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THEY DESIRE A BETTER COUNTRY：＂ \％ UCH was the commendation bestowed upon the Old Testament worthies who died in Helth of better things to come，and their desire Was shown by their man：er of life here．
The desire for a better earthly country is shown the same way．The barbarous hordes from Central Asia swept down over Europe；the Norse 4－kings made Normandy their home；the
Wrim fathers crossed the sea；because they
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## a sermon on "politics."

" There is no power but of 500 . The powers that be, are ordained of God."-Rom. 13: 1 .

筑GENERAL Election is in the futur: and as the Word of God is a rule or conduct in all circumstances, the present is a fitting time to inquire what it teaches regarding the duty of the Christian citizen. The verse at the head of this column is one of its many answers to that inquiry, and the truth it teaches, and the consequent lessons may not be unhelpful.
The fruth truught, viz., that-
I. Civil. government is i moine institution.

This is the direct statement of the text, "There is no pouer but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God."
Oue of the grandest of all truths is that God reigns. He is king both in name and in reality. Not only is His title "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," but "He docth according to His will in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth."

In dealing with men, however, He is pleased to throw upon them in some measure the execution of that will. He gives to them commands, and though He has all power to compel direct obedience to these commands, and to inflict direct penalty for their violation; yet, as in the work of spreading the Gospel and saving the world, He is pleased to carry out His purposes by human agency; and to this end He has ordained Civil Govermment, as a means of enforcing upon men such of llis commands enpecially as have to do with the persons and rights of their fellow-men.
The Great Ruler says, "Thou shalt not kill," but He does not inflict a penalty for the deed by striking dead the murderer; He has instituted human law for this purpose, and has laid down the principle that "he that sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." The law on the statute book against murder is not merely human law, it is a Divine ordinance, and the ruler who enforces it, is, according to Scripture, "a minister of God, an arenger for wrath to Him that doeth evil."
The sume is true with regard to all laws referring to the rights, the property, the person, or the life, of our neighbor, all laws against profanity, or blasphemy, or Sabbath breaking; and the more fully the laws of any land are made and carried out after the model of the Divine law, the more completely do these laws answer the purpose for whici God instituted civil government among men.

But a question arises here. Can a corrupt Government be a Divine institution? Can men who make and enforce unrighteous iaws be called God's ministers or servants? Yes! the

Government is Divine, though human enrruption may have crept into it.
There might be a wise and righteous Govern. ment at the head of sibe Empire, and under it, foolish and corrupt governments, at Ottawa, or Toronto, or Halifax, doing much of which the head goverument would disapprove. But the Government of the Empire has given these sul). ordinate Governments cextain privileges, and so long as they work within cerisin preat constitutional principles, it leaves them largely to themselves, to make their own laws, and bear the consequences.
So, the King of Kings rules in righteousness, but Ile gives to men liberty, freedom of will in all things, gives them freedom in the work of making and carrying out laws, even though these laws are not such as He approves. Eati ii: rulers, whom in His Providence He appoint., may not be faithful to their trust; they may be corrupt; selfishness may be their supreme controlling power; yet He does not use His power to destroy them. They are still His minister., though fllling but poorly their office. When Paul, moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote in his letter to the Romans, "There is no pover but of God, the pourers that be are ordained of God," Nero, the greatest monster that ever wielded sceptre, was on the throne of the Roman Empire.

Law is of God, and law among men is but its echo, sometimes faint, sometimes clear and strong. Justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne; and justice and judgment, as commanded and enforced among men, aro but the reflection of these great principles from that throne; sometimes very dim as reflected from corrupt rulers, sometimes clearer and brighter, as reflected from wise and righteous ones; bui whether dim or bright, all law has its source in God, as all light, popularly speaking, has it. source in the sun.
Three further thoughts are suggested in connection with the great truth of the text:-

1. That while "Civil Government is a Divine Institution" its true character is in many case" more or less overlaid by the errors and sins of those to whon it is entrusted. Earth's Governments toc often reflect but dimly the Divine.
2. With all their wrongs, human governments. thanks to the efforts of men and women, good and true, are, as a whole, growing better, and this betterment, shall go on until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and the laws on men, shall be the Law of God.
3. Upon men and women, according to their light, and knowledge, and position, and influence, rests the responsiblity of refashioning, into the likeness of its Divine Ideal, this irstitution of Civil Government, which their selfishness and sin has so sadly marred. This last thought leads to
II. some lesoons tajoit by the fact that civil authomety is a minese institution.
Since the powers that be are ordained of God it follows that :-
4. It is the duty of cerry man, as in Goor's sifht, to gire obedience to these poucrs to obey the laws of the land.
To those who liveunder the absolute monarchy of Russia, that monarehy is 'he serrent of God, for "there is no power but of Goc'," and as such, the Christian subject is to give :t due respect and obedience, so long as it does not tell him to do what is wrong, or come betwe nh him and his duty to God. To those wholive in Britain, with its limited monarchy. the government is God's ordinance, and the man who sabs, "I will not obey the laws, no one has a right to be king, kovernment should be a republic," is sinning against God. To those living in the United States, in a republic, that government is an ordinance of God, and its laws are to be respected and obeyed so long as they do not contlict with the laws which come direct from God or inter fere with duty to Him. The man who says, 1 will not obey because there is no king, is resist ing the ordinance of God. What saith the word :
"He that resisteth the power resisistet the or. dinance of God. Wherefor ge must necelsbe in stajection, not only because of the wreth of the rulers, and its consequent penaty) but also for ronseicnce sake." Rom. 13: $\mathbf{0}$.
Disapproval of $a$ law is no sufficient reasion for disobeying it. If a man think it capable of inprovement, he is at liberty, yea, he is bound, to do what he cun in a lawful way to make it better; but if he cannot succeed in a lawful way, and it does not interfere with his duty to God he must obey. He may think that it is not right for a government to put a high tarifion bread or other necessaries of life. Let him use his influence to bring about a change, if he will, butif he attempt to evade the law by smuggling these things into the country withour paying duty, he is breaking the law, not only of man, but of God. Ye must needs be in subjection not only because of the wrath, but also for conssicnce sakc. He may think that a certain tax is unjust. Let him amend the law if he can, but if not, and the payment of it is not morally wrong, he is bound, if he has the means, to pay it. He that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God. Ye must needs be in subjection for conscicnce sake. "For, for this cause" (i. c. for conscience sake) "pay ye tributc also; for they arc ministers of Gots scrvice, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tributc is duc; custom to whom mustom; fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor ; and sc, of all laws, that do not come between one's conscience and God.
Since Civil Government is a Divine institu-
tion, since the powers that be are ordnined of God, it follows that:-
5. A necesacery qualification for one when is to engete in the work of governing, who is to represent the pourre which is of Gorl, who is to make and utminister leves, is, thut, in churnter and purpose, and aim, ctul effort, he be in hetrmony with God.

Law-makers and law-givers on earth, to be worthy of their place, must follow the fireat Lisw-Giver ; they must be men after God's own heart. Evil agents often carry out God's purposes. Concerning the cruciflion of Christ, Peter says to the rulers of the Jews: "Him being delivered if the determinote counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." The Great liuler will earry out Ilis plans both by the aid of wicked men and in spite of them, as in the case of Pharaoh, yet it is needless to prove that when a Holy God makes an institution for the good of men, He wishes that institution to be managed aecording to llis mind and will. Moses, the great litw-giver of Isracl, way directed with regard to the choice of rulers on this wise: "Thon shalt provide ont of all the people able men, wheh as feir God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and plate such over them, to be rulers of thousands and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers over te:s. l'anl in giving charere to 'Timothy, exhorts that "first of all, supplications: prayers, intereessions, and fiving of thanks be mate for all men, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."
It is very plain that as Government is God's ordinance it should no: be left in the hands of godless men. Political life is sometimes spoken of, as if godliness and the functions of government were utterly inconsistent; as if legislative halls were not the place for honest Christian men. True, Sutan has obtained large control in this field as well as in others, and there is much of wickedness in high pluces, but that very thing makes the necessity for good men all the greater. The very selfishness and corruption that sometimes exists in connection with civil govern. ment is the strongest reason why these things should as speedily as possible be cast out, and government be made more in accord with its Divine original. The Government of the Unirerse is quite consistent with holiness of character in the Great Ruier of all, and only that man who aims at likeholiness, justice, goodness and truth, is worthy to represent the King of Kings in the powers which He bas ordained among men.

Since civil government is a Divine institution, it follows that:-
3. Every man who has intrusted to him a voice or vote in the appointment of a Government, is bound, in duty, to use that voice or vote.

If wa lived under an absolute monarchy where we had no voice in choosing, where all we had to do was to obey, it would be our duty simply to obey, and if we saw seed, to work lawfully to bring about a better state of things.

We do live under an absolute monarchy, but it is the monarchy of the people. They are the absolute rulers. From them there is no appeal. What the people will is law. Every man who has a vote is a part of that monarchy. In our land the power of the people is a power ordained of God, and each voter is a part of that power. Every man is a ruler so far as his vote and influence extend.

Now, in this state of things, all camot devote their time either to the making or carrying out of laws, and accordingly a few men are chosen representatives of the whole, to devote their time more especia!ly to this matter, while the body of the people devote their time to their ordinary callings in life. It is therefore in the choosing of these men, that the governing work of the great mass of the people consists.

Some day...... we are to have a .general election, to choose those who, as our represent atives, shall conduct for the next five years the government of our Dominion. Our part in the government of the country is limited to the act of casting our votes. If we neglect to do that part in the management of this Divine institution of civil government we neglect a duty which in our land God has laid upon us. Erery man who has a vote is to that extent a part of the power, a part of the ordinance of God, and if, through carelessness or neglect, he does not use that vote, be is neglecting a trust which God has committed to his keeping.

Men sometimes say: "I do not take much interest in such matters; I leave that to those who have a taste for it; there is so much that is evil connected with it." And good men, from what they think a sense of duty, but certaingy from a very mistaken sense, occasionally stand aloof and will have nothing to say in the govern. ment of their country, and think that in doing so they are standing on a higher level than do those who take part in that work. The man in such a position, instead of standing on a higher plane than his fellows is simply shirking his duty. The very fact that there is so much of evil in connection with powers and governments, while on the one hand, it makes the work of having anything to do with it, more unpleasant, on the other hand makes the necessity, and therefore the duty, of doing so, if possible, more binding upon every man who has a voice.
"Leave such matters to the world, I have higher things to think about!" What if Christ had said that, when Satan thrust himself into this world, brought it under His influence, and was driving it to ruin! Fancy the Saviour of men saying:
" I have higher things to attend to. These multitudes of the Heavenly Host are continually singing their songs of praise. There is purity and holiness, gladness and glory, here. I will not leave these holy exercises and go out and down into the arena of strife and sin to seek to overthrow the Dominion of the evil one. I am safe. I am engaged in higher, holier, work. All that is spiritual is lere. Let Satim manage the affairs of the world." If He had taken that stand what would have been the result.

No such thing did IIe. He came and took up the work; entered into the conflict. It brought him into contact with sin. It brought Him under suffering for sin, but He shrank not from it. Into the thick of the strife he thrust Himself, to redeem the world from such control, to bring it into subjection to Himself, to establish a government of righteousnessand peace, instead of a tyrany of strife and sin; and at that work He kept until He could say, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." And if any man sees the affairs of men under the dominion of Satan; if he sees evil having a controlling influence in the country, and folds his hands saying, "It is such an unclean business that I am not going to meddle with it, I will have no part in it," he is not following in the footsteps of his Master. If these institutions of Divine appointment are unclean it is a man's duty so far as he is able, to make them clean.
Taie as an illustration, temperance legislation. Are the laws in any country such as favor that traffic, which is one of the greatest hindrances to the well being and happiness of millions, and one of the greatest obstacles to the spread of the Kingdom of Christ? Does the liquor influence in legislative halls, or in the country at large, tend to perpetuate such laws? Does God give me, as a voter in that country, a voice in its government? And do I neglect to use that voice. Do I say," there is so much of evil at work that I will have nothing to do with it?" Am I not guilty of criminal neglect? Does not every suffering, shivering, starving, wife or child in the drunkard's home cry out against me for not doing what I may to help them, by casting my vote against any, of any party, who may have used their position and influence to defend and sustain the traffic; and for not doing what I can to pace in power men whom I think wili use that power to help put into operation the temperance laws that we have, and, as they are able, give us better ones.
The Chrisitian citizen is bound in fulfiment of his duty to his fellow-citizens and to his God to take an active part in the struggle for the suppression of evil. He is morally bound to actively support men and measures that will most tend to lessen the sum of human ill, and, in this particular, to send representatives to the legislature
of his country, who will honestly try to check the the of intemperance; not men who will use temperance or prohibition for a mere party ers to ride into power, whose acts and lives may show that it is with them not a matter of conviction but one of policy ; and who, while openly professing to the in favor of temperance legislation will in secret allow it to be made of no effect; but men whose pure, consistent, temperate lives, are an enrnest that they will do what they can for the suppression of this colossal curse, and as builders in the rising temple of temperance legislation, will faithfully and carnestly work, until the top stone shall be brought with shoutings of "Grace, Grace unto it "; and Promibition in letters of light shall gild the pages of our Statute Books.
But the sphere of legislation is not confined to any one thing. Its duties are legion. The same principles, however, apply to all parts of it, and if there be any other evil that may seem to be sapping the foundations of morality, and truth, and rightcousness, in any quarter, in connection with civil government, the duty of every man who would be a faithful follower of the Sariour, is to use the power which God has given to him in the ballot, in putting down all abuses of whatever sort in connection with this Divine insti tution, in fashioning human laws into the likeness of that stone statute book given from God on Sinai, and in choosing as law makers and executers, whether Municipal, Provincial, or Dominion, men who make that Statute Book the law of their lives.
'There may be times when the path of duty seems difficult; when the choice, whether between men, or between the platforms of different parties, seems not a choice between evil and good, but a choice of evils; but if there be a choice the Christian citizen is bound to make that choice, choosing the better part, and striving earnestly to make it more worthy of his support. The Christian citizen must do the best he can with the best he can get, and ever seek to make it better, and the man, who through carelessness or affected superiority to such matters, stays idly at home on election day, is not doing his duty to his country or his God. There may be circumstances which at times will justify such a course, but they are very rare.

As civil gowernment is a Divine Institution, and the powers that be are ordained of God, and in our land every voter is part of that power, there ore
4. Every citizen should not only exercise his power, but should do so as a SACRED duty, as done unto God not unto man.

Consider what this excludes and what it in. cludes.
It excludes both the giving and the taking of bribes, in any shape or form, direct or indirect, by any man.

The man who takes a bribe abuses the trust which God has committed to his keeping for the beneft of his country, and perverts it to his own selfish ends.
The man who gives a bribe is no better. He is a partner in the guilt. He is the wilful means of leading the other into sin. He is doing something to lower instead of elevate the world; something that felps to bring it into subjection to $\sin$ and covetousness. He thus prostitutes Civil Government, the ordinance of God, and makes it a means of advancing Satan's kingiom.
The same principle applies to bribery on a larger scale, such as the promise, by either pariy, to spend money in public works of any kind, as $a$ reward for support. In this case there is added to the sin of bribery, the crime of doing it with stolen money, robbing the public treasury to advance private interests. In this case too, as in that of the individual, the receivers are sharers in the quilt; the community that accepts such offer, and gives therefor its votes, is as guilty as the party by which the offer is made.
It excludes all compulsion or restraint. We speak of lands and times where men could not worship as they pleased, when they were persecuted for conscience sake and compelled to worship as others willed, or suffer pains and penalties. Compelling a man, over whom one may have power, to vote in a certain way, is exactly the same. Civil government and the churchare both Divine institutions. The Christian citize: is as much lound to be faithful to his trust in the one as in the other, and the man who attempts to interfere in any way with the faithful conscientious use of a fellow man's ballot, is a persecutor.
It excludes mere party strife, and puts in its place, principle. Principles are carried out by means of party, but the party should be regarded only as the agent for carrying into effect the principle, and should be supported only as it proves itself the best fitted for that purpose.
It includes, that a man should seek to realize that the ballot is a trust committed to him for the benefit of his country, his fellow men, and the Glory of God.
It inciudes, that he should seel intelligently to inform himself of the questions at issue and the men to be chosen.
It includes, that Christian men should earnestIy seek direction from God as to their duty, that the one prayer should be, "Lord, what wilt 'ihou have me to do."
The call of the time to the Christian men of Canada, in the choice of their representatives, is to do their duty, faithfully, honestly, tearlessly; to do right, and leave results with Him Who has ordained Civil Government among men, and Who has in this land intrusted to the people the decision as to what the character of that Government shall be.

## EXPERIENCES IN TITHING. VI.

MINISTEI in Ontario writes:-"I am glad to see 'Caleb Cobweb on l'roportionate Giving,' which 1 sent you, in the March Recomb. Last Sunday one of my people handed me $\$ 25.00$ for missions as "a tithe." It was the first thing of the kind that ever happened here. I think your "Tithing Experiences" must be making an impression. With the $\$ 25.00$ was a request for a sermon on the subject."

From a young lady from Waterloo, Ont., is the following:-"I am very much interested in your 'Tithing Experiences,' For my own part I think it is the proper way to give, and the smallest. portion that we ought to offer. I must say I have found great blessing in so doing, and am often surprised how far the other nine-tenths go, and am persuaded that the blessiag of God rests on it.

My tenth is very little. I wish it were a great deal more, but if there be first a willing mind. the Lord will accept according to what a man hath."

A mechanic in Newmarket, Ont., says --"I am delighted to see so many testimonies to the spiritual and temporal advantages of the tithing system, and duty urges me to give your readers mine. Since I adopted this plam, six or seven years ago, my experience is that the Lord has entirely fulalled his promises to me and mine.

My attention was first drawn to the subject by reading a book; then some leaflets seenied to come to me providentially; then a searching for myself to see whether these things were so, for I had no person to instruct me, and I knew no one who had tried it; but from that time to the present, have not had one single occasion for regretting the course I have taken, for it has theen the means of strengthening my faith in God, and of developing and broadening my Christian life.

Before I commenced tithing I often desired to give more, but was prevented by my pocket being empty. Now I have none of that. I am a mechanic and tithe my income regularly, laying away at least a tenth sacredly by itself, so it does not matter how unexpectedly a call for help may come I have my mite ready. By this way I am enabled, with greater pleasure, to do more for the cause of Christ in one year than I did formerly in five.

I earnestly pray that the leaven of this system will work until it leavens the whole Church. Unless we do our duty in this respect, it will be a long long time before the heathen learn of Christ, and before we have an answer to our prayer of 'Thy kingdom come.'

I would iike to hear of any one having faithfully tried this plan and given it up as unsatisfactory."

Tathing in The " Experiences in Tithing" that Tripliad. have been given from month to month in the Riscond, awaked a whe spread interest, not only at home, bat in some of our mission flelds. Rev. Mr. Thumpson writes :-
"Many of our young people read the Recori). Those who can read do so and make known the news to others. The articles on tithing have interested them much and this year a goodly number have begun to give a tenth, at which we nre much pleased. It is purely optionad. Agnin and again they have said to me, "how mach whll I give.' I always answer, 'I don't know; settle that for yourselves.'
I have been giving them a list of the history of our church's missions and shewing them that there i:s a 'giving' that makes more able to give, while there is no less a witholding that makes poorer."
From Toronto writes an aged disciple:-" The experience of a long life, has convinced me more and more of the blessed results which follow this system of giving to the Lonis, or rather of returning to Him , the giver of ail, that portion which He specially asks us to devote to His work.
But some may say, "In what way do these blessings show themselves?-many who take this plan are far from being rich. You yourself have had hard enough work to do to make ends meet."
This may be true, but then the ends do meet, for the Christian who first pays his debt to the Lorn, froma sense of both love and duty, will not be likely to go in debt to his fellow-man. The habit of looking into his income, and of setting apart one portion, will surely make him careful of the rest. Habits oi self-indulgence will be lessened and the whole character strengthened, so that by the grace of God, the manifold temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil will be more easily resisted. Then the very division of our property raises our thoughts. to God, for if we spend the tenth of our income for Him, we will want to know in what way He would like us to do it. Asking direction for one portion, we will be more likely to seek it for the remaining nine tenths.
Again, it is scarcely likely that those who give one-tenth to God, will be led into gambling or any other dishonest means of making gain. The self-denial this habit would give to our sons and daughters would be a great check on the numberless dishonesties of the day, taking bribes, tricks of trade, appropriating money not their own, over-stepping their salaries. \&c., \&c. The morning papers would not so frequently make parents tremble, as they read the account of a promising young man having to flee the country as a defaulter.

All these are indirect blessings which may be said to flow almost naturally from the system of pronortionate giving.

But there are direct blessings. If this system were followed there would be less poverty, for God Himself says, Mal, 3-11, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, $\& \mathrm{c}$," the land would yield its increase, money would no longer be put into a bag with holes. (see Haggai I, 6), trade and commerce would flourish, church debts would be paid, and there would be a full coffer to send Home and Foreign Missionaries whereever needed
But, why a tenth? 'Why fix any special amount?' God in his wisdom, knowing the nature of fallen man, their great diversities of character and circumstance, fixed o minimum, and he who required it will reward the faith of those, who, even in adverse circumstances, seck to fulfl His command, and daily wait on Him.
Some men are by nature, close, miserly, selfish, and, whether in afluence or poverty, would spend everything on themselves. Here is a corrective, which will enlarge their views, warm their hearts, and bring them into sympathy with their fellow men. Others are open-handed, careless about money, and give to whoever asks them, from the difficulty of saying no, while perhaps their debts are unpaid, their landlady waiting for their board, their washerwoman going without her Sunday dinner for want of means to get it. The habit of giving a flxed sum would tend to correct such carelessness.
Men and women with small incomes, first give your tenth to God, the rest will be doubly blessed, so much so, that you will often wonder that your money goes so far.

Are you fairly well off, or rich, give the tenth of your income, but io not stop there. The Jews of old gave that, and a great deal more. Surely we who know Christ's great love, ought to be impelled by love to extend His kingdom, till all the nations of the world have accepted Him as their Saviour.

## INQUIIIES ABOET THTHING.

o whent shouki Two correspondents ask what
it be wiven? the tithe should be used for. The onls answer we can give is, "Remember that It is the Lorl's money; seek His guidance ; and品se it as you think He would have you do."
Isit A minister writes: "One of my hearbojust. ers claims the system to be unjust. One man has an income of $\$ 2000$, and gives $\$ 200$; his brother has an income of $\$ 600$, and gives $\$ 60$. The one has $\$ 1500$ left for private use, while the ther has only $\$ 540$. Is not $\$ 200$ a much smallerconfribution from the one than $\$ 60$ from the other."
This "hearer" is mistaken. The system is not
finjust. It is not simply that a tithe should be Given by everyone, but that everyone should䭗ve at least one tithe, that a tithe should be the finimum, and then as much more as circum.
tances will permit.

Nhallis firmt Another correspondent sends may my debts. the following guestion.
"A Christian man owes a debt incurred through failure of investment. His income is barely sufficient for ordinary support of his family. If possible to economize at all, should not such saving go to his creditors and not into the Lord's treasury."
This reason would apply not merely to tithing, but to returning any part to the Lord. The question asked is therefore, whether a man in this position should return anything to the Lord.
It may help in answering this question to remember that the Lorel is a creditor, that of what le gives us day by day, of health and strength, we owe a part to llim . Or, perhaps better, all we have is lisis; He intrusts it to us, and asks that part of it be used directly for Him; and the Lord's portion, more or less, is not ours to give to any other.
A Farmers "I am a farmer in Rockburn, Que. dinisulty. Our pastor strongly advocates giving a tenth, and I think we would be more willing to do so if we knew what is the tenth of our income. From my farm I raise produce to the value of $\$ 600$ yearly. I am not out of debt. Hired help, taxes, insurance of buildings, wear and tear, \&c., amounts to $\$ 150$ a year. This leaves $\$ 150$ out of which I have to maintain my family and pay interest. Farmers, as a rule, do not keep a strict account of receipts and expenditures, so that it is hard to know the tenth. Igain we often do not sell for cash, but have to take "store." How are we to tithe the produce that we get no money for? And am I to tithe my gross income of $\$ 600$ per year, or part of it, after I pay helpand interest and other expenses. If some way could be pointed out that would meet these difficulties, more of the farmers would practice giving a tenth."

1. If "farmer" wishes to give one-tenth, and is in doubt as to whether he should tithe $\$ 4 \overline{5} 0$ or $\$ 600$, he has apparently no doubt about the $\$ 450$, he can therefore make no mistake in beginning there. The way is thus far clear. Let him walk in the light that he has, and then seek Iurther light. If, after that, he is troubled about the remainder, he can make no mistake by tithing it also. 2. As to farmers not keeping accounts, why should they not. A five cent book, or a cent's worth of paper, and a little care, a minute or two each eiening, would suflice. 3. Farmers do not sell everything for "store." They only take what they need and what would require cash to purchase. It is almost as if they sold for cash and then bought for cash. 4. If a man honestly wishes to do right in the matter, let him do that which seems clear, seek guidance from God, follow conscience. "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men freely and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

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Gire from The Rev. Dr. King has received one Mreland. hundred pounds sterling from the Presbyterian Church of Iroland for Manitoba College. The aid, so often rendered, was never more seasonable than this year.-Com.

Nid. Prem. The Presbytery of Newfoundland has asked to be watided with the Presbytery of Hallfax. The latter has agreed to ask the next General Assembly to sanction the union under the name of the Presbytery of Halifas. The ecclesiastical, is, in this instance, taking precedence of the civil, union.

Help from The receipts for Home Missions for scotiond. 1894 and 1895 respectively, up to March 5th in each year, are given as $838,801.09$ and $\$ 42,440.02$. In the receipts of 1895 are included special contributions received, through the efforts of the Rev. W. Gordon, from Scotland and Ireland, to the amount of $\$(3,340.57$. If this sum is deducted from 842,440.52, the receipts of 1805 will fall $\$ 1,435$. 54 below receipts for Home Missions at the same date last year. If the Committee is not to be embarrassed and kept from extending its work, congregations should take care not to fall behind in their contributions. Special work among Hungariaus, Germans, Icelanders, Swedes and Mormons was undertaken last year, not to speak of extension of work among Euglish speaking people which will alsorb all this special help. -J. $\boldsymbol{R}$.

Hi.w to build In a later setter to the Record, a Church. Mr. Paton gives some further particulars of ther work. He silys the Church is valued at $\$ 1500$, an l free of debt. "The work of the building, layin; foundations, hauling lumber, \&ic., \&c., was furnished by the ranchers and the pastor. Not a cent was paid out for work of building the church. One made the doors, and well made they werc. Another, with his two sons, plastered the walls and built. chimnies. Others did all they could, and the few really interested deserve the greatest praise in giving all they could of what they did possess.

The country is fu'l of hope and promise for the coming year, and we must prepare and receive the settlers when they come. The miners are a warm hearted class of people, and a good work may be done amongst them. Thanks to all the friends who kindly helped in the work here, mas their kindness be also experienced by other needy fields in this new and needy West."

Kettle Is rejoicing in a new church. Rev. River, B.C., Thomas Paton, the missionary there, in a private letter to Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Montreol, writes of it :-
"It is the first plastered building for 100 miles,
so far as we can learn, and the only chureh within 200 miles on the Canadian side and near !y 150 on the American side. It is $22 \times 33 \mathrm{ft}$, w wheat 130 people, and we have a stove that will warm it comfortably. I have been enabled to get another horse in place of the one we sold to buy shingles. I did most of the hauling of lumber for the church. All the week previous te the opening I was up till tweive and two s'clock to get the church finished inside, so you may belleve I was tired on the Sabbath of the opening. I had no brother minister with me, but of this I am sure, there could never have been a more thankful man than I was on that occasion; I was so glad to face the Valley people in our very own building. I cannot tell how thankful we are to the kind friends who have aided us in its erection."

Kamicopm. Mr. Lee, the pantor, writes that with 33 families, 45 young persons not connected with families, and 57 communicants, the congregation contributed last year for the schemes of the church, \$112, and for the maintenance of ordinances among themselves an average of 840 per family. The Sabbath-school and C. E. societies are doing a good work. Other mission churches in the West are doing a similar work to that being done in Kamloops. Dur Home Mission and Augmentation work are bearing good fruit in these growing settlements in the far West. many of which would otherwise have had in them to day but little of Christianity.

Mikdmay. As Mr. Paton is at a distonce and cannot prevent it, another extract may be given from a private letter above mentioned. After speaking of the new church just completed at Kettle River, he goes on to say :-
"I have the promise of achurch and manse lot at Boundary Creck, 21 miles distant, where Mildmay, the chicf town of Kettle River Valley, is to be, and I mean now to move on to building there.
To give myself freedom I mean to proceed at once with the vestry, where I can sleep and put up my horse and hold meetings. If the Lurd will, I will get up a church there too next year, how, I cannot tell. I know that it is required and must be done at the earliest date if it is to do the good that it should do. The town site is owned chietly in Montreal and New York, iut the wife of the resident manager is a Presbyterian, and through her influence the site was promised me unasked, so God has clearly indicated to me to go on.
If possible, I must keep up the service at each place, although the road just completed is a hard mountain one of 21 miles. It will be a grand thing to have our two nice churches rise up as a protest against the prevailing laxity, Sabbath trading, indifference, and drunkenness-

## (6) It furcign ditissions.

## OUR MISAION IN INDIA.

## 1. Some notes about India.

 Or its position consult a school geography with its maps.Its population, fron: the census of 1501, is over 250 millions, of whom over 220 millions are in British India, governed directly by British, officials, while 68 millions are ' $n$ Native States, subject to Britain but allowed some treaty rights, and among tiem this semblance of independence, viz., that of being governed by their own native princes, instead of by officials of the British Crown. Our own missions are in some of these Native States.

As to their religious beliefs, by the same census there are 207 millions of Hindoos, 57 millions of Mohammedans, 7 millions of Buddhists, over 2 millions of Christians, (including all Europeans, Protestant and Catholic) besides some smaller bodies, as Jaius, Sikhs, Parsees, Jews, ふce., and some 9 millions of Forest tribes.

During the past dozen years, with all the missionary activity, the mative Christian population has increased about half a million, but the natural increase, during the same time, of the Hindoo and Mohammedan population has been thirty millions. This looks discouragitig for missions. But, on the other hand, multitudes who still bear the names of the old systems, are losing faith in them, and the advance of Christianity is gaining in rapidity year by year, and many, even of the Hindoos, make no secret of their conviction of what Christians believe, that their oid systems are doomed and that Christ. ianity is to be the future faith of India. Above all there is God's sure promise, that "The heathen shall be given to Christ for His heritage, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

## 2. Our Mission fick' in Central India.

Central India is a comparetively high table land, lying, as the name implies, about the centre of India, and the climate is less subject to the extremes of heat and drought and consequent famine, than much of the great Indian plain.

The people live in villages and towns, smaller or larger, often in low mud huts of ten feet square, with earthen floors, grouped aromnd an open court yard sisty or eighty feetacross, where the garbage and sewage of all the houses gathers and rots and reeks in self-made cesspools with filth and stench unmentionable. From these the men go forth to their toil, in fields or at other work, while the women, in some cases do the same, and in others, spend their lives in the foul atmosphere that fills their homes.

Most of them are pri. A common wage for a laboring man is two dollars a month. On this
he must maintain his familly, often large; and wher we think that receiving Christian haptism often means the loss of work and possible starvation, we need not wonder if many are kept buck irom publicly joining the Cliristian Church.
As a result of their peor food, unsamitary conditions, and the immorality which so largely prevalls, they are physically weak, "honeycombed with disense," as a missionary expresses it. Intellectually they are acute and keen, accostomed to keen and subtle reasoning not found among the uneducated in westeru lands.

Our mission now occupies, as centres from which its work and influence radiates, the fol lowing five cities;-Indore, Mhow, Neemuch, Rutlam, and Vijjain. These cities are in three different Natice States, are all connected by railway, and extend some 160 miles, from Mhow on the South, to Neemuch on the Nortr. Indore and Mhow are at the Southern end of the fleld. Indore, with 88,000 people, is the Capital of the mative tributary State of that name, which has a population of 850,000 , and is ruled by a matice prince, the Maharajah Holkar, under British control and protection. Fourteen miles further South, also in the State of Indore, ami subject to Holkar, is Mhow, with a native population of 20,000 , and a body of some 5,000 trcops to maintain British authority in Central India.
Neemuch, 20,000 , the most northerly centre of the mission, some 160 miles north from Mhow, and also a camp town, is in the State of Gwalior, the largest of the tributary Native States of India, whose ruler the Maharajah Scindia holds; sway over three and a quarter millions of people. Ujjain, while in the State of Gwalior, is over 100 miles South from Neenuch, and but 36 miles North from the city of Indore. It has been called "the oldest city in India" and is one of the sacred citie's of the Hindoos, the "Benares of Central India."

Rutlam, 31,000 , is the Capital of the State of Rutlam, whose Rajah, however, is tributary to Scindia, the Maharajah of Gwalior.

Besides these there are twice as many more important centres near, that should be occupied at once, and in which, with their neighboring towns and villages, with none but our missionaries to give them the Gospel, is a heathen popu. lation of over five millions, as great as that of Canada.

## 3. Methods of work.

There is the regular Sabbath day and week say preaching to the always growing congregation, at the centre where the missionary resides.
Not less important is the itinerant preaching. For six, or eight, or more weeks, each scason, the missionary, unlesa occupied in Hospital or Educational work, takes his tent and one or more helpers, and visits villages, towns and cities, perhaps fifty or sixty of them, preaching
and selling Scripture and tract.s, and travelling sometimes three hundred miles or more in a single tour. In this way the good seed is scattered far, centres are opened up for beginning permanent work, by the settlement, first of teachers or catechists and afterwards by missionaries.

In this field as in some other parts of india, many of the better class of the people can read, some can understand and read English, so that from the beginning the printing press has been largely used, and has proved a powerfulauxiliary. Many receive their first knowledge of the Gospel from the printed page. Even in the small beginnings of the first thret years of the mission, the issues of the mission press at Indore, both in English and Hindi, were over a million and a half of pages of Gospel tracts and leaflets. These were given away or sold at a low rate by the missionaries on their preaching tours, or by Colporteurs, and other workers.

There is school work of various grades, from the most elementary, upward, to training schools to fit men and women for the work of teachers and preachers, and in all these, while secular instruction is given, that of the bible is made paramount.
Sabbath School work is also carried on, and by "Life upon life" the young are trained for Christ.

Zenana work is a feature peculiar to missions in India. The women of the better classes spend their lives in their secluded, cheerless homes, called zenanas, and can ouly be reached by women. Here they are visited by lady missionaries, who read with them, teach them, and pray with them, and in this quiet way bring light and knowiedge, and blessing, to their dull dark homes and lives.

Medical work in the homes, and in hospitals at some of the stations, is becoming an increasing factor in the mission, and not only relieves much of suffering, but opens the way for the Gospel. A leading Hindoo is reperted to have said not long since "There are two classes of Christian workers whose power we dread, your women and your doctors."

Besides all these and other departments of work, there is that of the native helpers, as Colporteurs, Bible readers, Catechists, Native teackers, ctc.; each agency doing its part in the great work of "India for Christ."

## 4. The baginning of the Mission.

Its beginning was in this wise. The Foreign Mission committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church in their report to the Second General Assembly of that church, at Toronto, November, 1571, say:
"During the past sear another class of laborers, whose services are found of essential value in many parts of the heathen field, have offered themselves for employment by the church. Three young ladies from Montreal have
intimated theirintention of devoting themselves (o) Foreirn Mission work. A resolution from Erskine Church, Montreal, of which these !adies are at present members, was sent to the committee, urging them to consider whether arrangements might not be made, without delay. to employ them in sume of those fields where: femate lator is so urgently needed.' This resolution was accompanied with the intimation of liberal aid towards sending them to the field."
Ths assemuly expressed hearty satisfaction, and instructed the Foreign Mission Committer to give all due encouragement to these youn:women in preparing them for their work, to selcet a tield of labor for them, and as soon as expedient, to send them to the foreign field.
After some two years of preparation by the workers and careful inquiry by the committee, India was chosen, and in October 1573, Misses Rodger and Fairweather sailed from New York and began work in India under the care of the missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church.

For three years Misses Rodgers and Fairweather labored faithfully in connection with the American Presbyterian Church, butin the meantime pleaded earnestly with our church in Canada to undertake a mission of her own, while the American Presbyterian missionaries seconded their appeal, urging that we should take up the Province of Indore, in Central India, where none of the churches or missionary societies had entered.

The Church too felt that the union of 1875 should be marked by some forward movement worthy of her strength, and made repeated efforts to get one or more ordained missionaries for the field.
The call was responded to in 1876. Rev. James Douglas, of Coburg, offered his services to the Foreign Mission Committee and was accepted. His designation took place at Coburg 26 th Septernber of that year, and soon after he sailed for India, with instructions, should the way meen open, to establish a mission in Indore.

He landed in Bombay 22nd December, and received a cordial welcome and great kindness from other missionaries, one of the American Presbyterian brethren going with him to Indore to aid in choosing a station. They also sapplied him with a trained native Catechist by whom the work of preaching could be at once begun.

On January $2 \pi, 18 \pi$, they reached the city of Indore, a city of about $\$ 3,000$ people and the capital of the state of that name. As Indore in a native state under British protection, but not directly under British rule, there was some doubt as to how missicnaries would be received, but after consideration it was deemed a suitable opening and Mr. Douglas decided to settle there. Miss Rodger and Fairweather at once removed to Indore, and from that date our church has had a regularly organized mission in Central India.
5. The Maritime Provinces and Mission work in India.
ibout the tine of the departure of Misses Rodger; and Fairwenther, the attention of the Church of Scothand in Nova scotia was turned to India. In 1874 Miss Johns, lady principal of one of the Halifux public schools, offered herself for mission work. The Synod accepted ber and she was sent to Madras to engage in orphanage and zenana work there in connection with the Scottish Ladies' Society for promoting female education in India. She was a member of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, and the expense of her passage and salary were paid by tha congregation.

She took ill soon after reaching India, and with heavy heart, by medical advice, returned home, dying shortly after her arri val.

It is worthy of note that our pieneers in mis. sion work in India, both from East and West, were women, and their voluntary offer of service led to their own going, and, in a sense, to the entering upon that great field by our church.

Just before the union of 1875 , Rev. James Fraser Camplell offered his services to the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia for evangelistic work among the English-speaking natives of Madras, and was accepted. After the union, before his departure, at the request of the Foreign Mission Committee, West, he visited many of the congregations in Ontario and Quebec, greatly decpening the interest in India.
6. The first ten ycars of the Mission, Jan. zS.7, to Jan. $15 S \%$
As already noted, the mission dates from 20 th Januar:, 1877, with the arrival and settlement in Indore of Mr. Douglas, and immediately thereafter of Misses Rodgers and Fairweather. We see them addressing themselves to the work, and then taking our stand at the missionary gateway of Ceniral India, we watch for more helpers, and sce the procession, that during the next ten years passes in from far off Canada to takc this land for Christ.

Six months we watch in vain, but in July we sea one coming, hurrying on, breathless with haste, full of evangelistic zeal, and when he draws near, it is Rev. Jas. Fraser Campbell, who had gone to Madras from the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, but who has been transferred to the F. M. Com., West, and is hastening to join in the newly opened work in Central India. What a welcome he gets! They consult together, and then to aroid exciting ppposition by having too many workers in one centre, he settles at Mhow, some 14 miles distant from Indore.

We watch for six months more, and in the closing days of December, a group of women and children appear in the distance. One of them
aml the little ones had come to gladden the heart and home of the husband and father, Mr. Douglas, the pioneer missionary; while the apecial mission of the others, Misses Forrester of Nova Scotia, and MacGregor of Ontario, is to bring light and joy to the dark and checrless zenma homes of the native women. Misses Fairweather and MaeGregor, an old hund and a new, remain in Indore, while Misses Rodger and Forrestergoto Mhow, a fateful move for the latter, for little more than a year later, Feb. 1879, she falls a victim to matrimony, and loses her name, while Mr. Campbell is richer by a worthy wife.
For another year we wait, and the only passer by is going the other way. Miss Fairweather is retiring from the mission, and Miss Rodger comes back from Mhow to fill the vacant place.
But the year is not thus to end, for on Dec. 20 , 1S79, a youthful couple appear in the distance. With look and manner keen and determined Rev. John Wilkie answers our sentinal call of "who comes there" and tells that he was ordained to this work by the Presbytery of Guelph, and that now with his wife he has come. We see them joining the Douglas' at Indore, and return to our post.
Three times the seasons pass, the longest wait in the history of the mission, and eren then the gate swings outward, for in 1882, Rev. James Douglas and family return to Canada. A little later, however, in December of the same year, a brave woman appears alone, Ruiss Isabella Ross, who has come to join the staff at Indore.
Another twelve months runs its course. The time of year for missionary arrivals is come. We carefully scan the horizon, nor do we look in vain, for in Dec. 1883, Rev. Joseph Builder and his wife pass in and proceed to Mhow to take charge of the work in the absence of Mr. Campbell, who, a little later, after eight hard wrought years passes outward with Mrs. Campbell on their first furlough to Canada.
Still another year we wait, and. December brings once more its welcome messengers; this time two women and a man. The latter, Rev. Wm. Wilson, with the Bible as his commission. and a woman as his wife, we can understand; but who or what is the other woman, with pill box and drugs, with scalpel and knife. Never since we took this post of gate keeper has missionary thus passed in. It is Elizabeth Beatty, M.D., the pioneer in medical mission work in India The Wilsons go for a time with Mr. Builder at Mhow, to study the language, and Miss Beatty unpacks her instruments at Indore.
December comes again and disappoints us not. Once more three forms appear, this time a woman and two men. Afar of we recognize familiar faces, "the Campbells are coming" again from their furlough, and with them a younger man, whom they introduce is Rev. Robert C. Murrav from Pictou. Nova Srotia

A few weeks later, Jan. 1886, a council of the workers is held. It is agreed that the wilkies shall remain at Indore, and the Builders at Mhow ; that the Campbells will open up a new centre at Rutlam, while the Wilsons, who have been for a year with the Builders at Mhow, will go 160 miles North to Neemuch, and establish a station there; the new arrival, Mr. Murray, remaining for a time at Mhow to learn the language.

Six months later the important message comes;
"The General Assembly, June 1si6, has sanctioned the organization of a Presbytery in Central India to be known as the Presbytery of Indore," We see the workers gathered in their new ecclesiastical capacity, and one of the earliest Presbyterinl acts is to give permission, October 1886, to Rev. R. C. Murray to settle in the ancient, sacred, city of Ujjain.
It is December once more. From the outlook two women are seen approaching; knife and porder and pill tell the mission of the one; while the love lighted look of expectancy, and the greeting she receives from the young missionary of Ujjain, reveals the errand of the other. Miss Marion Oliver M.D., has come to join in the medical work at Indore and as far around as zeal and strength can reach, while Miss Charlotte Wilson of Pictou, Nova Scotia, has come to be the wife and fellow missionary of Rev. R. C. Murray at Ujjain. January 1sst, has come. Our ten years watch is ended. We leave our post with gratitude for this among other things, that nearly all who have come have had fair health. There have been no deatbs. All have been able to carry on their work.
This backward glance has been rather at the workers than the work. In a survey of the latter two features mark this first decade.
(1.) Extension; all fire of the citics now wrought as centres of missionary activity being occupied, at the end of that period, by an ordained missionary and his wife from Canada; besides three lady missionaries and two female medical missionaries at Indore; the three Misses Stockbridge, daughters of a Government engineer, teaching and doing zenama work at Mhow; and a large staff of native catechists, teachers, colporteurs, Bible women, \&c., \&c. ; of whom there were four at Cjjain, five each at Necmuch and Mhow, nine at Rutiam, and nineteen at Indore.
(2) Another feature of this first decade was the struggle for toleration. In the second year of the mission, the first two converts were seized and threatened with gaol, and had to flee to another ptate to be baptized. Soon after, the Maharajah Halkar issued an order forbidding all Christian work, and a iittle later, the only mission school in Indore was forcibls closed by the
authorities. If the missionaries attempted to speak or teach ceen on private grounds, the police drove off all who would listen to them, and the missiomaries sometimes received insult and even blows from the same source.

In appeal was made to the Resident British Agent General, but he too was hostile. The missionaries then sent complaints to the Viceroy of India, but after long waiting in vain for a reply, they found that their complaints had been pigeon holed by unfriendly subordinates. The vice-regal ear at length was reached, and through the good offices of Lord Ripon, and afterwards of Lord Dufferin, the opposition and vexations of several years came to an end, the fullest liberty was gained, and even from members of the native royal family has wahable help been since receired. A further result of this contest was that the principle of religious toleration was settled for all the Native States. It was a repetition of the battle that was fought and won in British India over half a century ago.
7. Second period of the Mission, Jun. 1SS7, to the present time.
Some features of the first decade were,-1. A long strugele with the authorities for toleration; 2. Health of the missionaries; 3. Extension of the mission.
None of these different features mark the second period. 1. The opposition of the authorities has passed away, the only occasionai signs of hostility being from Hindoo and Mohammedan priests and bigots. 2. Sickness and death have shadowed the mission. In September, 1857, Mrs. Murray was suddenly cutdown after a few hour: illness, when she had been less than a year in the field, Three months later, 20th December. Mr. Murray was suddenly called away. Early in the following year, 1888, Mr. Builder, whose health had been for some time tailing, had to come home, and died, lith November, of thas. year. Sickness has also compelked several of the unmarried women to retire temporarily or permanently from the mission; and one of them, Miss Amy Harris, died in London, England, in 1sing, on her way home after two short years of service. 3. No new centres have been occupied by ordained missionaries, as there were not men to do it. Two men went out in 1888, Revs. G. Mickelvic and J. Buchanan, M.D.; but these only filled the gaps made ty death, and one of them, Mckelvie, resigned in 1891, for other mission work in India Another two, Revs. W. J. Jamieson and N. H. Russeli, went out in 1 NO , and Rev, F. H. Tussell, in 1893, but there has been considerable sickness, and the mission staff has been all required to keep up the work at the five centres already occupied.

But while there has been a lack of ordained
missionaries to develop new centres, there have been lady missionaries added to the staff each year, to carry on the medical, teaching, and zenana work. Miss McKay, M.D. (now Mrs. Buchanan), and Misses Sinclair and Scott, were sent out in 1888; Misses Jamieson and Harris in 1:iv: Misses McKellar M.D. and Fraser M.D., in 1890 ; Misses O'Hara M.D. and McWilliams in 1801 ; Misses Turnbull, M.D., Calder, and Duncan, in 1592; and Misses Grier, White, and Dougan, in 1593. Of these, Misses Scott and McWilliams retired through iliness, the former in 1890 , the latter in 1893, while Miss Harris died in 1892.
The leading features of this second period are,

1. The development of centres previously occupied. !. The advance in Medical work. 3. The progress in Educational work. 4. A deep Religious morement among the lower caste people, especially at Indore.
The first mentioned feature is seen in the growth and organization of regular congregations, in all five of the mission centres. There are in connection with the different native congregations about ninety Christian families, about as many single persons not connected with families, and some 900 native com: 」unicants. The Sabbath Schools number forty, with an attendance of about 2,000 pupils. There is also the gradually extending organization of work in some of the villages and towns adjacent to these centres, by means of natire agents.
2 There has been a steady advance in medical work. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, both of them graduates in medicine, and Mir. C. Woods, M.D., who was sent out in 1593, there are five female medical missionaries. The number of jatients in 1593 was over 20,000 , and the number of treatments over 70,000 . The fact that the Gospel is faithfully presented along with these tieatments, as well as the confidence which the medical assistance always begets, shows what a leavening influence must be exercised by this branch of the work. It gives entrance to hearts and homes that would otherwise be inaecessible.
2. Schools have been established in increasing numbers, while, especially at Indore, more adva :ced instruction is given with a riew of training workers for the mission as well as for other walks in life. The number of week day schools in the whole field is twentreeight, with about 1,500 pupils enrolled.
3. Among the lower castes, but especiallyamong the Mangs at Indore, there has for the past three jears been a deepening interest; they nre beginning to come out in increasing numbers for baptism, and this year, will, to all appearance, witness a very considerable addition to the Church. This is but part of a religious awakening among the poorer castes that is being manifested in different parts of India. Let us pray for its hastening.

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At the elerenth line from the top of the previous column there shouid be added, Miss Butler, who went out in 1893 to become the wife of Mr. Jamieson; and Miss Campbell who went out in 1591 to Neemuch.

The Mangs "You will be glad to know." says coming in. Mr. Willic, in writing of the morement which has fe- some time been going on among the low caste people of Indore, that it:-
"Gains in strenglh and influence day by day. We have baptised fifteen in the last two weeks, and we are likely to receive a very much larger number next Sabbath. The wires of those we previously received arenowasking to be received too. The leading woman in the opposition to Christianity, and one that has done nota little to hinder the work, was baptised last week. At the same time a Mohamedan family that a year ajo were a great source of trouble to our poor Christians. A high caste neighbor was baptised last week, who, by these poor new Christians was first led to know the truth as it is in Jesus. To-night five men of another caste came to the college to talk with me, as they wished to be baptised. Ihad to put them off till to-morrow, as I was at that time, six p.m., so completely fagged out that I could not do for them what I wished. They went off, howerer, quite kindly and I shail meet them again."

LETTEIZ FIZOM IREV.K. J. GIZANT, DII.

jSPENT January in Jamaica. The Presby. texian Church of that Colony have begun work amongst the 14,000 East Indians there. We gave two of our senior catechists, and I went to visit them. The prospects are good, but I will not speak of that work now.

I wish in brief to tell, for the encouragement of others, something of what a consecrated layman has done.

On the 27 th January I preached at Lauriston, Jamaica, to about 250 people. This is a section of the Rev. Mr. Scott's charge. His engagements eisewhere allow of his presence here only on one Sabbath in two months. The people are chiefly black and coloured-in all 4 or 5 white families.
On enquiry I found.
1, 125 Communicants in good standing,
2, Two weekly prayer meetings.
3. One Sunday School with 150 children, 73 adults, and 16 teachers.
4. A weekly Bible class and a candidates' clas:-
5. Contributions towards minister's salary $\$ 250$, to missions and other schemes about $\$ 600$.
The question naturally arises, how are these results secured with only six Sabbaths annualiy of an ordained minister?
Twenty years ago there was no Church in this village. The spiritual destitution of the people was seen and felt by a gentleman who had come into the district and secured a large stock farm. This gentleman, Mr. Roxburgh, found time to go among the people to instruct, exhort, and pray. Soon a religious interest was awakened, bone came to his bone, the sinews and the flesh cane upon them, and breath entered unto them, and there was actively a forward movement. Soon a place of worship was provided, and a company of faithful ones, regularly marshalled, have ever since displayed their banners and drawn new ones into their ranks.
Mr. and Mrs. Roxburgh, now three score years and ten, though cumbered with many things, have strength and leisure to go, not only on Sabbath, but twice weekly, to the Church which is three miles distant, tu sustain prayer meeting, a Bible class, a Candidates' and other classes. He is treasurer for all the schemes of the Church, and from the numerous expressions of regret at his absence from Synod in January, made publiely and privately, I concluded that he was held in the highest esteem by the whole Church. Daniel like, a man greatly beloved.
His methods are all in the old pathis. His whole confidence is in the old. old story, of Jesus and His love, and the Church there is largely a monument of what a consecrated layman can accomplish.
But Mr. Roxburgh is not alone; in his good work he is supported by men and women, not a
few who are good and true. Recently when laid aside, Mr. Cadenhead, who is a Canadian, condacted the services, and from what I saw and learned, I am of opinion that if their Elijah was taken up, others in his spirit would carry on the work.
Mr. Scott is to be congratulated on his lay support. Mr. Roxburgh does not prepare sermons. He takes up one of Spurgeon's or that of some other author, and carefully masters every point, so that he may read with effect. Occassionally a section may be dropped, and another portion emphasized and enlarged upon, and thus the interest is sustained. Have we not laymen in every remote corner of our Church that could go and do likewise.
Education "The Boari of Education." in Trinidad. Writes Rec. Mr. Thompson, " hats almost unanimously decided in faror of free and compulsory education. This would be a great boon to the colony. The chief justice led the movement." The last shall be first. Some of our older colonies and conntries have not yet attained to this stage.

Conva "Couva is again disgraced," " Disgraced." writes Mr. Thompson in the month of February. "Two brutal murders have been committed and there have been several 'chopping' cases, and the year only just begun. There is a very large Indian population hereOnly one other ward is so densely populated. We are doing what we can to bring the Gospel of 'peace and good will' to bear upon the lives of these people." The murders and 'chopping' cases are chiefly of wives by their husbands, who are either tired of them or jealous of them. The 'chopping' is the most brutal barbarity; hands or feet or limbs sometimes cut off with a cutlans, and too often the guilty party escapes.
The Bright As an offset to the abore dark
side. picture, another part of Mr. Thompson's letter tells of cheering progress.
"Our eleven schools are all at work, and, in Conva at least, much better attended than in 1NH. Miss Fisher's school has steadily increast d in average attendance, from 40 and to to 90 , and it will not rest there.
Arrangements have just been completed for holding services at fixed hours in over iwent: phaces in the Couva ficld every Sabbath. We have in our ranks of Christians men who onct were thieves and some who have been convicts.
Oae who was once a terror to the whole com-w-nity and who long detied capture, althougha 1 He reward was offered, has abandoned his eril ways. From the time of his baptism till thrprosent he has lived a consistent, orderly aud guict life. He is indeed a new creature.
Things do seem more hopeful in this field this year, and if we hold out as we have begun we will have gr od cause for rejoicing.
The college is hard at work The Teachers Training School is also at work. The ner property at san Fermando is just what was needed, and the gift of it by Mr. Mapsley is much appreciated."

## THAT SHIPWRECK OFF FOLMOSA.

ATA INTERESTING SEUUFI. TO IT.


OW the shipwrecked crew of an American merchant ship was cared for by the natives of East Formosa, instead of being murdered an they would have been twenty five years ago, was told in last Rycomb.
A most interesting sequel to the story is in the following letter:-

Kennebunkport, Matine, U.S.A.
February $21,1845$.

## 1fr. Hamilton Casscls:

My Dear Sir,-One of my parishioners, Capt. William L. Gould, of this place, has lately returned from the Island of Formosa. with a very important testimony to the value of Foreign Missions.

His ship, the Mary L. Stone, from New York, bound for Hong Kong, was wrecked at a point on the northeast coast of that island, being driven on to a sandy shore in the night.

The following day the ship's company, twentyfour in number, rowed in their boats along the coast, and were taken through the surf to a little seaport by kind natives. Arrising there they were welcomed by Christians and sheltered in a comfortable church four or five days, until their messenger, one of the "Brethren" of the mission, delivered a letter from Capt. Gouid "to any person who speaks English" foriy miles away; and a Chinese war vessel came around to take the Americans to a place of safety.

The second day after their arriral on shore the native pastor came on his regular tour, healed the sick, distributed relief to the needy, baptized infants, administered the sacrament, and preached the Gospel. The Americans formed a high opinion of the sincerity and good principles of the Christian Islanders, and will never forget their kind, hospitable treatment.

The Chinese steward of the shipwas interpreter for the party untii they landed, when they found another of the same race, through whom thes were able to converse some. But for the imipressions of their Christians in life and worship rey depended chictly on their eyes.
Captain Gonld went back to sell the remnants of ship cargo after some weeks, and paid the "teacher" and others liberally for their kind atentions, besides giving them articles of conenience. But our people has felt so much inerest in the occurrence that we took a special gollection for Foreign Missions, to he divided beween our own society, "The American Board," ind the society which support the mission of Br. McKay. While at Tamsui, Captain Gould Eyct a missionary who gave him some inforantion about the matter, but not as definite asi ish.
Four address waveriven to me by the secretary
of our Congregational Society, and I write to ask for furthar facts as to the mission. Is it under the direction of the Presbyterian Church of Canada? Who is the treasurer of that society, or of the oryanization which maintain that work? Will you kindly give me something definite, perhaps some article in the missionary publication of the society. We have but a slight sum of money to send, but I want to know more about the work and to have my people also know.

Charles H. Popi,
Pastor Congregational Church.
An Incident "We havehad another little exfrom Formosa. perience with the Gi-lan magistrate," writes Rev. Mr. Gauld, our missionary. "There are on the East Const two Chinese societies (of the secret kind I think) for both oflensive and defensive purposes. The head man of the stronger society died recently, and the weaker took advantage of the other's headless state to pay off some old scores. As a result there were several broils and a mumber lost their lives. The district magistrate failed to arrest the murderers who had fled and therefore arrested me: : than twenty who were inmocent, asking them why they did not endeavor to stop the bordy fights. Among those arrested were fis: C:uistians, Pepohoan.

On receipt of this information, Pastor (Xiam AHoa started for the Gi-làn district, to effect, if possible, the release of the Christians.

As his purpose was to interview the Gi-lân magistrate, a man whom he had never met, and who had aforetime been opposed to us and had tried all he could to hinder us, he went armed with a letter of introduction from the prefect of North Formosi.
Arriving one night at, the magistrate's Yamen, he sent in his card and asked for an interview. The magistrate in answer anked him to remain till the morrow, which meant, the morrow's night; whereupon Giam sent him the prefect's letter. This had the desired effect; at once he was invited in, kindly received and asked to state his business. He gladly complied, and received the promise that next morning the men would be set at liberty. He was then invited to partake of tea and cake, and the magistrate requested that if we should in the future meet with any opposition from the citizens the had himself been the chicf opposer) to at once let him know, and he would be happy to do all he could to help.

Well, we are grateful, crateful to the Amighty Ruler over all, in whose good Providence this would-he enemy has been defeated by his own designs. Although the man has endeavored to hinder the Lords work in the past, we are glad now to have his help if needed.
True to his promise he set at liberty the Christinn prisoners above referred to by eight o'clock the following morning."

## THE TATEST FROM HONAN.

iffter from Rev. m. mackenzie.

Lonan, North China, Jan. 2, 1895.

2ear Mr. Croil, - You will have heard long ago of the death of our two beloved sisters, Dr. Graham and Mrs. Malcolm. Their early removal has saddened our hearts and left a great blank in our ranks. We mourn over them, but are able also to rejoice, believing that while absent from the body they are present with the Lord.
In the war between China and Japan success has thus far attended the Japanese armies, and disasters in quick succession those of China. That must not be taken as evidence of the justice of Japan's conduct in this struggle however. That China should suffer so severely in such a short time is a matter of surprise to many friends and fces. Those, however, who know the extent to which corrupt influences were at work in all departments of national life are not surprised at what has happened. It was simply inevitable in such circumstances.
Japan is the aggressor and the victor. She can now pose before the world as the leading nation of the East, and she w' i soon find men who will sound her praises as lustily as she has done herself for several years. Sensible men, howerer, will not be deceived by such talk. They will look at facts fully and fairly and draw such inferences as the facts warrant.
As compared with China, Japan is a progressive nation. There is scarceiy room for difference of opinion on that point. But is Japan a more righteous nation than Chima is? Are her people purer in life, more upright in business, more contented with their lot and more ready to sit and learn at the feet of Jesus? Do missionaries find their work a whit easier among the progressive Japs than we do among the conservative Chinese? Are men humbler there than they are here? Do men in high positions strive to make Japan a great nation by a policy based on truth, righteousness and honesty? Is Japan willing to invite an impartial tribumal to sit in judgnenton her motives in bringing on the present confict? Has she in the past done anything for Corea irom disinterested motives? Taking the present crusade fully into account what has she done to entitle her to be regarded with farour by other nations? What nation did regard China as a formidable antaronist?
It will take more than mere ability to humble China to entitle Japan to be regarded as a truly ad rancing nation. Christ and His Gospel, known, believed in and practised, will make great both Chima and Japan. But there is no true greatness apart from that which He is able to give. May His kingdom come in these eastern lands. When it dues a brighter day will dawn than they have ever known. Time will tell what effect the
present contest will have on the evils now ram. pant. We pray and work for the regeneration aud emancipation of the suffering millions in both countries.
The war does not seem to have seriously interfered with missionary work in China. At most of the mission stations all through the interior of the country, work in all its branches has been carried on as usual. It is possible that in some cases touring may be discontinued for a time, but other departments of work will be prosecuted vigorously.
The year just closed has been quite a marked one in our history here as a mission. Sorrow and joy have been mingled in our experience. Illness has brought some of our number to the gates of death, has caused some to return home, and has left some hearts and homes sad and sorrowful. Malaria, smallpox, typhus, pneumonia and cholera, bave each attacked and prostrated some of our number. Two adults and a dear little girl have gone to their eternal rest. Floods destroyed some of the outbuildings of our station at Chu Wang, but these have risen again from their ruins.
The war has had no adverse influence upon the work at our station and we trust that it may not trouble us. A new compound has been secured in a city where our brethren were driven forth four years ago. Seven persons have been received into the cburch on profession of their faith in Christ. About twenty names have been given of candidates for Christian instruction. Over thirty persons have beengathered together in station classes for instruction during the month of December.
Old converts have stood faithful. New ones have given an encouraging measure of attention to the truth of God. The outlook is brighter than it has yet been. Each of us can antl lues thank God and take courage.
I amglad to be able to state that my health has been uniformly good since coming to China. Malaria is the only foe that keeps persistentlyat me each spring and autumn. I never fail, however, to meet it by a generous use of quinine, and it seldom stays longer than a day or two. Thus it does not alarm me. Mrs. MacKenzic had a very severe turn of illness the second year we were in Chinn, but has been blessed with fair health ever since.
Remember your brother and sister workers in far distant Honan, before our Heavenly Father's throne. Pray that this New Year may be a year of much blessing to us.

Those who really love God will be sure to make it known in some way.
The harder our work, the more we need solitude and prizer, without which wark beconses mechanical and insincere.

Plesuant "We have had two pleasant surEurprisen. prises this year," writes Rev. Dr. Buchanan from Ujanin, Central India, in a private letter to his sister. "Yesterday I received from Central Church, Galt, C. E. 130 rupees, and to day Rev. Mr. Wilson promised me 100 rupees for our hospital.
"The Lord is watching over us for good. We are now putting on the roof. When that is done we can use all the building. We shall not go on with the plastering just now, unless there are more surprises. I am heartily thankful to have it so that it may be used. Some day, if the Lomil will, it may be plastered and the remaining door added. With the walls, flooring, roof and doors on the exposed side, we shall be in a position to do something of the work we long to do, if the Master's blessing rests upon us. How I should like to show you throuph this building, every brick and stone of which is dear.
"But there is another building going up in Ujjaitt. It is not to be built of stone nor brick, nor what you Yankees like so much, wool. It is to be built of diamonds. These are not pol. ished yet, but they shall be, and they shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. The mining is going on, and as they are turaed up and the sun shines upon them, they are giving proof of their worth by reflecting that glory. Some day we shall walk together in the presence of the Master through that building, praising God that out of the black earth He should make such beauty possible."
Finterest In another private letter Dr. Buchat Ujain. anan writes: "We are haring interesting times now. But there is need for caution. The leader of the village, or rather Mohullah, that has been so much on our minds of late, is an applicant for baptism, and along with him a great many more will likely wish to follow. Some of them, no donbt, will have worldly motives, but it is rery pleasant, after waiting, waiting on God, both here and at home, to see an inclination towards the Saviour.
"The leader of the Mohullah, the 'Patel,' who holds a kind of patriarchial position anmong them, washere the other day. After talking to this priest, judge and father (a kind of Samuel) for some time, we knelt down and prayed. Like a patriarch, he prayed not for himself alone, but for his people, I trust with prophetic eye, that those dear to him might be brought near to the Saviour Jesus Christ. I joined with him, so will you all at home.
"I am in the dispensary each morning. More patients are coming. Yesterday afternoon we went out along the new line of railway."
An upright pillar in a building sinks deeper in the ground with the more weight you place upon it. Let our trials and tribulations sink us deeper into the Pock of Ages.

## Church plotes and doticrs.

Will Presbytery Clerks, immediately at the close of a meeting of Presbytery, kindly send a card with inductions, resignations, and time and place of next meetinc.

## Presbitemy Meetings.

Bruce, Paisley, 9 July, $1.60 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
Berndon, Oak Lake, 14 May, 10 a.m.
Gungarry, Alexandria. $9 \mathrm{Ju} \mathrm{y}, 11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
lialiax, Hx., Chal. Hall, $2 \overline{5}$ April, 10 a.m.
Hamion, Hæn., Knox, 19 April, $9.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
Liudsay, Beaverton, 16 April.
M.LIta, Deloraine, 2 July.

Minuedosa, Hamiota, eJJuly, 2.30 p.m.
(quedec, Sherbrooke, 14 May, 10 a.m.
Stratford, 14 May.
Bjaney, N. Syd., St. Matt. 9 April, 11 a.m.
Toronto, Tor., St. And., ist Tues. every month.
Wallace, Wallace, St. Matt., 7 May, II a.m.
Whitby, Oshawa, 15 April 10 a.m.
Winnipeg, Win., Man. Col., 15 Mar., 2 p.m.

## Indections.

Mir. A. Leslic. late of Newcastle and Newtonville, into E. Ashford and Blenheim. Paris Pres.
Mr. W. M. Fraser to be inducted into Cobourg Road cong., Hx. Pres., 4 April.
Mr. A. T. McQueen, to be inducted into Hampden, Que.
Mr. Robert Johnson, of Lindsay, to be inducted into St. Andrew: Ch., London, 11 April.
Mr. Roderick Mackay, of Bromley, Lan. \& Ren. Pres., to be inducted into Hemmingford, Mont. Pres., 9 April.

## Resignations.

Mr. E. McNabi, of Harbor Grace, Nfld., 31 March.
Mr. Joseph Barker, of Richmond, St. John Pres., 10 March.
Mr. J. Turnbull, of Stellarton, N.S.

## COMPARATIVI: STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

 FOR THE SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.Western Section.
Mar. 5,94. Mar. 5,'95.
Assembly Fund \$2,392.50
\$2,197.17
Home Missions.
36,591.59
$42,446.92$
Augmentation.
14,192.95
1 $\overline{2}, 432.42$
Foreign Missions 35,421. 26
2,046.80
3,139.27
42,149. 20
Manitoba College 5,396. 62 16.979 .70 1, 236.74
Widows \& Orphans Fund. 3,926.77
Aged \& Infirm Min. Fund.
French Evancelization 6,828.33

5,337.31
Pointe-aux-Trembles ..
15, 575.84
Eastern Section.

|  | Mar. 1, '94. | Mar. 1, '95. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Foreign Missions. | \$23,197 | \$23,075 |
| Home Missionc. | 7,633 | 8,350 |
| Augmentation | 3,693 | 3,6\%77 |
| College Fund. | 7,722 | 8,051 |
| Bursary Fund | 7 | 66 |
| Aged Ministers | 2,719 | 2,034 |

No physician ever weighed out medicine to his patient with half so much exactness and care as God weighs out to as every trial; not one grain ton much does he ever permit to be put in the scale.

## Tht family Cirrts

## HHEN I WAS A BOY.

13Y HEV. THEODORF: 1.. (CUYLER, I.1).

$\prod_{0}^{0} \mathrm{E}$EADERS of the Recorn have often enjoyed Dr. Cuyler's admirable articles, and will be shad to read from his own pen the following interesting sketch of his early life, taken from the Golden hule:
I have been requested to furnish some reminiscences of my boyhood ; but I have nothing in the least degree "sensational" to relate. Fet every childheod, how ever humble, may have in it some lesson for other, I a as born on the tenth of January, $1 \times 2,2$, in the beantiful little villtge of Aurora, on the banks of Cayuga Lake in New York, a few ruds from the spot where Wells College now stands.
My father died when I was only four and a half years old; he was a young lanyer of striking appearance and captivating cloupence, and the only distinct recollection that I have of him is that he once punished me for using a profane word that some rough boss had taught me. That wholesome bit of diccipline kept me from ever breaking the third commandment again.

After his carly dath, at the age of twentyeight, I passed entirely under the care of one of the best mothers that Gud ever gave to an only son. She was more to me than sehool or college, or pastor, or church, or all combined. God bless good mothers! the salvation of society and the progress of Christ's kingdom depend upon the influence of mothers more than upon any other human agency.
As I was the only child, my widowed mother gave up her house, and trok me to the pleasant, comfortable home of her parents, on the banks of the lake, a few miles south of Aurora. How thankfuli have always been that the next seven or eight years of my happy childhood were spent on the beautiful farm of my grimdiather! I had the free, pure air of the country, and the simple pleasure of a farmhouse; my grandfather was a cultured gentleman with a good library for grown people, and at his fireside was plenty of profitable conversation.
I worked on the farm out of school hours, drove the cows to pasture, rode the horse at the horse. rake in the hay field, and carried in the st 1 : of fire-wood on winter afternoons. My intinate associates were the house dog, and chickens, and the kittens. They were all most innocent companions; and my only enemy was a pugnacious old ram, "Julius Ca-ar." Whenever, on my way to school, I crossed the field in which he and his flock were pasturing, he used to pitch into me, and upset me and niy dinner-basket, as his illus: trious namesake used to overthrow the tribes of the Gauls.
The school that $Y$ attended was just such a one as my friend Whittier has pictured in his sweet little poem entitled "In School-days." I learned very little beyond the "three R's," and the rudiments of grammar and geography ; and, when was eleven years old, I was sent away to ge d old Dominie Mandeville's in the town of Caroline, and he was my private tutor for the next two years.
My Sabbaths in my grandfather's house were like the good old Puritan Sabhaths,- serene and sacred, with neither work nur play. Our country church was three miles away, and in the winter our family often fought our way through mud or snow, and sometimes across fields to, aroid the huge snow-drifts. I was the only child in our family, and the first Sunday school that I ever
attented had ouly one scholar, and my good mother was the superintendent. She gave me several verses of the bible to commit carefully to memory, and these she explained to me; and I learned sereral questiens and answers in the Westminister Ciatechism.
I was expected to study for myself, and not to it - tiliand be crammed by a teacher afier the fohion in the Sunday sechols of there days, where the scholars swallow down what the teacher brings to them, as young robins open their mouths and swallow the worms that the old bird brings to the nest. In my wise mother's home schuol I committeci to memory whole chapters of the blessed Book, and was well grounded in doctrine by that catechim that has always been my sheet-anchor of ortholoxy.
The looks that I had to feith on in the long "inter evenings were " Robinson Crusoe," "The Pilgrim's Progres.," "Walks of Usefulness," and the few volumes in my grandfather's library that were within the comprehension of a child eight or nine y ears old. I also had many a good cry over "Paul and Virginia," and many a laugh over the story of "John Gilpin."
The temperance reformation was th.: in its carly stages, and the first public meetur.- 'hat I ever attended were held in our neightulny district schoolhouse, for the purpose of arusing public sentiment against the evils of intoxicating drinks. In those days every farmer had hard cider at his own table, and furnished whiskey or rum to his workmen. Drunkenness was fearfully prevalent, and the drinking customs prevailed in erery circle of society. My grandfather was one of the first large agriculturists who banished strong drink from his farm, and his example was widely followed.

I signed a total-abstinence pledge when I was about ten years old; but I got a taste of "prohibition" a year or two before, that made a pro found impression on me. One day I discovered some "cherry-bounce" in a wine glass on my rrandfather's sideboard, and I yentured to swallow the tempting liguor. When my vigilant muther learned what I had done, she administered Solumun's regimen of the rod in at way that made me "bounce" most merrily. Dr. Horace Bushnell says that his father never "" whipped me but once, and then he flogged me." It was a genuine flogging that my mother gave me that day, and I have been a tectotaler ever since. Let me add just here that the first public address 1 ever delivered was at apreat temperance gathering in the city hall of Glasgow, Scotland, a dozen years afterwards.
"Do you approve of corporal punishment?" some of my readers may ank. To this I reply, "Yes, when it is richly de erved, and adminis: tered by the right person, atud in the right spirit. My loving mother whipped me very seldom, and then did it after a calm talk with me as to the nature of the wrong that I had done; and I do not doult that the rod gave her more pain than it did to her boy. Herdiscipline was very thorough and very conscientious, and it ensured obedience. She never bribed me to good conduct with sugar. phams; and yet she loved to commend me when had won her approval, for she held that an ounce of honest praise is often worth more than many pounds of punishment.
During my anfancy that godly mother had dedicated me to the Lord, as truly as Hannah ever dedicated her son Samuel. When my paternal grandfather, who was a lawyer, offered to bequeath his law library to me, ny mother declined the effer, and said to him, "I expect my little byy will yet be a minister." This was her constanit aim and perpetual prayer, and God graciously
answered her prayer of faith in his own good time and way.

I camot now name any one day or place when I was converted. I attended revival meetings in our country church when I was a little boy, and was deeply affected by the solemn services. But it was my beloved mother's steady, constant influence that led me gredually along, and I grew into a religious life under her potent training, and by the power of the Holy Spirit working through her. If all mothess were like her, the "chureh in the honce" would be the best feeder of the church in the public sanctuary.
For several good reasons I did not make a profesvion of faith until I left boarding school and entered into college at Princeton. From my eleventh year I was alway from home, and und dr my good old tutor, Rev. Mr. Mandeville, or at boarding-school in Mendham, N.J., preparing for college. I entered college at sixteen, and graduated at the age of nineteen. The religious impressions begun at home continued and deepened until I united with the church of Jesus Christ.
As an effectual instruction in righteousness, my faithful mother's letters to me when a schoolboy were more than any sermons I heard during all those years. I feel now that the happy half. century that I have spent in the joyous ministry of the gospel (for I began to preach in 184.0) is the direct outcome of that beloved mother's prayers, teaching, example, and constant influence. This is the chief reason why I have been willing to tell this short, simple story of when I was a boy.

## SEND FOR THE MASTER.

## BY REv. THEODORE L. CUYILER.

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HEN our Lord was on earth He was often sent for by those who needed His offices of compassion. The centurion of Capernaum beseeches him to come and heal his servant, and the sisters of Bethany send unto Him saying, "He whom Thou lovest is sick." To these and kindred appeals His infinite heart of love made ready response. Why should we not make the same appeals to Him now to come to us in the hours of our deepest spiritual necessity? No prayer could be more directly in the line of the divine promises; if offered aright, no prayer more likely to be answered.
Here is a church which desires a revival, and the tirst thought with many is to send for some pupular preaeher or evangelist. Why not send for the Master Himself, who has power to forgive Bins, convert souls, and quicken the spiritually dead? It is not the prerogative of any invited preacher, however eloquent, gifted, or experienced, to bring Christ with him. First of all, let that company of believers who believe in Tesus i, put up the fervent petition, "Come, Lord Sesus?
There is nothingimpossible in this, and nothing presumptuous. Our Saviour most distinctly pro, कised His presence with His flock. One of His 3ist and most precious assurances was, "Lo, I Km with you!". Tesus Christ was as truly in Therusalem on the day of Pentecost as He was on the day of His crucitixion. His unseen presence alled that upper room when the sound was like the sound of a mighty wind, and the light was fike a tongue of flame. Jesus spoke through Peter's lips when the wonderful discourse pricked through tiree thousand hearts; He wrought thirough Peter's hands when the cripple leaped gipand began to walk at the beautiful gate. Tesus had a personal encounter with the fiery Wersecutor, Saul, on the highway to Damascus;
was that he "had seen the lord in the way, and that the had spoken to Him." That same Saviour sill has the same converting power. Send for the Master!
Who doubts that the Son of God hovered around the fiaming stakes of the martyrs and walks to-day beside every faithful missionary of the cross? Jesus Christ was as veritably with lather in the imperial Diet and with Bunyan in hii Bedford jail and with urand old Livingstone in the wilds of Africa as He was with the disciples in the night storm on Galilee. He still works through Mis witnesses and His ambas sadors. Fvery genuine conversion testifes to a present Christ. There is nut a faithful pastor. or Sunday-school teacher, or any consecrated worker for such who cannot ask and claim andif he seeks in the right spirit-cannot secure Christ's presence. Still He is knocking at our duors and asking us to open to Him. Is it not passing strange t at His people consult together about inviting some human aid when the omnipotent Lord of all is waiting to be invited in?

There is a singular mist of uncertainty over the mind of many Christians when they are exhorted to realize and to actualize their Master as a living presence. Because they see no form of llesh and blood, they think of Jesus as a vague, shadowy personage or as a radiant King away off on a heavenly throne. That Christ should come into their hearts as He came into the heart of Paul seems like a devout illusion. Why put any such insulting limit on His ommipresence, and why give the lie to His promise, "Lo, I am with you "? The most thorough cure for unbelief is a close grip on Christ. The prayer He loveth most to hear and to answer is that deepest and holiest of prayers. "Come, Lord Jesus!" There is a lamentable dearth of revivals this season, and a widespread barrenness of spiritual results. No little machinery is set in motion which ends in empty clatter. Discouragement sits like a nightmare on some hearts. But when did a church ever put away its idols and penitently lay hold of its duties and beseech Christ to come to them and were mocked with a refusal?
The great want in pulpit and pew and every where else is Christ? With Him everything; without Him nothing. The gift that includes all gifts, the blessing that enwraps all blessings, is a present Saviour working in us as a Refiner, as a Chastener, as a converting Power, as a Quickener of the dead to life. A personal Jesus preached awakens sinners; a personal Jesus accepted means salvation; a personal Jesus obeyed is sanctification; $\Omega$ personal Jesus possessed is the fullness of joy and power. If any are honestly longing for a genuine revival of spiritual life and power, let them pray and work for the coming of Christ among them; and whatsoever He saith to them, do it ! Set the heart-house in order, sad send for the Mister!-Erangelist.

## EXCHANGING BURDENS,

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heary laden, and I' will rest you." That is the way to lay your burden down. "Take My yoke upnn you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest meek and souls., For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." That is the way to take His burden up. You will find that His burden is always light. Yours is a very heavy one. Happy day if you have exchanged burdens and laid down your
loads at His blessed feet to loads at His blessed feet to take up Fis own in. stead. God wants to rest His workers, and He is too kind to put His burden on hearts that are already bowed down with their own weight of
cares.-Christian Alliance.

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## THE TRIEMPHAL ENTYRY. 7 April.

Les. Mark 11:1-11.
Golden Text, Mark 11 : 8. Mem. vs. 9.11. Catechism, Q., ${ }^{15}$.
Read the story as given by each of the evan gelists.

In December, six months before His crucifxion, Jesun had been in Jerusalem at the feast of Dedication, see John 7:9, 11. The Jews then sought to stone Him. He left and went away East across the Jordan to be out of their way.
Some three months later he came back to Bethany, near Jerusalem, and raised Lazarus. The chief priests again sought to kill Him when they saw that many of the people believed on Him, and again He went away across the Jordan for a few weeks.
Now the Passover was drawing near, and though he knew that H.- was to die, He wonld not stay away. He started once more for Jerusa. lem. On the way He passed through Jericho about a week before Ifis death, lodged with Zaccheus, see last lesson, came up on Friday to Bethany, and lodged at the home of Lazarus. Next day, their Sabbath, He remained there. On their first day of the week He entered the city in triumph as recorded in to day's lesson.
Many would be gathered to the feast. On Monday morning those who had rested on their journey for the Sabbath at Bethany would be coming into the cit!. Multitudes in Jerusalem, hearing that He wasin Bethany, and not wishing to go out to see Him on their Sabbuth, would stream out from Jerusalem the next norning, and finding Him starting, would come back with Him.
Just after starting He sent two of His disciples to get an ass colt, telling them where to find it and how to get it and that lle would straightway send it back again to the owner as soon as He was done with it.
The ass was the lavorite animal for riding, eren by royalty, in times of peace. This is the only record of Christ riding. It fulfilled an old prophecy concerning Him. (Js. 62:11; Zeck. 9:9.) He came on an ass, the syntiol of peace, and nut on a horse as in war. Huw fittint, tun, that the ass which he rode in his triumph, as well as the sepulchre in which He lay in His humiliation, should be new, never used ly man.

What a marvellous scene took place during that two mile ride around the western slope of Olivet, across the Kedron and up to the city gate. The fame of Jesus had widely spread. The multitude gathered there was largely a strange .throng which had none of the priestly hatred of Christ, and was not the crowd that shouted "crucify" a few days thereafter. As they saw Him riding with such a procession, some of His more enthusiastic followers begain shouting, what would in modern days be " Long live the King." The spirit spread. The multitude took up the cry. Hosamnas sent the air. Their loose onter garments were flung in the way to makea earpet for Him to ride on. Others kept decoratlug the way as He advanced with leares or twigs of neighboring trees, as patl. are sometimes Hower strewn to day. Read the account of the procession as given by the different evangelists.

Amid it all He wept (see Luke $19: 41-44$ ) for the change that was so soon to come, not to Him, but to them. He saw. some forty years later, a starving city and a most terrible seige, in which, it is said over one million people pernshed.
Then He entered the city, looked about upon
what was doing at the temple, and in the evening went out to sperd the night in peace at Bethany.

## lessons.

1. "The Lord hath need of him"-of that ass colt, of our persons, service, means, family, church, country.
2. What a blessing to lend to the Lord. The ass would be much more prized by his owner after being in such a nerviee.
3. Christ uses all modern means of transportation to hasten His triumphal march over the world.
4. Jesus can use very humble agencies in carrying on His work.
5. We should cast our hopes and prospects, our aims, efforts, attainments, all, before Him.
6. Has He entered, in trimmph, your heart?

## THE WICKED HICSBANDMEN. 14 April.

Les. Mark 12:1-12.
Gold. Text, Mark 12:6. Mem. vs. 7.9. Catechism, Q. 16.
The triumphal entry of last lesson took place on their first day of the week, our Lurd's Day, five days before the crucifixion. This parable is supposed to have been spoken on Tuesday, two days after last lesson.
On Sunday evening, after the triumphal entry, He went, as we saw, to Bethany d spent the night.
Next day, Monday, he came back to the city and cleansed the temple, Mark $11: 15 \cdot 18$, drivint out the traders,overturning the moncy changer:tables, etc. It might almost be said that the first and last great acts of His public ministry were cleansing the terple. At His first Passover, just after begirning His ministry He did so, John 2:15, and now, just at the close of that ministry, He repeats the act.

Tuesday; the day of this lesson, was His last great day of public teaching in the temple; and it was a fitting time for this parable, directed against them for their rejection of their Messiah.
Two days previously He had offered Himself to the Jews as their King hy entering their royal city in triumphal procession. The day followins He had presented His claims in another way by anumini anthurity over His Father's house, and they had rejected this claim. To-day He once more brings before them their great opportunities an dheir guilt and danger in rejecting them. One of these parables is the lesson, but instead of learning from it their lesson they pwo nounce their own doom.

1. God's kingdom on earth as a vineyard, v . i. This figure is often used in Old Testament, ansi it was a fitting one, because, of their vineyardthey took the greatest care, see Deut., $32: 32$; Ps., $80: 8-16$; Is., $5: 1-7$; Jer., 2: 21; Ezek., 15: 1-14i.
i'at $h$ Tower-To watch ayainst wild beast and thieves. God's church is like a vineyard in that He takes great care of it in many way: and looks for fruit from it.
2. The messengers and their treatment, rs. 2.5 . How often when God looked for the fruit of Holy: hring, He found His people worshipping idol:. Theirtreatment of His prophet messengers whom He sent to recall them to Himself is pictured in this parable, see Jer., chaps. 37, $38 ; 1 \mathrm{Ki} ., 18: 13$; $22: 24.27 ; 2$ Ki., 6:31; $21: 16 ; 2$ Chron., $24: 11!$ $22 ; 36: 16$; Acts, $7: 52$, and especially Heb., 11 : 36.37.
3. The Son and His treatment, vs. 6-8. God` Son had come to His church, and they had been saying for more than a year "come let us kill Him." What forbearance and kindness He had shown. How basely ungrateful were they. He
carries the parable a day or two in advance and tells of the killing of the S. 3 .
4. The doom of the murd ers, v. 9. Unwittingly they pronounce their own doom. Their sense of justice decides what they deserve, but although they knew, v. 12, that He spoke this parable against them, knew what He meant by it, they were only the more enraged and sought to carry out their purpose. Only the fear of the people restrained fuem for the time.

## LESSONS.

1. Our body is God's vineyard given us to care for and make the best use of for Him. Are we using or abusing it?
2. Our mind is God's vineyard, entrusted to us to think pure thoughts, high aims, noble purposes. How is it being used?
3. Our Soul is God's rineyard. He has given it great capacity and provided for all that it needs. Is that soul rendering Him the return that He asks?
4. Our home, surroundings, privileges, are care that God has expended upon us; day by day He looks for fruit; what does He find?
$\overline{5}$. Christ is the Son of God, and beingall things
5. The fruits that He looks for are "gratitude, love, obedieuce, consecration of time, talents, all, to Him, and He is looking for them continually.
6. The awful doom of this parable came upon the Jews some forty years later when the city and temple were destroyed. Over a million were slain and the nation scattered.
7. TheSon, the Well Beloved, comes to us today, is calling, inviting, commanding, entreating, and if we persist in neglect, we heard in the parable our doom.

## WATCHFILNESS. 21 Aprif.

a Temperance Lesson.
Les. Matt. $24: 42-51$.
Gol. Text, Mark 13:33. Mem. vs. 44-46. Catechism, Q. 17.
This lesson was in the afternoon of the same day as the last one. He had spent most of the day teaching in the temple, His last day there. Then, in sorrow at its fruitlessness, He had left to go ont to Bethany. On the way, looking back at the rast stones and buildings of the temple, He spoke to His disciples of the dark days coming when these should be destroyed. "The destruction of Jerusalem bore the same relation to the Jews as the flood did to the Antedilu vians, which was emphatically the end of the world to them, and this again was but a miniature on a smaller scale of the great Last Day."-Mouroc Gibson.
The one charge that Ckrist gave as a suitable motto for the disciples, and the one which is applicable to the Christian life always and everywhere, is "Watch."
There is no need to adopt any special interpretation of our Lord's secind coming in order to apply this command. The idea is not a mere watching for 11 is return, but watching unto duty in His absence; as a master wishes a servant not to be standing at the door waiting and look. ing for his coming, but busy within during bis absence, that all may be right when He does come.
The Christian has constant need of watchfulness against temptation without and within; temptations to negligence in service of God, worldliness, pride,selfishness, etc. Human nature gravitates downwards, and watchfulness is necessary to counteract that tendency.
Above all there is the great spiritual enemy"Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour." He
is ever watchful, and unless there is constant watchfulness against him, there is sure to be defeat.
Above all we need one stronger and more wakeful than ourselves to watch for us and keep $u$ from the evil one.
The Saviour's charpe is especially appointed for to-day as a temperance lesson, and here, too, watchfulness is necessary.
Watch against the tirst beginnings of the drinking habit. He who touches not the first class will never be a drunkard. Watch against the company that leads to drinking. Watch against practices and entertainments and recreations and places where it is used.

Watch the training of the young, that right principles are installed. Watch the literature that is distributed. Watch the education in public schools and see that temperance instructions has its place. Watch the laws of the land that they are made more and more exclusive in this respect. Watch the execution of the laws that they do not become a dead letter. The greed for gain will lead men ever to seek gain by the traffic and vigilance is necessary to counteract it.

## Lessons.

1. The Christian life in this world is in no sense one of indulgence, but of watchfulness.
2. He who watches not against sin and unto duty is not living the Christian life. The Christian can never be off guard.
3. This watchfulness on the part of the Christian must extend to every department of life, private and public, family, social, business religious, political, and all others.

## THE LORD'S SEPPER. 28 April,

Les. Mark $14: 1220 . \quad$ Gol. Text, Luke, $22: 19$ Mem. vs. 22-24. Catechism, Q. 18.
Two days have passed since last lesson. After the discourses on the Mi. of Olives on Tuesday evening He went on to Bethany. He spent Wednesday and Thursday forenoon there in quiet, probably at the home of Lazarus; the fewish rulers meanwhile conspiring to compass His death.

1. Preparation for the Passover, rs. 13-16.

On Thursday afternoon, the day on which the Passover was to be clebrated, the disciples asked Jesus where they would prepare for the evening. He gave them directions. The man whom they were to meet was evidently friendly to the cause of Jesus, and at once gave the room, all prepared. During Passover week there were multitudes of strangers in the cits. Hospitality was looked upon as a public duty, and guest chambers were in readiness if they should be wanted. Some think that the man was a friend, perhaps a secret disciple of Jesus. Some even suppose that Jesus had made an arrangement with him, but this is not probable. The story reads as if the disciples understood it to be supernaturaf knowledge of what would be.
2. Observing the Passover, v. 17. Peter and John, Luke $28: 8$, went and made ready, and in the evening Jesus bade a last good-bye to the loved family in Bethany, they little dreaming of the awful scenes that were to be enacted bclure the shadows of another evening should gather.
With His disciples He canne into the city to where the two disciples were awaiting Hin. They sat down at the supper table, and the last Passorer supper of the Old Dispensation was eaten.
3. Foretelling the betrayal, vs. 18-24. -One of you." "Is it I ?" How much better than "Is it he." What a contrast between their honest
self-questioning and the blank trexchery of lim, the betrayer, who could si anl violate the siacred rites of hospitality by eating from the same dish with Him. The fate of Judas is forever settlect by Christ's own., statement, "Good if he had never been born." This, too, teaches that for the lost there is no restoration, for if an eternity of happiness could be enjoyed, even after long sufferlog, it would bo goorl that be bad been born.
4. Instituting the supper, vs. $22-25$. The last Passover had been completed, and now He takes the bread und breaks it with a new meanims. The bread broken and the wine poured ont He gave them to represent Hisbody broken and His blood shed for the sins of men.

The Passover had foreverended and the Lord's supper had taken its place. That upper chamber points back through the Passovers of bygone generations to the Exodus and forward through the communions of the centuries to Christ's coming again.
"He would drink no more, etc.," i.e. He would have no more social meals with them. This was the last. He point; them forward, however, to the time when in another place, in another sense, they will rejoice together again.

There is an incident of the supper given in John $13: 1 \% 2$. Washing the feet on entering the house was a duty of common courtesy. It was usually performed by a servant. The disciples should have attended to it. Probably they thought it too menial. Instead of that they were disputing who should be greatest, Luke, 22:24.

Tie set them an example Jesus Himself rises from the table and did what one of them should have d, ne had it not been for their false pride. Then He speaks to them of the spirit they should manifest.

## Lessons.

1. We should be careful if we eat with Christ at His table not to betray Him by our lives.
2. Our first care shouid ever be an earnest watching of self. "Lord is it I?"
3. For all who finally reject Christ, "Good were it if they had never been born."
4. There is no atonement for sin but the broken body and shed blood of Christ.
5. The "blood of Christ cleanseth us arom an sin."

## THE AGONY IN GETHSEMANE. 5 May.

Les. Mark $14:$ :32-42.
Gol. Text, ${ }^{\text {Tohn }} 18$ : 11. Chatechisn Q. 18. Mem. vs. $34-36$.

This lesson follows immediately atter the last one, the institution of the supper. Christ and His disciples left the upper room towards mid night and went out of the city. down the rarine, across the Kedron to the Garden of Gethsemane at the buse of the Mt. of Olives, and there in the beginning of the last day of llislife on earth took place the solemn mystery of this lesson.

When He came to the outside of the garden He left all of the disciples but three, as an outer guard or watch. He went a little farther and the sorrow of soul came upon Him so that even they could not understand Him and He wanted to be alone with God, and left Peter and James and John as an inner guard, while He went alone to pray. A walled enclosure with eight gnarled old olive trees is to-day shown by the monks as the site of the Garden. It is probably near the place.

1. IIis agony. Its depth none can fathom, its cause none e.n fully know. It is probable that the qreat cause was the fact that He was the sinner's substitute, and was taking for the time
the sinners place, suffering for the time in that place the withdrawn of God's favor, being, at the sinner mast finally be who elings to his sins, "God-forsaken;" for His cry of arony was "My (rod, My Gcd, why hast. Thou forsaken me."

How this conld be; how He could be consciuns of being God forsaken, or lose conceiousness of His own power and tivinity, none can tell. We stand in the presen e of awful mystery.
2. Mis prayer. 'f it be possible, let this cup pass." "This cup," whatever that may mean, was what caused the arony. But bitter as it was, He immediately added, " Not My will, but. Thine, be done;" leaving us an example of truc prayer for all time. The prayer was repeated once and again, and in this we have another example regarding prayer, viz., perseverance.
3. The ansuer. He had His answer. 'The cup was not removed, but an angel appeared, st rengthening Ilim. Answer tiprayer is sure.
4. The sleeping disriples. It was night, the time for sleep, but He had asked them to watch. When He wakens them He bids them watch and pray lest they enter into temptation. The temptation soon came in the way of fear, for when Judas with his band came, they forsook Christ and fled. Had they watehed and orayed they might not have been so cowardh.

## Lessons.

1. What an awful burden Christ bore in taking the $\sin$ of the world.
2. If He suffered so muck what must the sorrow of soul be of those who cling to their own sins and bear the penalty.
3. What must the love have been to lead Him to bear such sorrow and agony for sinners.
4. True prayer desires God's will more than its own will.
5. It is right for us to pray for what God may not see fit to grant. Christ did this.
6. An answer always comes to true prayer. If the burden be not removed there is strength given to bear it.
7. If we slumber at the post of duty we are liable to fall ito temptation Satan never slumbers.


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