousands reported; persons would be only too glad to be able to tell a different story if they could.

I was much impressed a few Sundays ago when a family was being baptized, to see in the seat just in front of me one of the most notorious murderers hereabouts; a man who has killed in cold blood at least three times, and who, no doubt-had the murders been committed under the British flag, instead of in the neighboring native state of Garhwalwould long ago have been hung. Yet there was this Hindoo in church, his mother, an adulteress, richly clad in heavy gold ornaments, sitting near him; and the murderer visibly shaking with emotion as the tears rolled down his cheeks. Mr. Ullman, of our mission here, seems to have got hold of the man and his mother, and we pray that the influence acquired may end in the conversion of both. It is not often that one could see such a sight as that, when old Mr. Uilman drove into the church yard seated with this rich murderer and his mother, in their stylish English carriage, bringing them to church to hear the Gospel of Christ.

On Christmas day we got up what I shall call a "mela," a kind of sociable, for our native Christian community and others, out under the trees in the mission compound. We had plain refreshments for them, then a few short addresses relative to the work which a member of this church has been doing in the neighboring native state of Sirmoor, where we have an out-station, about sixty miles from here, which one of us with the native pastor of the church here had been visiting.

I was pleased and surprised to see on this occasion among our native Christian people several of the better class of Hindoo and Mohammedan gentlemen, and more surprised still when three or four of these even went the length of eating with us. Among these was the Sardar Nut Mohammed, the father-in-law of the Amir Yakoob Khan, the ex-prince of Alghanistan, who a few years ago when the British had to interfere there, in consequence of outrages, of massacre, etc., committed by the rulers of the distracted country, as one of the claimants to the throne, was by them taken prisoner and brought here to Dehra, where he lives as a prisoner of the state, under a good degree of freedom, with a fine house, stylish equipages, retinue, etc., but under an unobtrusive surveillance of a government offical or his deputy. We invited the Ameer himself, but as he was off on a hunting expedition, he did not appear, though, indeed, as I said, his father-in-law or, more accurately, one of his fathers-in-law (for he has three wives) appeared in his stead, together with the native deputy official in charge of the Ameer, Najif Ali by name. This latter is an

uncommonly fine specimen of a Mohammedan gentleman, speaks well in English, Urdu and Persian, is highly educated and well read. He is reputed to be very favorably inclined to Christianity, and indeed his brother is an ordained Christian minister in a neighboring mission. I think it is worth not a little to get access to people of this class in a social way, for to reach these with the Gospel bazar preaching is of no use. We are blessed here with an uncommonly good man, Padri Rallu Ram, as the ordained native pastor of the Hindustani church. He is a converted Brahman, and is a man of uncommon spirituality, great earnestness, and a gift for oponing and practically applying the Word of God, which any of us might be glad to have, and in which a multi-ude of ministers among us would not equal him. I am always much edified by his preaching. He has a great deal of tact in getting at people and, Christian as he is, has the entree to the Ameer's household, and has preached the truth faithfully to the Ameer himself. In the stormy days which all anticipate for India and Afghanistan in the near future there is no knowing who may succeed to the throne of the latter country; and it is said that, very probably, in event of the death or dethronement of the present reigning Ameer, the British would provably, as against Russian intrigue, endeavor to piace this Dehra Ameer Yokkon Khan on the throne. Who knows, in such an event, how much it might yet come to signify that he had formed friendly relations with earnest, Christian men, and had more knowledge of the Gospel than most Afghans?

We had an Urdu New Year's service this morning in the native church, at which I preached from Is. 21: 11, 12. I was pleased to see the same Mohammedan Deputy, Najif Ali, at church, and a very attentive hearer. I took occasion to refer to the progressive return of the Jews to Palestine as one of the signs that the night was far spent and the day was at hand, a sign unique and unmistakable. After service the Deputy came to me and brought up the matter, which was quite new to him. You know all orthodox Mohammedans look for the second advent of Jesus Christ and many among them also think the day to be near, and the Deputy seemed much impressed when I called his attention to the significance of the Jewish movements as a sign that "Huzrat Isa," the Lord Jesus, was soon coming in his kingdom. And the last word he said was to the effect that he was coming to see me soon, when I hope to have more conversation with him. I greatly wish I were able to speak in Persian, for nearly all these Afghans converse in Persian only, but although I read it and can understand it a little, I am not equal to conversation .- The Presbyterian Messenger, Pittsburg.

THE DETROIT MISSIONARY CON-VENTION.

Association Hall, Montreal, was well filled with ladies and students, on a recent Sunday afternoon, to hear the report of the McGill students who attended the recent missionary convention in Detroit. Mr. George Hague presided and Sir William Dawson was seated upon the platform. Mr. Leslie, president of the delegation, said that the recent convention was the second ever held, the first having been held in 1886 by Mr. Moody. At the first convention a few young men signed a declaration to become foreign missionaries and to-day there were upwards of 3,200 students who have signed the declaration in North America alone. There were also 700 volunteers in Great Britain. The large number at the convention showed what a chance there was for a college man to go out and help to evangelize the world. In McGill University, at the present time, there were twentythree men and women who had made the de-claration, and there were McGill students doing missionary work in Africa, India, China and Japan at the present time.

A number of years ago the government of Japan began to send its prisoners to Hokkaido, the most northerly island of the group. The prisoners are employed in opening up the country for settlement and in various industries. The prisons are now under one management, and the general superintendent has introduced a Christian instructor in each of the prisons, with very happy results.

India has fifty millions of Mohammedaus—a larger number than are found in the Turkish Empire, and far more free to embrace Christianity. Who will come to work for them?

PULFIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM.

The Interior: No matter where we glean among the faiths of man, these sheaves make obeisance to the sheaf of Christianity as it arises and stands upright.

Presbyterian, London: A good idea is a holy thing, often a God-sent thing; responsibility accompanies it, blessing escorts it. It knocks again and again at the door of our self-interests, our indifference, our indolence.

Cumberland Presbyterian: No Protestant body, so far as we know, maintains that it is the only church of God, or that the kingdom of heaven is shut up in its narrow limits. A'l admit that there are genuine Christians, and genuine work of the Holy Spirit in other folds.

Presbyterian, London: The busy man has always time for more; the well-arranged and ordered mind always houseroom for more; the heart enlarged by love to Christ and love to man has possibilities and expansibilities far greater than the most sanguine ambition ever conceived.

The Independent: If alcoholic liquor not only destroys so many characters, but is responsible for the chief expense of our criminal courts, our prisons and our poorhouses, then society has the right to forbid its sale. Prohibition is the only safe policy for the government of a State.

J. R. Macduff: God does not give grace until the hour of trial comes. But when it does come, the amount of grace and the nature of the special grace required is vouch safed. Do not perplex thyself with what is needed for future emergencies; to morrow will bring its promised grace along with tomorrow's trials.

Rev. Dr. Stalker: It is one of the most desirable things in religion that those who make a profession of following Christ should be able to show that Christianity is a joy to them. There is nothing which so impresses the young especially as the observation that religion is a great and inexhaustible source of happiness to those who possess it.

Forward: The Father of lies has found an able ally in the Advocate, the official organ of the liquor trade of Ontario. Ingenious sophistry, mingled with puerile absurdities; perverted truths, distorted facts, inuendo sneers, etc., are its staple production. It is evidently intended for a select circle of readers. It aims to unite the trade for offensive and defensive action.

Methodist Review: Considering all the phenomena before us, and remembering the outcome of New Testament criticism, we believe that the higher criticism of the Old Testament will deliver the church from the worship of the letter on one side, while upon the other side it will furnish coming generations with stronger reasons than any other generation has possessed for the conviction that we have the word of prophecy made more sure.

Westminster Endeavorer: The time that remains to us for doing good to those by whom we are immediately surrounded may be very short. One own stay on earth is very uncertain, but if we continue to enjoy the capacity for nsefulness, it will still remain true that the time is short. Of the number of those among whom we are now moving, some will very soon be called to their account. What we do for them we must do quickly. This year may afford us our last opportunity.

Rev. Alex. Whyte, D.D.: It gives this house an immense and an ever-green interest to me to see character after character coming trooping in Sabbath night after Sabbath night, each man to see himself and his neighbor in John Bunyan's so truthful and so fearless glass. But it stabs me to the heart with a mortal stab to see how few of us out of this weekly crowd are any better men after all we come to see and to hear. At the same time, such a constant dropping will surely in time wear away the hardest rock.

Teacher and Scholar.

April 8 | DISCORD IN JACOB'S FAMILY (Gen. XXXVIII. 1894.) DISCORD IN JACOB'S FAMILY (Gen. XXXVIII. 1511.) Golden Text -See that ye fall not out by the way. - Gen. XIV. 24.

After Jacob's meeting with Esau he continued his journey to Canaan. There he halted at Shechem, where he purchased land, dug a well (Ino. iv. 7, 6), and erected an altar showing his intention to settle. But the treacherous zeal of his sons in avenging their sister's wrong, gave him cause to dread the hostility of the neighbouring tribes, and at God's word he removed to Bethel, a divine fear restraining the inhabitants from pursuit. Here again God appeared, confirming the covenant promises and the change of Jacob's name, also anew revealing himself as the Almighty. Then still sou hward Jacob journeyed, till Isaac abode at Hebron was reached. On the way, ere coming to Bethlehem, Rachel died in giving birth to the infant brother of Joseph, whom the father named son of my

right hand.

I. The Youthful Joseph.—A little lad of about six years when his father returned from Padan-Aram, Joseph now appears a youth of seventeen, sharing with his brothers the hardships and exposure of a shepherd's life. He was especially associated with the sons of his father's slave-wives, probably as a sort of attendant on them, since he was the youngest, though possibly the meaning may be that he was set over them, and had charge of their daily labor. In contrast to their rough wild natures, that of Joseph seems to have united in itself some of the best characteristics of his forefathers. He had the dignity, decision and strength of Abraham, the purity, patience and gentleness of Isaac, the warm-heartedness and resolute persistence of Jacob. Perhaps he owed much to the training of his father, whose character had been changed since Peniel. Then at Hebron he would have the intimacy of the aged Isaac, who still survived.

II. Envy of His Brothers. — In a household like Jacob's, where four family groups, to some extent distinct from one another, were united, there was every likelihood of ill feeling and strife. The greater youth of Joseph and Benjamin, as well as their motherless condition, would naturally expose them most to this. Other circumstances intensified the ill-feeling entertained against Joseph. One sprang out of his higher motal character. The conduct of his half brothers was such that Joseph brought an evil report of it to his father. Nothing in the narrative implies that in this he was acting the part of a tale-bearer to get his brothers into trouble. His duties as a sort of attendant and messenger between his father and them may have required him to render an account of their proceedings. Doubtless their unnamed iniquity was of such a character that Jacob ought to be acquainted with it. But naturally the discussive aroused their hatred. Their envy was further provoked by Jacob's partiality for Joseph, and especially by the unwise way in which he let this be seen. Jacob's heart could not well be other than strongly drawn out towards the son of his beloved Rachel, so attractive in disposition, and perhaps wise beyond his years, as some think is signified by the phrase, "son of his old age" (lit. son of the old ones). But this should not have prevented him keeping all the sons on a level in the family relations. Instead of this he showed the most marked favor to Joseph. A special instance of this was the long-sleeved garment (R. V. margio) reaching to the hands and feet, which the father made for him. This was not simply a costly dress, but such a tunic as was worn by princes and persons of distinction. It was thus a mark of superiority, and an intimation, not obscure, that Jacob intended to transfer the right of the first born to Joseph. This partiality, and all that it implied, so roused the hatred of his brethren, that they could not bring themselves even to greet him with the ordinary salutation, "Peace to thee." An additional cause of envy was Joseph's account of his dreams.

III. His Dreams.—The prospects for Joseph, suggested by his father's favoritism, could not well be without an inflience on his reflections. His waking thoughts accordingly may have partly suppued the substance of his dreams, just as the scenes and occupations with which he was familiar supplied their imagery. The brother's sheaves making obeisance to his, the sun, moon and stars bowing down before himself, have the obvious interpretation of pre-eminence to be accorded him. The fact that Joseph tells the dreams, shows a guileless simplicity rather than an ambitious spirit, but his mode of teiling seems to have intensified the offensiveness of the dreams themselves, since his brethren hated him the more for his words also. Even his father was moved to reprove what seemed to indicate pride, but he kept the saying in mind. While the dreams may have taken from what was before in Joseph's mind, the issue shows that they contained a distinct divine direction. In God's providence the very hatred they aroused helped to shape the way that led to their folialment.

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NE of the charges made against Lord Rosebery is that he is too "bright and humorous" for a Prime Minister. Some Prime Ministers are mercifully saved from such weaknesses.

HE Interior declares that the literature of the American schools of to-day is agnostic. What else can it be? The literature of any purely secular school system must of necessity become agnostic.

RITING to the chairman of his Election Committee in Midlothian, Gladstone says that Scotland has been on the right side of every cause for sixty years. That is a high compliment for Scotland. Had Ireland been as fairly ruled as Scotland, the record of the Green Isle might have been equally good.

A CORRESPONDENT asks the British Weekly where he can find the best discussion on both sides of the question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister. That man never read the reports of our General Assembly or he never would have asked such a question. Somebody should send him a few copies of our Blue Book.

Tis very unfortunate that a treaty should be before the Dominion Parliament providing for the importation of French wines at the very time that four of the seven provinces of the Dominion have declared in favour of prohibition. Mr. Foster should strike the wine clause out of that treaty, and if the whole thing falls through, let it fall. There is far too much liquor in this country now.

THE British Weekly says that a Presbyterian minister in Ohio closed his farewell sermon with these pathetic words:

"I am willing to relinquish my charge to my unknown successor, but may God have mercy on his soul."

We have known a few ministers who felt a little that way when leaving their congregations, but it was the bodies of their successors that gave them most concern. A small, poorly paid salary may cause some shrinkage in the body, but it does not necessarily affect a man's spiritual past.

PLYMOUTH Brethren denounce the denominations for their number and alleged general wickedness and then mend matters by starting a sect more narrow, bitter and exclusive than any of the Churches they denounce. Some people in Ontario seem to be doing the same thing in the political arena. They denounce the old parties and then organize new ones with cast-iron regulations, that an old Tory or Grit would not endure for an

hour. It is difficult to see how the number of denominations can be lessened by starting a new one, or how partyism can be overcome by starting new parties more rigid in their rules and obligations than any of those already in existence.

S Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P. for Winnipeg, is regarded by many as an anti-separate school hero, it may be well to know exactly where the honorable gentleman stands on educational questions. Mr. Martin is much more than an opponent of separate schools. In a speech recently quoted in the House of Commons he declared that he was " not satisfied with the School Act and had never been so. He had made a strong effort to have the public schools controlled by the Government really made national schools, with religion obliterated, and he was now more convinced than ever that that was the only school that could be justified as constitutional. It would be interesting to know how many of the opponents of separate schools sympathize with Mr. Martin in his desire to "obliterate" religion from the public schools.

HERE is a serious deficit in the Foreign Mission Fund. If it is not wiped out when the books are closed on the 30th of April, its existence may be accounted for in one or other of two ways. Either our people are unable or unwilling to meet the obligations incurred by the Foreign Mission Committee. If from the depression or any other cause the people are really unable to find the money, there is no help for it. We must just bow to the inevitable and recognize the hand of God in preventing the Church from doing the work that it intended to do. If our people are able to give the money but unwilling to do so, we should humble ourselves before God, confess our sin, and ask forgiveness. Angry speeches about economy, such as are being delivered elsewhere, will only make matters worse. If there is to be a crisis in our Foreign Mission work, let us meet it like Christian men.

HE Established Churches in England and Scotland may yet regret the fierce opposition they gave to Gladstone. The Grand Old Man was a High Churchman and did not take kindly to the business of disestablishing and disendowing churches. His sense of duty, fortified a little perhaps by political exigencies led him to lay hands on the Irish Establishment and would no doubt have compelled him to disendow the Episcopacy in Wales, but it is an open secret that he did not like that kind of work. He hesitated long before taking any decided stand in regard to the Scotch Establishment. Rosebery is a very different type of man. He is no theologian, cares nothing about political ecclesiastics and is strongly suspected of having a leaning towards the Free Church. He has been several times in the Free Assembly and is supposed to be on rather intimate terms with that astute leader Principal Rainy. The Establishments may find him much more formidable than they found Gladstone.

THE following story is going the rounds and may be useful to some member of Assembly preparing a speech for the Psalter debate that will most assuredly take place in St. John:

Dr. Guthrie once paid a visit to the Duke of Argyll at Inverary Castle, by special invitation. A large and brilliant assemblage of guests, including Mr. Gladstone, were staying at the castle, and before they retired for the night Dr. Guthrie was asked by the Duke to conduct "family worship." "With great pleasure will I conduct it," said the Doctor; "but in the castle of Argyll we must observe the good old Presbyterian form, and begin by singing a psalm." It was agreed that a Scotch psalm should be sung to a Scotch tune; but the difficulty was to find a "precentor," that is, a gentieman or lady who would "raise the tune," and lead the singing. After a number of ladies and gentiemen had been appealed to, and had declared themselves unfit for the duty, Mr. Gladstone stepped forward, saying, "I'll raise the tune, Dr. Guthrie;" and well did he perform his task. We all know what a fine voice the Premier has, but it is not so well known that he is a good singer.

If one just knew the psalm Guthrie "gave out" and the tune Gladstone selected that story would be perfect.

I f the wretched man in the Brampton gaol really committed the crime of which he has been found guilty he is a marvellous kind of criminal and has certainly displayed no little originality in his methods. The theory of the Crown is that he left Toronto in broad daylight on a certain Thursday afternoon in December and went out fifteen miles into the country to the residence of his victims; that

he asked the way from about half a dozen neighbours living quite near the place, one of those in the next lot; that he entered the house and without any conceivable motive deliberately murdered two old and helpless people. Having committed this most atrocious crime he went out to the barn and stole a horse, probably known to every neighbour on the concession, hitched him to a cutter that all the neighbours might know and drove into the city along a road on which he might meet any of the neighbours on their way home from market. Man, horse and cutter then disappear from view for twenty-four hours and re-appear in the city on Friday evening. How two men and a horse and cutter could be concealed for twenty-four hours in Toronto so that no one saw them, must be a mystery to all jurists who know anything of the difficulty of concealing stolen goods. On Saturday morning the men are known to have hawked the horse and cutter about Toronto, and if the theory of the Crown is correct, they thus advertised themselves as thieves and murderers. It is not usual for men bent on committing murder to go in open daylight to their victim and as they go enquire the way. Nor is it usual for them to exhibit the evidence of their guilt a few miles from the spot on which the crime was committed, to say nothing about the absence of motive which was a striking feature in the present case. People who do not jump to the conclusion that every man charged with crime is guilty of crime cannot help feeling the force of Mr. Justice Ferguson's remark to the jury that "it might ever remain a mystery who did it." The fact that the Crown counsel displayed marvellous skill in putting minute circumstances together proves little more than the ability of the learned gentleman. Had he been on the other side he could have torn them apart with equal skill. The fact is, the Crown never got to the bottom of this fearful tragedy.

NEAL DOW.

THE entrance of this distinguished philanthropist, the father and apostle of prohibition, upon his ninety-first year, has called forth a great many interesting notices of his life and history, some of which we propose to give to our readers.

He was born on March 20th, 1804, in Portland, Maine, and continued to live under his father's roof until 1830 when, having been just married, he moved into his own house in the same city where he still lives. He has thus spent the whole ninety years of his life in only two houses, a rather unusual circumstance in this changeful western world. His parents were Friends as were all his ancestors, paternal and maternal, as far back as anything is known of them. They were all well-to-do farmers; sober, industrious, thrifty workers; living peaceful lives; good citizens with no embroilments of any kind with neighbors or others. When Neal's education was finished he was put into his father's tannery to acquire a knowledge of that business and on reaching his majority was taken in as a partner.

Under the ministry of Rev. Justin Edwards, D.D., who devoted several years of his life to temperance missionary work among the churches of the State of Maine, Neal Dow early became interested in temperance work. He entered earnestly upon the work of enlightening public opinion as to the essential wickedness of the traffic and its danger to the public welfare. His thorough enlistment in the cause of legal prohibition was brought about by his receiving a note from a lady, asking his interposition on behalf of her husband who was addicted to drink, and who had got warning that unless he change his habits he would lose his situation, upon which the sole support of his wife and family depended. The lady informed him that he frequented only one shop, and that if the keeper of that shop could be prevailed upon not to sell to him she would have hope of his reformation. Neal Dow went to the dealer and upon all his remonstrances proving vain, he resolved that, "Heaven helping me, I'll see if I cannot change all that." He then entered upon a temperance campaign extending over ten years of constant conflict and toil, carried on incessantly over the whole State with the help of friends, and the liberal use of the press. A more noble struggle has never been waged and hardly any more successful. When he began, the liquor traffic was carried on in Maine as it is still for the most part, followed by all its horrid train of evil, misery and suffering of every

Mr. Dow became Mayor of Portland in the spring of 1851. With a carefully drawn up antiliquor bill he repaired to Augusta where the Legis-

Books and Magazines.

account in two volumes of this unique and wonderful gathering, edited by the Rev. John Henry Birrows, D.D., Chairman of

the General Committee on Religious Congresses of the World's Congress Auxiliary. No one had better opportunities

both for ascertaining the spirit of this unwonted assemblage

of men from all parts of the earth and for comp ling the

materials necessary for such a work as the above. That a laccount of this Parliament of Religions should be published

was from the first intended, and therefore care has been taken

in collecting the materials for it. The volumes are profusely illustrated in such a way as to add much to the interest of the

book. These volumes are a mine of information on a vast

number of subjects of the deepest human interest, presented

only give a brief statement of the general plan of the work

and the titles of a few of the papers. The whole subject is dealt with under Five Parts. I. History of the Parliament;

11 Introduction to the Parliament Papers, III. The Parliament Papers; IV. The Denominational Congresses; V.

Review and Summary, closing with Biographical Notes and

Index. Under Part I, there are five chapters tracing the

Parliament from the origin of the idea of it to its close. Part

II. in seventeen chapters gives brief notice of the papers and by whom presented. In Part III. are given either in full or

carefully condensed the papers read or sent in, but not read extending over a period of seventeen days. With regard to

these papers we quote a single sentence from the editor's pre-

face. "In this book will be found Theology, Science, Philosophy, Biography, History, Poetry, Experience, Political and Social Wisdom, Eloquence, Music, the rich lore of the head, and the richer literature of the heart, Revelations from God,

the story of man's outreachings towards the Infinite, his

triumphs and partial failures, his hopes and despairs, the

and the sublime joy of those to whom Religion was a daily walk in the light of the Eternal." Part IV. gives an account

under their several names of upwards of thirty different bodies

who had met in separate congresses. Part V. closes the book with two chapters on first, The Spirit of the Parliament;

and second, The Influence of the Parliament. It is needless

to add, the work is one of rare and exceeding value in all the

subjects coming appropriately under its review. Hunter,

and its companion Wee Willie Winkie, the periodicals edited by Lady Aberdeen and her daughter respectively. It is char-

acteristic both of the readiness with which the countess has identified herself with Canada and of her spirit that she proposes to give in the pages of Onward and Upward some ac-

count of the mission work done by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, both amongst our own people and the Indians.

A story of the U. E. Loyalists, by Miss Machar, 1: also pro-

mised. The whole number is of great interest and must be eagerly looked for by its readers from month to month. G. Duncan & Son, Edinburgh. S. W. Partridge & Co., Lon-

tin, M.A., B.D., princ pal of Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas. The scope of the work is given on the title page as being "A series of articles on memory, its practical value, its phenomenal powers, its physiological basis, the laws which govern it,

the methods of improving it, attention, association and ar-

Rational Memory Training is a little work by B. F. Aus-

Though late we notice Onward and Upward for February

Who, groping in the dark of Thought Touched the Great Hand and knew it not,

bewildered efforts of noble souls

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by men the most competent to deal with them.

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rangement of ideas, counsel of dels, ive memory, mnemonics, their use and abuse, etc., etc., with nelps and hints in memorizing figures, lists of words, prose and poetic literature, new languages, etc. A book on these subjects treated by an educationalise like Principal Austin could not but be highly use-

ful. The Journal, St. Thomas. The Musical Record. Oliver Ditson Co., Boston. This monthly magazine devoted to musical art and literature, pub-

lished by a world-wide known firm, is artistically bound and printed on best quality of piper. We notice to the January and February numbers page after page of the latest news, etc., about pianists and other prominent musical people. There is abundance of interesting reading for families musically inclined, besides the publishers state that each copy contains 12 pages of good vocal and instrumental music.

Jones' Constables Manual, or Jiandy Book is just what its title says it is. It is compiled by J. T. Jones, High Constable County of York and is now in its second edition. The materials are drawn from the criminal code of 1892-3; it contains schedules of fees, crimes and punishments, the courts and jurisdiction. The Carswell Company (Limited), 30 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

The Etude: Theo. Presser, Philadelphia, Pa. This bulky monthly musical publication gives in its March number its usual abundance of reading for musical people. The music this time, of four pieces, which, by the way, is always full size, is unusually attractive; for instance an exquisite piano piece, "Mandolin Serenade," by C. Bohm.

Whaley. Royce & Co., Toronto, have just issued these two new pieces, The Herald, a march and two-step dance by M. H. Rosenfeld, is bright, somewhat like Sousa's band-music style and is easy. Marianki, mazurka, by A. W. Hughes, has a very marked time, is briliant though quite easy.

The name tells Wee Willie Winkie is for children. This one contains a short story by the youthful editor Lady Mar-jorie Gordon, and that would be a dull child indeed who could not enjoy this delightful child's magazine. G. Duncan & Son, Edinburgh. S. W. Partridge & Co., London.

The Sacrament Sunday is a poem on this subject, short and pleasant reading to those in sympathy with the theme. It appears to be modeled on "The Cottar's Saturday Night." William Drysdale & Co., Montreal.

lature was in session and obtained a hearing in the Representatives Hall before a crowded audience. The special joint committee to which the subject was referred, reported unanimously in its favour at the close of the hearing, adopted his bill, reported it to the Legislature next morning, the same day it was enacted by both the Senate and the House by majorities of two to one. This was the last day of May, and on June 2nd, it took effect immediately upon receiving the Governor's signature. Prohibition in Maine has often been ridiculed and slandered as a failure if not a farce, but the fact remains, a very significant fact, that the bill retains its place on the statute books, that it has been made more and more effective, and that in 1884, by a majority vote of 47,075, a vote of three to one in its favour, it was

embodied in the constitution of the State. Mr. Dow took an active part in the Civil War and received from President Lincoln a commission as Brigadier General. He was taken prisoner and spent the winter of 1863-4 in Lilly prison and was liberated in exchange for Fitz Hugh Lee. Into this part of his life we do not enter.

He visited England three times in the service of temperance by the invitation of the United Kingdom Alliance and lectured on Prohibition in almost every part of the kingdom. These visits were made in 1854, 1866 and 1873 and his services were given

General Dow, as he is often called, comes of a long lived race and at ninety is still hale and hearty. "His health," says Mrs. Joseph Cook, in the Independent, " is excellent and he is a splendid example of what temperance in all things and total abstinence from alcohol and narcotics can do for one physically. His complexion is smooth and ruddy, and his voice so firm and resonant that he could easily be heard in a large auditorium. He reads everything worth reading in current temperance literature and keeps himself abreast with the latest phase of the great enterprise of his life. The temperance reform is always his favourite topic of conversation, although he enjoys rehearsing experiences of travel, especially those in foreign lands." He has had a family of seven daughters and three sons, all of whom with the exception of two sons, still survive. His wife died in 1883. "Neal Dow's presence in his home," says Mrs. Cook, is a "perpetual benediction." And when history comes to be written from a higher standpoint than has yet prevailed, and the world's great ones and benefactors shall be accounted not its warriors but those who have been the saviours of human life, the promoters of human happiness, the dispensers of manifold and incalculable blessings, the name of Neal Dow will be held in loving remembrance, and handed down with honour and ever increasing honour to coming generations of men delivered from the thraldom, the curse and disgrace of the drink traffic in the way in which he was the first to lead. May he be spared until he sees the triumph of the cause that he loves and has served so well in our own Dominion, and prohibition ruling effectively under a wise government and

among a happy people from ocean to ocean. THE FUTURE OF THE FREE CHURCH.

HE following article from the pen of one so well qualified to speak upon it as Rev. Dr. Stalker

At the celebration of the jubilee of Ardrossan

is, will be read with much interest.—ED.]

Free Church, Rev. Dr. Stalker, of Glasgow, spoke of the future of the Free Church. One of the things of the future, he said, would undoubtedly be union. Their Established Church friends had an idea that Scottish Christianity was to be reorganized on the base of Establishment. What were Free Churchmen going to say to that? Their United Presby. terian brethren could not go in for union on this basis. This was perfectly obvious; but what about the Free Church? He would speak on this question with the utmost freedom, because he had a strong feeling about it himself. He thought he could live inside the Established Church if Scottish Christianity were reconstructed on that base; but he knew perfectly well that that was not the sentiment of the great mass of their ministers, especially those who were younger than he. He knew that for a fact. They looked upon Establishment as an expedient which might have been very useful at one stage of the development of the Church, but which was now for ever past, and they would refuse altogether to thrust the Church again into a position where the Ten Years' Conflict might all have to be fought over again. There were a few in the Free Church, undoub dly, who would like very much to see the Scottish Church reorganized and reunited on an Establishment basis; but they might take this from

him as a fact, that there was not a man in the Free Church who knew the mind of the Free Church who would venture to make that proposal in the Church courts with any hope of carrying it. Was not that so? The Moderator, Dr. Walter Smith, at last sitting of the A-sembly, made a very moving appeal to the friends of the Establishment, that as the Free Church could not go to them, for the reasons just stated, they might, for the sake of union, sacrifice their emoluments, and come to the Dissenters There had been no response to that appeal up to the present time, and he did not blame those who did not speak, because they might feel it would not be right for them to give up their position; but if that were so it was perfectly clear that at the present time union of that kind was out of the question. An Establishment was the golden charm that was keeping the different sections of the Presbyterian Church apart. Of course Disestablishment might remove that barrier; and then there would be a chance of their being all united; and he supposed that was the thought of those who pushed forward the question of Disestablishment. Their hope was that all branches of the Presbyterian Church would then be united; but would that hope be realized? Of late some of their Established Church brethren had told them that if Disestablishment were to take place they would not unite with their Free and U.P. brethren, but would preser to look elsewhere, to the Episcopalian Church; and the esteemed Moderator of the Established Church, Dr. Marshall Lang, if he was not mistaken, had made a statement in public to that effect. No recent utterances in Scotland had distressed him (Dr. Stalker) so much as these, for the reason that there seemed to be an impression on the part of those who made them that they were bound to Presbyterianism, not by affection and sympathy, but by the golden chain of State connection, and if that were loosed they would become Episcopalian. He was far from saying that that was the mind of the body of the ministers or the body of the people of the Established Church. He knew otherwise; but it seemed to be the mind of the ministers who made these statements. What was the country going to say to statements of that kind? Did they think it would be kept back from Disestablishment by the fear of losing such men? He ventured to state that the country would say decisively "loose them, and let them go.'

OBITUARY.

*HE following notice of the death of the late Mrs. Mactavish, of Inverness, Scotland, taken from the Northern Chronicle of Inverness, of March 5th, will be read with sympathetic interest by many in all parts of Canada: "We regret to record the death of Mrs. Mactavish, wife of Rev. Dr. Mactavish, Free East Church, which occurred on Monday. The deceased lady, who was very highly esteemed, had been unwell for some time past. Mrs. Mactavish took a deep interest in church work, and her death will be much regretted not only by the members and adherents of the Free East Church, but also by those connected with other Presbyterian Churches in town. At a meeting of the Inverness Free Presbytery yesterday, it was resolved to express the sympathy of the members with Dr. Mactavish and family in

We share very deeply the sympathy felt throughout the city, and by many friends in every part of the country, with the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, his family and other relatives in their sad bereavement by the death of Mrs. Macdonnell. St. Andrew's Congregation, the W. F. M. S. of our church, our Home Missions and many a good cause besides, will feel the want of her intelligent, active interest and help. The loss to her husband and family is such as they only can know. Prayers were onered on their behalf in many churches of the city on Sabbath, and the God of all consolation and comfort, who comforteth those that are cast down, will in answer to these prayers be to them a very present help in their time of trouble.

their bereavement.'

N announcement that concerns very many is that of the closing exercises of Knox College on April 4th and 5th, and the many meetings taking place at that time in connection with the close of the college session. On this occasion they are of special interest and importance owing to the approaching jubilee of the college, which it is desirable to make as attractive and effective as possible for the advancement in all respects of the best interests of the college. We trust that there will be a large attendance of alumni and an enthusiasm belitting the occasion.

The Family Circle.

THE TREASURE OF DARKNESS.

If all our lives were one broad glare
Of sunlight—clear, unclouded,
If all our path were smooth and fair
By no soft gloom enshrouded,
It all life's flowers were fully blown
Without the sweet unfolding.
And happiness were rudely thrown
On hands too weak for holding—
Should we not miss the twilight hours
The gentle haze and sadness?
Should we not long for storms and showers,
To break the constant gladness.

If none were sick, and none were sad,
What service could we render.

I think if we were always glad,
We scarcely could be tender.

Did our beloved never need
Our patient ministration,
Earth would grow cold and miss, indeed,
Its sweetest consolation.

If sorrow never claimed our heart,
And every wish were granted,
Patience would die, and hope depart,
Life would be disenchanted.

And yet, in heaven is no more night,
In heaven is no more sorrow;
Such unimagined new delight
Fresh grace from pain will borrow,
As the poor seed that underground
Seeks its true life above it,
Not knowing what will there be found
When sunbeams kiss and love it:
So we in darkness upward grow
And look and long for heaven,
But cannot pic ure it below
Till more of light be given — Anon.

A VISIT TO THE WEST INDIES.

ST THOMAS.

We noticed a steamer unloading coal at the wharf, and to watch the dusky figures of hundreds of women, each with a basket of coal on her head, swarming up the steamers' sides as busy as bees, and running back again empty, to be refilled, is a sad reflection upon the black-man, who prefers to lounge round and let the wife, daughter or mother do the work. St. Thomas is a fertile country, but since slavery was abolished, nothing has been done in the way of cultivation, hence St. Thomas exports nothing. The land is lying waste. Education is compulsory, and should the young generation take to the soil, there is a mine of wealth. All kinds of trop cal fruits grow, but want cultivation. In coffee alone, a great trade could be done, but now grows wild. The island is very mountainous.

Much amusement was created on board ship by the antics of a nigger, who pulled out from shore in a very primitive canoe, on the side of which were painted in rude English characters, "In God We Trust." It took some time to decipher the writing. This fellow earned his livelihood by diving from off his canoe into the water, after pieces of money thrown in by the passengers, and on every occasion he succeeded in fetching the money up, even a three cent piece. He stated there were "sharks down there," 50 feet being the depth; and sometimes he would attach a rope round his neck to be hauled up should he be attacked.

A visit to the public market was interesting, from the fact that although a great crowd congregated, there was little or nothing to sell It was certainly the scantiest market we ever saw: a few sweet potatoes, and some scraps of old dried fish.

In the harbour lay a French man-of-war; not a very formidable looking craft by any means.

After passing a very pleasant day at this Island, our next place is

SANTA CRUZ OR ST. CROIX, also Danish. We arrive early in the morning, and we have the day to see the island. From the deck of the steamer we notice it is well cultivated. There is no habour and the ship achors a mile from shore. The usual shilling is demanded to ferry us to land, and as we step ashore we are surrounded by a crowd of black boys, who all want to show as round. We could not get rid of them, and as we walked through the clean streets with the crowd behind us, it looked as if Barnum's circus had arrived. One of our party, however, struck an idea, which had the effect of dispelling the crowd in a very short time. He called out in thundering tones, "Where is my revolver?" at the same time feeling in his pocket. The effect was instantaneous;

off they scampered in all directions, but presently returned as no revolver appeared. On his island are four churches: English, Moravian, Methodist, Roman Catholic. Compulsory education is in force, and the language principally spoken, like that of St. Thomas, is English. The natives lounge round the corners of the streets, and make a great noise as if continually quarreling with each other, while others sit on the sidewalks and shop doors. disposing of trifling articles. The purchases they make at the grocery stores are in the smallest possible quantities. We saw them buy one cent's worth each of sugar, cheese, rice, butter. Just enough to do one meal at a time. These articles are luxuries, for the bulk of the natives live on rice and some native fruits. On five cents they could live comfortably a day. They are civil and obliging, and always ready to be at your service.

Boys and girls from 12 years up are anxious to leave home to go to America. They pleaded with us to take them. Their idea of America is that it is a "land of milk and honey." The general rate of wages paid youths from 12 and upwards, is nine cents a day in the sugar estates; and men twenty cents, and have to work hard, late and early for their paltry sum. The Moravian Church is the aggressive one here, and the caste feeling runs high. The style of houses are all Danish, and curious looking to a Canadian. In front of each dwelling and store are large heavy stone pillars, which exclude almost entirely the light. The stores open on Sundays from seven till nine a.m., then close till three p.m., after which they open and business resumes as on ordinary days.

The name of the capital is Christiaustead; population seven thousand; rine-tenths benig colored. In conversation with some of the young boys and girls, they seem to possess a fair knowledge of the Bible. One young fellow of whom I asked the question, " Where is Heaven," answered promptly, "It is a p'ace of rest." For many years this island was famed for its salubrious climate, but lately has falten into disrepute. Within the last few years an insurrection occurred, during which the principal hotel was burned and never rebuilt. The total population of the island is 42,000. The drives round the country are interesting. The roads are good and lined with cocoa nut and palm trees. They export bay rum, limes, sugar. The size is 84 square miles, almost all cultivated. In going along one of the thoroughfares, we were surprised to hear Scotch airs well played in one of the residences, and on enquiry we ascertained that a Scotchman named St. Clair arrived there some twenty years ago, and it was his daughter who played such refreshing airs in a far-off country. Our stay of six hours was up, and our good captain, Seely, signalled us on board. We left Santa Cruz much pleased with our visit.

ST. CHRISTOPHER OR ST. KITTS.

We arrived here this morning from Santa Croz. In approaching the island we were struck with its beauty and fertility; in fact, this is the finest island we have yet seen, as well as the healthiest and most pleasant. It is mountainous-said to be volcanic eruptions—but from the water's edge up the gentle slopes and intervening plateaus, the sugar cane is extensively cultivated. The higher slopes of the mountains are clothed with grass, while the tops are crowded with forests of noveau. or iron-wood, ash, snake-wood, white-box, etc. The capital, Basseterra, lies in a valley at the foot of Monkey Hill, 2,000 feet high, and shaped like an egg. Some twelve years great water-spout occurred on the top of this hill. The water swept down tearing its sides into gorges, and demolishing half the town, over seven hundred people losing their lives. So suddenly did the catastrophe occur that in one case a family sitting round the table, with lighted lamp, were carried, house and all, into the sea and drowned. As usual, we anchor one mile from shore, the fare of one shilling being charged for going ashore. The population of the town is 10,000, nine-tenths being colored. The island belongs to England, having been ceded to her in 1667, with all the other Leeward Islands. During the French revolution it was captured, but was recaptured in 1783.

The principal productions are tobacco, sugar, molasses, rum, arrowroot, coffee,

fruits and trees prosper here. Cattle and sheep are raised-salt produced. The population of the island is 44,000; size, 153 square miles, principally all productive. Monkeys are plentiful, but difficult to catch, so the native pays little attention to them, although they generally command a good price. There are 135 sugar estates on the island, some of the proprietors being immensely wealthy, but almost all bachelors. The original name of the island was Liamniga, or the Fertile Land, and, from its present appearance, is well named. The people live happily and contented, but the caste feeling runs higher here than in any of the other islands, and interferes generally with the progress of the gospel. There are three churches, Episcopalian, Wesleyan Methodist and Moravian. The first is called the tony church, the white people only admitted to its membership. The Methodists come next, with the light colored people, and the Moravians take the balance of the black people or niggers. The English Church do not recognize either of the other two churches, but the Methodist and Moravian ministers are friendly. We had the pleasure of inspecting the Moravian dayschool, a large airy building built on the grounds of the church, as also the manse. The day-school is under the charge of the minister, Rev. Dr. Howard, assisted by native teachers. The day-school generally numbers 600, and the congregation 1,000. There is also a large Sabbath school, and no Presbyterian Church. When we entered the dayschool about 9.30 a.m., all the classes were at Bible study, the lesson being the first chapter of Genesis. It was pleasing to note how attentive all the various classes were, and with what readiness they answered. Lately a large addition was made to the school at the minister's expense. The church, which is a plain bandsome building, has also lately been renovated. On the side of the church we noticed a tablet in memory of those who lost their lives in the water-spout already mentioned. We were much interested in the work done here by the energetic pastor. He is certainly a hard worker, and shows great results, if the answers and general appearance of the children go for anything. His people are despised and downtrodden, but they show evidence of real Christian life, notwithstanding. There are many things this live and faithful pastor requires in his work, but for want of funds cannot get them. Oh, if the boys and girls in Canada only realized how much these poor children need, I am sure quite a sum could be collected and sent as missionary money to this dear pastor and his colored people.

cocoa, etc. In fact, almost all tropical

Their form of worship is the same as ours and the children are taught the same lessons every Sabbath as ours, and practically I could not see any difference. Mr. Howard is assisted by a faithful wife who endures considable for the work's sake. They live on very little, every cent they get goes into the work. Last week while driving out in the country his buggy (an old one) got broken and he told me it would cost £20, or \$80 to get it mended in St. Kitts, as everything is so dear. It was scarcely worth mending; I told him not to get it mended now and I would see what the Sabbath schools of the Presbyterian Church in Canada would do towards sending him a new buggy from Canada. With tears in his eyes he thanked me. Need I appeal further. Send in, dear children, your mites to the Editor of the PRESBYTERIAN, who will act as treasurer for this noble cause. There are Presbyterian families here, but he looks after them as our church has no one to look after them unless he does. I also promised Mrs. Howard to send her some crockery, for they have very little and the cost to purchase too great in St. Kitts. Just think: a minister with 1,000 of a membership in church, 500 of a Sabbath school, 600 of a day school and his congregation scattered all over the island. Does he not deserve a good, new buggy from the Presbyterians of Canada.

We were driven out to see a sugar estate in full operation, over 500 men, women and boys were employed. We were much interested in the various processes of manufacture of sugar from the sugar cane, from the time the cane was carted into the mill, until the sugar packed in barrels was ready for shipment.

Then, again, the way in which molasses is made and finally the manufacture of rum, all made from the extract of the sugar cane. It is interesting to note that the rum is made from the refuse of the sugar and molasses, the scrapings which drop upon the floor and over which hundreds of feet have trod, all scraped and thrown into a pan and finally after various processes the rum comes forth to destroy the minds and souls of thousands. The country abounds in cocoanut trees. All along the sides of the road are rows of this beautiful tree. The native boys climb up lil e squirrels and throw them down, no easy tank, as there are no branches to hold on to. Some trees are very lofty, with nothing but the bare trunk.

We visited the Governor's house and grounds and had some calabash puts given us, which we prized very much. The public gardens are beautiful and well worth visiting. The Government is now laying out grounds for botanical purposes, and when completed will excel anything in the West Indies.

Some of the black people live in huts made of bamboo and thatched with palm branches; there is no "but and ben," just one room, and in many instances four or five in a family.

(To be continued.)

THE ART OF CONVERSATION.

Another thing which has gone out of fashion is the art of conversation. It has of late years been so neglected that it is the rarest chance to meet with a young man who can converse at all in the real sense of the word. Among his own set he can babble about mutual acquaintances, the new singer, the next race, or the last scandal. But throw him among strangers and he is silent and dull, perhaps making short remarks in a jerky and confused manner, but certainly betraying no intelligent interest if a new discovery be mentioned, a piece of important political news told, or some information given about a subject of real value. As a consequence he is not only bored, but he shows it, because he has never cultivated that polite interest in his fellow-creatures which would enable him to respond sympathetically. One of the old French noblesse was lately heard to remark that when he first went into society his father used to impress upon his mind that at a party he was bound to insure its success so far as he was individually concerned. To make himself agreeable was a duty not to be neglected without a grave breach of courtesy both to the guests and the friends who invited him. In a modern gathering no such antiquated sentiment would find a disciple. Young people if they do not meet some one to flirt with, will ostentatiously proclaim their boredom, and would stare in astonishment if it were suggested that at a friend's house it was the duty towards the hostess to pay attention to those who seem neglected or who found themselves among strangers. To hint that old ladies and ugly girls should have a little share of consideration would be to subject oneself to the charge of being old-fashioned.

ONE WHO MAKES HER OWN WAY.

I speculate much on the existence of unmarried and never-to-be married women nowadays; and I have already come to the point of considering that there is no more respectable character on earth than an unmarried woman, who makes her own way through life quietly, perseveringly, without support of husband or brother; and who retains in her possession a well-regulated mind, a disposition to enjoy simple pleasure, and fortitude to support inevitable pains, sympathy with the sufferings of others, and willingness to relieve want as far as the means extend.

Interior: Finally, the churches are showing anew that they are the best friends of the workingman, and that, all criticisms of Mr. Stead to the contrary, notwithstanding, they are abreast with the times and alive to the actual needs of the day. Mr. Stead's preachments are not without value to Chicago, as wounds of a friend helping to preserve her from conceit and self-satisfaction; but as statements of facts they are wofally misleading

Our Poung Folks.

A LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

His cap is old, but his hair is gold, And his face as clear as the sky; And whoever he meets, in lanes or streets, He looks him straight in the eye With a fearless pride that has naught to hide, Though he bows like a little knight, Quite debonair, to a lady fair, With a smile that is swift as light.

Does his mother call? No kite or bail. Or the prettiest game can stay His eager feet as he hastes to greet Whatever she means to say: And the teachers depend on this little friend At school in his place at nine. With his lessons learned and his good marks earned, All ready to toe the line.

I wonder if you have seen him too. This boy, who is not too big For a morning kiss from mother and sis, Who isn't a bit of a prig;
But gentle and strong, and the whole day long As merry as boy can be; A gentleman, dears, in coming years, And at present the boy for me.

FLASH, THE FIREMAN.

DRUMMOND'S TRACT DEPOT. PTIRLING.

CHAPTER I.

A STIR IN GOLDSMITH'S ROW.

"They drink at all times, take it cold or hot, When they're in trouble, and when they are not When they're in health, or when sickness brings Distress and woe upon its shadowy wings; At marriage, birth, or death, when friends they

Or partings sore, they wend their willing feet To where the drink-fiend gladly greets with smiles. And hides his purpose felt with glittering wiles."

Oh! oh! oh my! Just look at that Ted! I declare he'll have his heels through that looking glass in a moment. Well there I he only just missed doing it. I do believe boys must be among the plagues that ought to have been mentioned in the Bible, only they were forgotten. I'd sooner have forty girls than four boys.

As Mrs. Foster spoke she made a feint of striking the boy who had given her such a scare, and had caused the above apocryphal

The delinquent was a merry-faced lad of about fifteen, who, in an excess of joy and excitement, had suddenly stood upon his head on a chair-seat in such close proximity to the mantelpiece and the large mirror above it, that at one moment his heels were certainly near enough the latter to endanger its salety.

If the truth must be told, all the occupants of that room were considerably excited at the news which has just been received. The company consisted of Mrs. Foster; Ted the irrepressible, who has already introduced himself to the reader heels uppermost; another lad about seventeen, Hedley by name; and "Little Patty," as she was usually called.

Poor Patty was nearly nineteen years old, but certainly did not look more than thirteen. She did not come up above Ted's shoulder; her figure was sadly, strangely twisted; ber head was always on one side, and so deeply sunken into her shoulders that she seemed as if she had no neck at all. But her face I what a rare face it was ! Often people would turn to look at it as they passed her. It was always white, and there was an expression upon it which arrested attention. Her skin was singularly fine, and shone almost like wax. Her sad, paie features were as perfectly classical as if they had been cast in some lovely mould. And many a high-born lady would have pledged her jewels for such a head of bair as Patty's. It was a glossy black, with a beautiful natural wave in it. Yet, with all her beauty of face and head, there was atways an indescribable drop about her. She seemed to have to drag her poor, twisted body about; and an almost scitled look of melancholy rested upon the girl.

But the reader must pardon us for keeping him so long waiting to learn the cause of this sudden demonstration of joy in the family of the Fosters, of which we have spoken. Just as they had finished dinner, the postman had brought a letter, which, as it is short and explains all, we had better give in full :--

"Portsmouth, Monday Night. "Dear old Mum,-

"Turn out the guard I Run up the bunting! Get the guns loaded for a salute!

Clean wood and brass-work! Scrub decks! All hands rig in their best togs! In fact, do everything you can think of to mark the horse-pitch-us occasion, as the boys said when they fell off the old mare's back into the

pond.
"Then if any one asks you what all the stir means, just say that I'm done with the navy, and that I shall be home on Wednesday night by the 8.22 train at Waterloo. Yes, I'm glad to say my ten years are up. I shall now be a free man. I have quite decided on my future; and, if I can succeed in passing, I shall join the Fire Brigade. I have saved out of my 'compo.' about £20, and shall have nearly another £20 to uraw; so that we can all have a bit or a spree when I come. Of course some of you will meet that train at Waterloo? How is my dear little Patty? If she is well enough, be sure to bring her; only I won't have her walk. If for her sake. So long 1—till Wednesday.

"Your own dear boy,

"FLASH. the 'busses don't run right, then take a cab,

"P.S .- I have written to Tilly to meet me." Yes, this was the cause of all the sudden excitement: 'Flash' was coming home!

Harry Foster had always been the joy and pride of the whole family. When he was only four years old he had received 'Flash' as a pet name; because, as his fond father said, he was 'like a flash of sunshine.' And ever since, under all circumstances, he had truly been 'Flash;' for he had brought sunshine to them all. He had received a fair amount of education; but beguiled by the exaggerated descriptions of the sailor's life, given in various penny books for boys that he had borrowed or bought-many of them full of printed lies—he bad taken the sea craze; and, when fifteen years old, had joined the Royal navy. In accordance with the general rule, he had served ten years after he was eighteen; and now, on the completion of this term, at twenty-eight years of age he claimed his discharge.

It was an excited party that stood waiting upon the Waterloo platform on the Wednesday evening. Besides the four members of the Foster family already introduced to the reader, there was a tall, fair girl- the 'Tilly' referred to in the pustscript of the letter. She had a nice, fresh fair face, which just then was very bright with loving expectancy; but it could not be said that there was anything striking in her features. Still she was a girl who would command some attention; for she was tall, had a well-made figure, and possessed that indefinable air which we call ladylike. She dressed, too, with great taste; and it was only when she spike that a stranger would have discovered the class of society to which she belonged.

We need haroly explain that Tilly was engaged to Flash; and it was doubtless, in the first place, the natural tendency to love what he leved which drew her to the sad-faced sister of her lover. Be that as it may, there was a singularly strong bond of affection between Tilly and poor, deformed Patty, whom she had daily come to love more and more for her own sake.

At last the train rushes into the station, slows up, stops; and the lively voice of Ted shours, 'Come on, all of you; here he is, here he is l'

How they do rush along that platform! And we dare not attempt to record all the collisions made with the stream of passengers who, baving alighted, are burrying away in the opposite direction to our party.

There are one or two points in the greeting of Flash, which, as we watch him, cause us instinctively to think well of him. As he. meets the group, though he takes Tilly's hand as well as his mother's, he kisses his mother first. Then, while he whispers loving words to Tilly as he kisses her, his eyes are seeking the pale face of his deformed sister. one arm is presently put around her, and she comes in for the next embrace.

After his greetings to his two brothers were over, he said, 'Well now, I must slip it a minute. I guess they have broke hold and are discharging cargo, so I must look slippy or I'll lose the run of some of my tackle."

The porters all know a * homeward bound Jack," and one of them now came forward with the inquiry, 'Any luggage, sir?'

Ay, 2y I my dandy I Piles of it.

Toen, putting a two-shilling piece in the man's hand, he pointed out the packages, and

bade him get them collected together, so to be ready for placing in a cab when, as Flash put it, 'we've had a wet.'

A minute or two later the whole party were outside the station and filling the tiny square of a public-house bar compartment marked 'Private.' Everybody seemed to be talking at once, and the smiling barmaid had to wait a moment or two before she could take the

'D'ye'r, master Ted, hold yer jaw a minute. I declare a fellow can't hear himself speak while you keep that mouth of yours open, and your tongue a-wagging nineteen to the dozen,' said Flash.

Ted laughed at this sally, and was on the point of making some reply, when Flash. bowing with mock deference, continued, 'Mouth, did I say? I beg your pardon, sir: it is something more than a mouth; why, if you only bung out a notice, 'To Let,' somebody would be sure to take it for a music hall or a mission hall,'

Even the bar-maid laughed at this some what broad humour. Stopping abruptly, Flash said to her, 'I beg your pardon for keeping you so long; then, turning to the group he said, 'Now, mother, what are you going to have ?-a drop of brandy, eh?"

'No, thank you, Flash; I'd rather have a drop of good gip.'

Right you are, old daisy picker, so you shall!' Then, addressing himself to the barmaid, he said, 'A quartern of the best white satin, please, for the best mother as ever welcomed home a sailor boy from sea.

Having coaxed Tilly to take some sherry and lemonade, he gave this second order to the smiling attendant, saying, with an odd mixture of assumed gravity and rough humour.-

'That's for my young lady here: of course you are very sorry she is; but, then you see, I couldn' help it. I saw her before I did you.'

Accustomed to chaff of a lower and much coarser kind than this, the barmaid took all in good part; and remarked, laughingly, as she handed Til y her 'm'xture.'-

He is not a bad sort, is he? So I'll let you have your bargain, and I'll wait till some one else comes along.'

Nothing would tempt Patty to do more than just sip a little of the sherry and lemonade from Tilly's glass. Flash himself took rum shrub; Ted and his brother, a pot of stout; and very soon time, place-all were forgotten as they drank and talked.

An hour later they crossed again to the station for the luggage, Flash declaring he had got 'stu'n' sails set both sides, as be sailed along-rather unsteadily, it is truewith Tilly on one arm, and Patty on the other. Mrs. Foster, who was now very talkative, followed between her two other boys-

It was quite evident that one cab would not take them all, with the luggage; so, having seen his mother, Patty, and the two boys safely inside a 'four-wheeler,' and the luggage piled on the top, Flash and Tilly stepped into a hansom, and the procession started.

'Where to, sir?' inquired the driver of the tansom.

'Goldsmith's Row, Hackney Road ! Have a cigar, cabby?' replied our hero, handing a couple of four-penny Havanas through the call-flap to the driver.

Heavy with the stimulants taken, and rocked by the roll of the cab, Tilly and Flash were soon fast asleep.

This 'welcome home' had been carried out very moderately-very mildly, as things go at such times-by the discharged sailor. It is true we have beld our pen and our thoughts in tight rein, that nothing might enter this parrative that would unnecessarily burt or offend any who might read it; but we should have been false to our principles and to our subject if we had not shown just a little of the folly, and worse than folly, of drink's doings on such an occasion as this.

No pen dare record-no publisher dare send forth the real story of all the abominations that have sometimes characterized the home-coming of 'British tars,' when Drink and his attendant demons have been allowed

Who can tell the power and blessing that those loving-hearted women have been and

are, who seek, by 'Strangers' Rests' and 'Sailors' Homes,' to prevent such scenes as these? They have taught our land that-

* Soldiers and sailors may be led to think Their deadliest foe, in war or peace, is Drink:
The social bane; the moral blight; the curse That palsies discipline, the fatal nurse Of crime, its prompter, that dishonor brings To men of honor, faithful, loyal, true, Worthy of trust and faith in other things. (To be continued.)

THE SCIENCE OF MEDICINE.

WONDERFUL ADVANCES MADE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

Mr. John McGovern of Toronto Relates an Exparience of Deep Interest-Utterly Helpless and Suffered Greatly Before Relief Came.

From the Toronto Globe.

Very little is heard by the general public of the grat discoveries in medicine, and the countles: cores of lives that are saved by the advancing knowledge of medical science. People who a few years ago were left to drag out a miserable existence as hopeless invalids, or helpless cripples, are now, thanks to the advances medicine has made, restored to the fulness of health and strength. Mr. John McGovern, who resides at No. 2 Alpha avenue, in this city, has good cause to appreciate the truth of the above statements. Mr. McGovern was formerly an agent for agricultura implements, and is well known in different parts of Ontario. A Globe reporter who had heard that he had been restored to health, after an illness which threatened to leave him a hopeless cripple, called upon him at his resi dence recently, and was given the following interesting account of his case .-

" My trouble first began," said Mr. Mc-Govern, "two years ago when I was hving in the Village of Bolton, in the County of Peel. The trouble was all in my elbows and knees, and the doctors thought it was rheumatism. I couldn't walk a block without wanting to sit down, and even to walk down stairs was hard work. It afflicted me terribly. I was all right in other ways but for this terrible weakness. For a year and a half I suffered from this, but by sheer force of will held out against it, and managed to get about; but six months ago I broke down completely, and had to give up my business. I then removed to Toronto, and for three months after this I was in terrible shape. I was almost always confined to my bed, being able to come down stairs for a little . while, perhaps once a day. I suffered all the time from a terrible soreness in the joints, and at this juncture my appetite began to fail, and I was only able to cat the lightest food, and not much of that. I could find nothing to help. me or give me relief. All this time I was unable to do anything, and had I not fortunately had a little money laid by which enabled me to go on, I would have been dependent upon ... my family for support. Well, while I was in this terrible shape, my eldest son prevailed upon me to try Dr. Williams Pink Pills, and early in last July I began to use them, and I took them steadily during that month and the two following months. Before the first box was finished I began to get relief, and from that out I steadily improved until I was able to discontinue the use of the Pink Fills, feeling that I was fully restored to health. I am . satisfied in my own mind that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would have stillbeen helpless and suffering, and I have much reason to be thankful that my son persuaded me to use them. Thanks to Pink Pills I am now a new man and intend soon to resume my work.

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AFTERNOON TEA.

The popular thing now-a-days in the better classes of society, is for the lady to receive her friends in what is termed "Five o Clock Tea." While-usually ten is dispensed at one end of the table, the indispensable article is Chocolate, usually of that better grade called "Vanilla Chocolate." For years in the Old World, Chocolate has been recognized as indispensable with lunch after evening parties and may be partaken of by delicate ladies inmediately before retiring. This in some measure accounts for the enormous production of "Menier" of the article known the world over as "Chocolat Menier.

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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. S. Acheron, M A., of Toronto, has received a unanimous call to Wistton.

The Rev. L. Perrin, of Pickering, has been called to G ugetown and has accepted the call-

First Church Brantford, has given a very unani mous call to Rev. R. H. Abraham, of Burlington.

Judge Stevens lectured recently in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, S. John, N.B., on his impressions on the World's Fair.

The third annual convention of Christian Endeavorers in the Territories will be held in Moosomin on Easter Sunday and Monday, March 25 and 26.

The congregation of Manitowaning, under the pastoral charge of Rev. John Rennie, held their annual tea meeting on March 2nd, at which the choir from Little Current assisted. Proceeds \$50.

A company of the Boys' Brigade has been organized in connection with the Glenboro, Manitoba, Presbyterian Church, the Rev. A. McD. Haig,

At the first communion of the new pastor, Rev. R. Wm Ross, M.A., in the Glencoe Presbyterian Church on March 4th, 26 members were added to the roll, 24 by profession of faith and two by certificate.

At the last communion in the Waterloo Presbyterian Church sourteen were added to the roll. Rev. McNair, B.A., who was only recently placed over the congregation, has already endeared himself

Rev. R. S. M. Glassford, Chalmers Church, Guelph, is delivering a series of lectures on "Why I am a Presbyterian." He has been able to thoroughly interest the young people of the congregation

The Rev. Dr. Sexton has declined the call recently sent to him from a church in Ohio and will consequently remain in Canada during the next lew months. He has quite recovered from his fractured riband is again at work, preaching, lecturing and writing.

The anniversary entertainment of the Sunday-School children of Knox Church, Hamilton, is always an interesting event. It was held in the church recently and attracted a very large attendance tespite the disagreeable condition of the weather. W. Given, superintendent pro tem., occupied the chair, and a programme of thirty-two numbers was presented by the children under the direction of Prof Johnson.

The congregations of Bayfield and Bethany have extended a unanimous call to the Rev. J R. McKay, M.A., of Toronto. Mr. McKay is a graduate of Edinburgh University and received the greater part of his training at the New College. After a year of very successful work at Chilliwack, B.C., during which a new church was built by his exertious, he finished his curriculum at Knox College.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, paid a visit to New Lowell on Monday Feb. 19, and preached in Marykirk in the evening. The sermon was very highly appreciated and held the congregation in lucit attention for nearly an hour. At the close the Doctor moved the hearts of the people deeply by a touching reference to the sulden death of Mr. Leishman's little girl which took place about three weeks previous, a bright little sunbeam drawn up to the bosom of the Sun of Righteousness.

Under the auspices of the Gauld Mission Band a very interesting and impressive address was given by Rev. R. P. Mackay, F. M. S., on Thursday evening, March Sib. in the Allandale Presbyterian Church. Colonel Major, of Barrie, presided and spoke of his life and conversion in India where he served in the British army for thirty iyears. Missionary selections were sung by Mrs. Cooper, Miss Phillips and the children of the Band. The collection of the evening amounted to \$22 which are devoted to the funds of the W. F. M. S.

tea and entertainment under the auspices of the Managing Board, was held in the Presbyterian Church, Flesherton, on the evening of the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the genial pastora varied pro-cramme was contributed. Rev. Dr. Waites, of Owen Sound, was the speaker of the evening and delivered an instructive address which was listened to with close attention throughout. The Rev. Doctor's visits to Flesherton have been a distinct pleasure to those interested in the church. The choir admirably contributed their quota to the evening's enjoyment.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Millhank were held on the 25th Feb. The Rev. J. A. Morrison, M.A., of Listowel, was the preacher, the Rev. W. M. McKibbin exchanging pulpits with him for the day. The next evening a very pleasant and successful tea meeting took place. Good music was rendered by the choir of Atwood Presbyterian Chutch, interspersed with addresses by Rev. Messis. Cameron, Kay, Henderson, Leitch, Tully and Morrison, members of Stratford Presbytery and by the Rev. Mr. Gunne, Episcopalian. The total proceeds amounted to over \$16.

The Rev. R. P. McKay, M.A., F. M. S., conducted anniversary services lately at Churchill. His sermons were highly enjoyable and profitable. The church was filled to its utmost capacity at both services. In the evening many stood throughout services. In the evening many stood throughout the service. The proceeds of services amounted to \$175. Plans were laid at the annual meeting, which was held in January, for the wiping out of the entire debt on the new church. Twenty-two names were added to the communion roll during 1893. The young people connected with the north branch of the Churchill congregation lately presented their pastor, Rev. J. A. Ross, with a magnificent robe blanket, accompanied with an address, to which Mr. Ross replied, thanking the young people for the handsome gift.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Listo-The anniversary services of Knox Church, Listowel, were held on Sunday and Monday Feb. 11 and 12. Sunday morning Dr. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, preached an eloquent sermon on "The Power of the Spirit." In the evening the large church was filled to the doors when an able evangelical discourse was given. Those who braved the elements on Monday evening were regaid by the elements on Monday evening were repaid by an exposition in clear and eloquent terms in a lec-ture by the Rev. Doctor on the Latter Day Glory, of the place of the Jews in prophecy and the tesch-ings of the scriptures as to the Messiah.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Clifford, were held on Sabbath, 18th Feb. The Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Guelph, preached morning and evening and addressed the Sunday School in the afternoon. The sermons were able, appropriate and impressive. A social was held on the Monday evening at which rinstructive addresses were delivered by Messrs.
Potter, Cameron and Beattle, interspersed with appropriate music. On the Friday evening there was the annual Sunday School entertainment.
At the close prizes and Presbyterial certificates were presented for repeating the catechism. All the meetings were profitable as well as enjoyable.

Rev. T G. Smith, D.D., general secretary for Queen's University, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Blackstock, on the evening of March 1st. His subject was, "The Boys I Knew," and in treating it, the Doctor showed himself possessed of ery remarkable imaginative and descriptive powers. Life among the lowly in Scotland, forty or filty years ago, was depicted in a masterly manner, and from the grinding poverty that there and then pre-vailed, Dr. Smith showed that some of the boys he their thirst for knowledge, to positions of eminent usefulness. The lecture is a capital one, and must of necessity please the most exacting audience.

The Rev. Principal Caven, I.D., of Knox College, preached in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Sabbath morning, March, 11th. The occasion being a communion service, the Doctor appropriately addressed the congregation from 1 Cor. x1. 26 Two main points were spoken to:—(1) The fact proclaimed and (2) The manner of proclamation. The discourse was much appreciated by the large congregation present. The session received into full communion eighteen new members, thus making a present total of 535; of these, 83 have been added since the induction of Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, ten months ago. Steps are being taken to secure uncreased seating accommodation which has b come a necessity.

On Friday evening last, 16th inst., a most pleasant social gathering was held in St. Paul's Church, of this city. The congregation desiring to show their appreciation of their pastor's decision to remain among them, had prepared a sur puise for him and his wife in the form of a handsome walnut study desk. Mr. Greig, one of the session, acted as chairman and made the presentasession, acted as chairman and made the presenta-tion. Mr Martin accepted the gift with a few words expressive of the deep attachment felt by himself and wife for the congregation which they had seen grow up from its very inception. Rev. Wm. Burns also gave an earnest and stimulating address. The outlook in this young congregation is most hopeful.

The Chinese attending the Presbyterian school conducted in the Columbia block, Columbia avenue, Vancouver, B. C., invited their teachers and friends to a repast on Friday evening and had tables beautifully arranged and toaded with all the good things of the season. But addresses were delivered after the supper by Revs. E. D. McLaren, G. R. Maxwell, J. W. Macmillan, J. M. Macleod and others, by all of whom the good work accomplished was commented on. There were about 40 present in addition to the Chinese. The latter's appreciation of the effort that is being advanced in their behalf was attested by the bountiful meal. The school is conducted and taught by the combined C. E. societies of the Presbyterian churches.

The ladies of Fern Avenue held a most enjoyable concert and very successful sale of work in the Masonic Hall, Parkdale, on Friday evening. Prof. Masonic Hall, Parkdale, on Friday evening. Prof. Johnston, of Hamilton, and his frieads provided the concert. Mr. Johnston's rendering of "Auld John Nicolson's Bonnie Namie," was well worth the price of admission in itself, and every number on the programme was good. Those taking part were Mr. John Alexander, Mr. Beecroft and Miss Beecroft, Miss Emily E. Watkins, and Mr. J. Parnell Morris, to whom is due the credit of arranging the programme, and Mr. Ernest Tackson. During programme, and Mr. Ernest Jackson During the long intermission the ladies disposed of almost all the articles displayed for sale. All were highly pleased with the entertainment, and a good sum was netted towards the furnishing of the new church which this struggling congregation has in view. Messrs Gourlay, Winter, and Leeming sent one of their best upright Weber's from their wate-

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEET-INGS.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Chutch, New Westminster, B. C., was held on Thursday, January 25th. After devotional exercises, Rev. Thos. Scouler, pastor, was appointed chairman. Thos. Scouler, pastor, was appointed chairman. Very satisfactory and encouraging reports were read from the various organizations connected with the congregation—the Session, Sabbath School, Ladies' Aid, Y. P. S. C. E., Building Committee, and the managers. There were raised for missionary purposes a little over five hundred dollars, and for all purposes \$4.958. When the hard times and great sestrity of money are considered the amount raised was gratifying, and the empreoration felters. raised was gratifying, and the congregation felt encouraged.

The annual meeting of Chalmers, Church, Kingston, was held lately. The attendance was the largest in many years, and much interest was manifested in the reports of the past year's work, and in

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the various plans discussed for carrying on that of the present year. After Rev M Macgillivray, the pastor, conducted devotional exercises, he read the Session and Sabbath Scho I reports, and both showed substantial and gratifying results. The Sunday School had been growing steadily in numbers, and valuable improvements had been made in the library and infant class room. There was a flourishing Mission Band. The W F M. S. and Ladies' Aid are doing indispensable and excellent work. The latter has begun to attack the church building debt, and hopes to reduce it by at least a thousand dollars a year The Young People's Society and chair were spoken of in terms of full appreciation. The trustees, while reporting a sub-stantial increase in the ordinary revenue of the congregation, asked for yet a little more of the "ways and means" in order that that the ordinary revenue, without special extra effort, might balance the expenditure. Their management was heartly com-mended, and the opinion was unanimous that they should be cordially supported in their important de-partment of work.

The annual meeting of the Listowel Presbyterian Church held on 26th January, was a successful one in every respect. The Session report showed 60 additions to the membership roll, now leaving, after the purgation of the roll, a total of 349. The attendance upon the means of grace has been well and unceasingly sustained. The treasurer's report showed total net receip a device the year 5.6 as as showed total net receip s during the year \$2,672.22, Plate collections and pew rents showed respectively a gain of \$188 and \$340 over previous years. The Boilding Fund treasurer reported \$130 paid in during the year. The treasurer of the Special Fund for reducing the debt by about \$1,000 a year, reported the scheme inaugurated about November 1st last, to have collected at date of meeting \$808. The Sabbath School report showed a good increase especially in the Bible class, the highest number present being 245 and net amount collected \$151.-39 The Bible Class, conducted by the Rev. of r. 39 The Bible Class, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Morison, the pastor, showed the largest single attendance 110, average attendance 61, average collection \$1.04. The Ladies' Aid secretary and treasurer reported \$189 net cash collected. The W. F. M. S. report showed \$63.59 having been sent to the General Fund. A Mission Band in connection with the W. F. M. S. reported membership 27, and collections \$3.79. The Y. P. C. A. secretary's report shows total membership 80. Amount collected during the year \$\$7.94. The Elma and Wallace Auxiliary of the Y. P. C. A. organized about a year ago reported 42 on the roll, and \$11.24 collected. One of its active members, Miss Jenne Hunt, left last spring for the misson field to Western Africa. The choir of the church

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presented its report to the effect that they had supplied all music and anthem books for over five years and still had on hand \$42.58. To sum up, the standing of the congregation showed about \$4,200 net collected from all sources, of which \$283 was devoted to missions. The assets over all liabilities show over \$12,000 and fully \$1,000 in better shape than a year ago.

The annual meeting of the Vankleck Hill congregation was held in the church on the evening of February 16th, the most enthusiastic of the kind ever known in the congregation, every family being largely represented. At an early hour the church was packed, and quite a number were forced to turn away and forego the pleasure of an evening in connection with the business of the church. The hour for opening having arrived, Rev. John Mac-Leod, B.A., the pastor, gave out the 100th Psalm. The several reports were called for and given to the meeting. The Session reported a good work done and an addition of fifty-three new members to the communion roll; stipend treasurer reported \$1,200 paid to pastor and a balance on hand, to schemes of our church and benevolent objects \$300; financial treasurer reported \$1 800 expended for congregational purposes—in all \$3,800, being about \$1.500 in excess of any previous year. Special attention was drawn to the interest taken in the weekly prayer meetings, Y. P. S. C. E., and Sabbath School, as well as the usual Sabbath services. The programme and business being finished, a social gathering was held of so enjoyable a kind that it was resolved, as much provision was lest over, to hold another on the evening of the 19th. The proceeds were applied to the defraying of a small debt remaining on the new manse property. At last communion on March 4th, which was preceded by a week of preparatory services, there was a large attendance, every available corner of the church being used, even to standing room, while over one hundred persons could not find admittance. Fiftren new members were admitted to the church, thus making in all since the induction of Rev. Mr. MacLeod, a little over a year ago, eighty new names added to the roll. The attention of the con-gregation is being drawn to the fact that in the near future provision be made for increased accommoda-

The annual business meeting of St. Paul's church, Peterboro, was held Wednesday, the 24th ult. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Torrance, after which Mr. J. Coyle Brown, P.S.I., was called to the chair. Rev. E. F. Tor-rance, in the report of the session, made feeling reference to the excellency of the supply by Rev. Mr. Goldsmith during his illness of eight months. The number of communicants of the church had not materially increased, there is still some 350 families in connection with the church. Altogether there were 705 communicants. The Board there were 705 communicants. The Board of Managers' report showed the expenses of the year to have been \$5 950.97 and the receipts to be \$5,854.66, leaving a defi it of \$96.31. The mort-gage account showed that the balance due on mortgage at 5 per cent. from 1st November of the past year was \$3,500. The ques-tion of contributing to all the schemes of the church, such as missions, etc., as well as to the revenue of the church by the envelope system, was discussed and resulted in the adoption of a resolution that all contributions for all purposes be made by the use of envelopes. The Sanday school average attendarce was 255. It showed a great lack of Bible study among the children and the parents were requested to see that such was attended to The cause of temperance had been carefully looked after in the school and lessons had been specially taken on the subject. A French student was being educated by the school, a mission church in the North West had also been nided. It also holds a number of shares in the missionary schooner, "Dayspring," which was doing work carrying supplies to the missions in the Lew Hebrides. The contributions had not increased for missionary purposes during the year, \$334 having been raised. One hundred dollars had been given to Foreign Missions, one hundred to Home Missions, seventy-

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two to French Evangelization, ten to the Ontario Sabbath School Associations, forty-ix to the North-west, and sixteen dollars and eighteen cents to the missionary ship. Mr. J. D. Collins presented the report of the Missionary Society. During the year just ended several noted missionaries had address the several noted missionaries and descriptions of the several noted missionaries had address the several noted missionaries and electronic noted missionaries dressed large meetings in connection with the church, and their remarks had resulted in much good. \$967.36 had been collected during the year, and this, according to a resolution, was ordered to be given as follows:—Home Missions, \$400; Foreign Missions, \$370; French Evangelization, \$137.36. Other reports read and adopted were those of the Woman's Foreign Missionary, Ladies' Aid Society, Fraser Mission Band, Faithful Workers' Mission Band, and the reports of the Christian Endeavor Society, both junior and senior.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

A semi annual meeting of the Algoma Presby tery was held at Sudbury on the 13th, 14th, and 15th instant. The attendance was good. Rev. S. Ronucau presided. It was resolved to ask the General Assembly for leave to add the name of Rev. E. B. Rodgers to the roll of Presbytery. The re-port of Rev. A. Findlay, regarding his visit to con-gregations for aid in the building of churches and manses was received with thanks, and it was decided that this Presbytery, in conjunction with the Presbytery of Barrie, should memorialize the General Assembly for the establishment of a church and manse building fund for Northern Ontario, in view of the fact that the fund of this nature now in existence is available exclusively for the missions of Manitoba and the Northwest. The treasurer re-ported that he had apportioned the amount for the Assembly Fund among the several congregations having ordained ministers, who were to send the amounts direct to Dr. Reid. It was also resolved to memorialize the General Assembly to substitute for the present indefinite description of the bound aries of this Presbytery the following, viz. "The Presbytery o' Algoma shall be bounded on the east by Sturgeon River, on the south by Lake Nipissing, French River, the Georgian Bay, the southern shores of the Great Manitoulin and adjacent islands, the St. Mary's River and the north-eastern shores of Lake Superior as far westward as the mouth of White River, and on the west by White River." Regulations for the guidance of missionaries and managers of mission fields were adopted and ordered to be printed for immediate use. Our representatives on the Assembly's Home Mission Committee were instructed to lay before that committee the advisability of amending their regulations so as to allow catechists with families as much remuneration at least as is allowed to students. A very favorable report of the work done in the Bruce Mines field was received from the committee appointed to visit that field. The committee to Thessalon reported progress and were continued with Presbyterial powers to determine the location of the church between Little Rapids and Kirkwood. Mr. Dun-can B Smith, catechist, having labored within the bounds of this Presbytery for the past three years with acceptance, and having passed the prescribed examinations satisfactorily, was granted the status of approved catechist and recommended to the Home Mission Committee for appointment. A scheme for the systematic examination of catechists was adopted providing for examination at entrance at the end of the first year's work and for the status of approved catechist. The consideration of a further course of study leading to ordination was laid over for the present. A report of his work for the past tix months was heard from Rev. E. D. Pelletier, missionary under the joint employ of the Board of French Evangelization and the Home Mission Committee. The report was received with approbation, and payment of the grants recommended. The reports of the deputations appointed to visit the congregations drawing aid from the Augmentation Fund, showed that the congregations are not more than holding their own, but that, in the case of Sault St. Marie, the congregation might, by putting forth an earnest effort, at-tain and maintain the status of a self-sustaining congregation. The former grants were, however, recommended in each case, in the meantime. The reports on Home Mission work by Rev. A. Findny, superintendent of missions, and Rev. J. Rennie, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, were received with thanks, and adopted with slight amendments as follows: (a) Amounts recommended to be paid by the Home Mission Committee for the work of the past six months in the mission fields. (b) Amounts askd to be appropriated for the work of the next six months on the several mission fields. (c) That, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the cause at Gore Bay, the Rev. J. L. Robertson be transferred from the Thessalon field to Gore Bay for two years and that the clerk be ap-pointed to communicate this decision to the Thessa gregation personally next Sabbath planations. The superintendent was requested to visit the Massey, Chelemsford and Copper Cliff stations with a view to perfecting the organization of these stations. A donation of missionary books for use in the Presbytery was received from the W.F.M. Presbyterial Society of the Presbytery of Peterboro' and is hereby gratefully acknowledged. The re-ports of the committees on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Schools and Statistics were presented in a more or less complete form and ordered to be transmitted to the proper conveners in the supreme courts. Rev. W. A. Duncan was appointed, in the absence of the convener, to frame answers to the circular on Sabbath observance and forward the same to the Synod's convener. Two important points may be noted in these reports, viz.: the success of the Ministerial Association at the Sault in securing the cessation of Sunday work on the canal and the result of the plebiscite in our Prorince with the consequent and gratifying stand taken by the local government in regard to prohibition. The Rev. Dr. Mackey, our Formora missionary, was nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly and the following were elected Commissioners from this Presbylery, viz.: Rev. S. Ron-

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MARRIAGES.

At the residence of the bride's mother, on March 14th, by Rev. S. Acheson, Mr. Peter Fisher, to Miss Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Hugh Love, Esq., of Stanley.

At the residence of the bride's father, Thames Road, Usborne, on March 13th, by Rav. Colin Fletcher, assisted by Rev. John Turnbull, Toronto, Mr. David Hackney, to Miss Annie, daughter of Simon Campbell, Esq., all of Usborne.

DEATHS.

On the 5th inst., at Dunardarigh, Crown Drive, Inverness, Elizabeth Russell, wife of Rev. J. Mactaviel., D.D.

On Wednesday, March 21st, at her late residence, 667 Spadina avenue, Greta Helen, beloved wife of J. M. Clark.

At Pembroke, on Thursday, March 15th, 1894, Isabella Ambrose Kennedy, wife of William Moffat, Sheriff of the County of Renfrow.

On the 23rd March, at St. Andrew's Manse, Toronto, Elizabeth Logie, beloved wife of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in the 49th year of her age.

At Toronto, on Wednesday, 21st inst., Greta Gordon Clark, wife of John M. Clark, I.L.B., and daughter of the Rev D. Gordon, late of Harring ton, aged 32 years.

deau and Rev. W. E. Wallace, with elders A Paul of Sudbury and James Scott, of Webbwood. E. D. Pelletier was appointed to act on the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the next meeting of Synod and this Presbytery's share of the Synod's ex-penses for 1893 ordered to be paid from the Pres-bytery Fund. Mr. A. P. Blown was examined, recommended for further work within our bounds and certified as a student of the third year's standing in the literary course. It was resolved that in the in-terests of the extensive Home Mission work in this Presbytery it is highly desirable that Rev. A. Find lay, Superintendent of Missions, should be appointed a member of the executive of the H. M. Committee. Remits from the General Assembly were considered and the necessary action taken as follows: (a) That this Presbytery decidedly approve of the sessions of mission fields having representation in Presbytery and the superior courts of the church. (b) That Synods be empowered to issue all com-plaints and appeals that do not involve questions of church polity or doctrine. (c) That it is desirable that all nominations or appointments to theological chairs by the governing boards in our several colleges be sent down to the Presbyteries for their information at least three months before the meeting of their Assembly at which such appointments are expected to be made or sanctioned. (d) Synopsis of answers to remit on Book of Praise--That it is desirable (a) to have selections from the psalms and paraphrasis in the best available versions incornerated and numbered consecutively with the hymns, but also with the number of the p-alm in brackets; (b) to have a large variety of topics embraced 11 the Book of Praise and a larger addition of simple hymns suitable for the young, for young people's societies and evangelistic services, containing gospel invitations, appeals, etc., (c) to have music of a simpler style and of a more popular character than that which prevails in the present hymnal, the American being preferable to the heavier English arrangement of metres and harmonies. (d) A large proportion of the hymns proposed are not sustable for the average congregation's use. It was resolved that, in addition to the similar authority given at last meeting of Presbytery to Meesrs. Duncan and Wallsce over the fields contiguous to their own congregations, other ordained ministers exercise pas-toral supervision and act as Moderators of existing

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Emperor William has directed that a tower be erected at Gottingen in honor of Bismarck.

Senhors Moraes and Pereira were elected respectively President and Vice President of Brazil.

Forty-two anarchists and socialists are to be tried on a charge of plotting a revolution in Italy.

Mr. Gladstone was eighty-four years old D-cember 29 h. He has been in the British public service sixty years.

Of the forty-two English-speaking Baptist Churches in and about Chicago, one half have been organized in the last four years.

The strongest candidate for Pope to succeed Leo XIII. is said to be Monsignore Dominico Jacobini, the papal nuncio in Lisbon.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, author of "Self Help," has just celebrated his golden wedding. He is in his eighty-third year, and is still vigor-

The Rev. Robert Small, Gilmore Place Church, Edinburgh, has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of St.

More than one hundred and ninety pupils have been enrolled in Cumberland Presbyterian Seminary, Piedmont, Ala., M. M. Russell, A.B., president.

The Rev. James Hamilton, M.A., was on the 22nd ult, ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Derryvalley, in the Ballybay Presbytery.

Lady Henry Somerset is at present raising funds to establish in England an Inebriate Home for Women. Such a home for men has been in existence for some time.

The number of reformatory schools in Great Britain at present is filty-two, viz, forty-three in England, and line in Scotland -a decrease of ten schools in the last fifteen

The report for 1893 of the London Presbyterian Literary Society's Union has been printed and issued There are 32 societies in the union, containing 1 918 members, of whom 534 are ladies

Rev John Julian, author of the Dictionary of Hymnology, and Rev. A. J. Harrison, lec turer on "Christian Evidences," have been made D.D. and M.A., respectively by Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr. Kerr, Principal Inspector of schools in Scotland, admits that some of the good features of the old parochial schools have disappeared, but he finds compensation in the fact that dull children now get a chance.

Gen. Neal Dow, whose ninetieth birthday, March 20th, was celebrated by prohibitionists in various parts of the country, still rises daily at five a.m., and takes a three mile walk every morning, "to keep the bloom of youth on his

The tower which is being erected by the Russians on the highest point of the Mount of Olives at Jerusalem, is already several stories high, and but one more is to be added. The Mediterranean and the Dead Seas will be seen from the top.

Philadelphia has abolished school examinations for promotions. The movement has been on the ground that examinations are an unnecessary draft upon the time and energy of both pupils and teachers and also an incentive to deception by the former.

Rev. G. W. Rich, of Payson, Utah, reports a unique ingathering of people at Berjamin, a village near Payson. Some time since almost the whole village left the Mormon Church in a body, and now about fifty of them have united with the Presbyterian Church in Pay-

ago has 626 churches of all der tions. Of these the Methodists have 105 churches and missions, the Riman Catholics 101, the Congregationalists eighty four, the Baptists seventy-two, the Lutherans sixty-four, the Presbyterians fifty-six, the Episcopalians forty-four.

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A movement is being made to form an inter-collegiate debating union Harvard has been the moving factor in the matter, and has sent invitations to the larger American colleges, and acceptances from Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and the University of Pennsylvania have already been received.

The Rev. Dr. J. H. Wilson, of the Barclay Church, Edinburgh, preached lately in the Melville Free Church, Aberdeen, and at the close of his sermon introduced to the congregation the Rev. W. S. Swanson, the newly-ordained minister of the church. Mr. Swanson occupied the pulpit in the evening.

The Presbyterian Board of Education has issued a new circular to the churches. The number of candidates under its care has increased from 696 in 1887 to more than 900 in 1894. In view of the great expansion of the foreign work and the great demands at home, they expect this number to become still larger.

The R-v. Andrew Duncan, senior minister of the U.P. Church at Mid-Calder, fell asleep in the Lord on his seventy-fourth birth-day, the 23rd January, and his remains were buried in the grave of his father, in Mid-Calder churchyard, on the following Friday. He had served his generation by the will of God as a minister of the gospel for fifty-two

Attempts are still continued to carry out street preaching in the city of Cork, but with a very limited measure of success. The preachers, wherever they appear, are hustled and pelted, and the authorities show very little disposition to protect them. If toleration could be established in this matter, not in Cork only, but all over Roman Catholic Ireland, it would be a great gaid.

In a "Library of Christian Philosophy," published by Wilbur B. Ketchum, New York, the volume, "The Best Thoughts of the Best Thinkers," a place is given to a paper by Rev. J. D. Gold, Ph.D., pastor at Newburgh, Indiana, on the progress of Theistic Philosophy. This paper was read in the Summer School of Philosophy at Avon by the Sea, 1891, and published in Christian Thought in December of the same year.

The Prussian Minister of Public Worship has announced that children whose families have no religious faith need not receive religious instruction in the public schools except at the request of their parents. The order, it is explained, does not apply to the primary schools, but it is the first step towards the abandonment by the state of the duty of religious instruction, and, as such, has met with loud protests both from Protestants and Roman Catholics.

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The Rev. Yung-King Yen, a Presbyter of the American Protestant Episcopal Church Mission in China, has arrived in England in response to an invitation from the anti-opium organizations. He was welcomed at a meeting in (Lower) Exter Hall, lately, Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., in the chair. Mr. Yen represents the native Christians in China, and more especially in Shanghai, and gives his personal testimony as to the curse that has fallen on the Chinese people through the vicious opium

Dr. Pentecost and the Session at Marylehone have given the use of their lecture-hall for a sale of work on behalf of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, recently opened by Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P. The society has secured the General Post office at Dover, overlooking the harbor, for its Sailor' Rest and Bethel. The society hopes to make use of Indian native missionaries to native seamen working in Indian parts. Mrs. Pente-cost and other ladies are rendering valuable

The resignation by the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Smith of his ministry in Edinburgh Free High Church is an event that claims the regrets of a far wider circle than those more immediately concerned. In his Moderatorship of the nbly last May, he displayed consummate ability in the tact, gracefulness, and readines s' of resource with which he discharged the delicate and multifrious duties of the position. We trust he may long be spared to enjoy a tranquil season of retirement, and to enrich the world with further products from his pen.

The Moody meetings in Washington were of interest and attracted all classes-members of Congress, the higher officials, or the officials of all classes and distinguished cutzens, as also thousands of others, down to the most lowly. Mrs. Cleveland was present one evening, accompanied by Mrs. Gresham, Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. Bissell, of the Cabinet ladies. When the request was given to the vast audience for all who were professed Christians to indicate that they were members of the church by rising, Mrs. Cleveland was among those who stood up.



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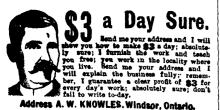
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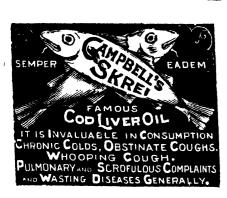
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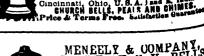
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