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The Old and New Year.

BY W. H. BURLEIGH

No pause, no rest, no visual line Between the years that come and go For some too fast, for some too slow; Time never stops to sleep or dine. But on and on with steady flight He keeps, untired, by day-by night, And boys and girls, ere yet aware, Find threads of silver in the bair, Their love of quiet growing stronger And, harly, by these tokens know. What kind friends told them long ago, That they are boys and girls no longer.

Still on—as silent as a ghost! Seems but a score of days, all told, Or but a month or two at most, Since cur last New Year's song we trolled, And lo! that New Year now is Old. And here we stand to say "Good-bye!" Brief words-and yet, we scarce know wby They bring a moisture to the eye, And to the heart some quakes and We speak them very tenderly. With half a sob and half a sigh-Old Year, good-bye! Old Year, good-bye!" For what it brought, for what it takes, We love it, and for loved once' sakes; Prized for its hours of happiness. Nor for its sacred sorrows less: For all it gave through toil and strife Of new significance to life-New breadths, new depths, new heights sublime And, haply, kingship over Time! Accept our thanks, Old Year! for these, And for all precious memories Of love, of grief, of toil, of pain,

And so we sadly lay, Old Year t Our love-wreath on thy snowy bier. Our love-wreath moistened by a tea And, turning from our brief adieu, With kindly welcome hall the New: True to the Ruling Power, we sing, "The King is dead!" "Long live the King!"

The Oka Indians.

where they had a large establishment at the who staggers. time, under the charge of a certain Mr. Alexander Fisher. I have a distinct recollection of occasion to take advantage of the clause in the and stress which carry down so many. the time they first settled at the village, at the boys might go reeling to the station-house. Algonquins to the King of France of all their the procession moves along. It thins outrapidly, a few more quotations from the letters of his Yes; you have many little daughters and sons bakers! Christmas-eve is essentially the child- English Paper.

lands, extending from the Lake of the Two to be sure towards, the end, but the young men friend, the Dean concluded with the following there. Thank God! many dear friends have ren's night, an inheritance from the Babe Mountains to Lake Temiscaming. On explaining keep stepping in, and the ranks are always full. words: "Englishmen, young Englishmen, sol- gone gone up yonder. Many of us have got "whose birth-place was a manger," and all over the difference between the documents to the Chief, It is the thing that fathers dread for their sons, diers and sailors, yet not soldiers or sailors, nor sainted mothers or godly, praying fathers up the land is yearly repeated the drams of their "Then," said he, "some one must have taken and mothers pray God their boys may be de- young men only, take courage from his exam- yonder. If they could speak to us this after- lovers hurrying to lay offerings at their feet; for the other parchment away, and substituted this livered from; but it goes right on, and the re- ple. If ever you are tempted to think good- noon, would they not say: "Come this way my them the Christmas-tree puts forth its buds; for one for it." As to the authors of this light cruits are "Mostly young men." The State ness an idle dream, or the love of the Almighty son. Come this way my daughter. Come this them Santa Claus springs into being, full-stafingered transaction, we need not be at a loss to cannot stop it, quackery cannot cure it. Cheer- a fable-if ever you are tempted to think way, mother!"-D. L. Moody. determine who they were. Seeing how the ful homes might save many, and in Washing- lightly of sin, or to waste your time and health unfortunate aborigines are now dealt with, how- ton-good examples in high stations might keep in frivolous idleness or in foolish vices, or to ever, the possession of the abstracted document many more from falling. How would it do to despair of leading an upright, pure, and Chriswould be of little advantage to them, when we try it? find both Church and State combining to crush out of existence the handful of them that still remain to represent the powerful nations that owned the whole country for ages, ere bishop or

priest had set foot on these shores. We ought to take warning from the destruccommit the deed, but the fear of consequences.

Yours truly, AN OBSERVER. Elora, 22nd December, 1875.

A Lesson For New Year's Day.

be learned every day in the year.]

earnest request of those who are now so anxious "Mostly young men!" It is a suggestive, lage was burnt afterwards, but the commodore again I must see her in God's kingdom—I must ber lighted taper; the ministrels who sing their took care to frighten the natives away first, see her in another kingdom. And I knelt by carels before the carpenters' shops in the streets and distinguishes between the original practice at the village, and was then ordered off to the coming of a new crop, and a crop of reckless, The incidents attending the death of the command the supposed command interior. Some years afterwards, I had occasion dissolute men. Young men to-day; and per-modore, in the exact terms already published, the Lake of the Two Mountaines, and here with enough of conscience left to suffer were then read by the Dean. How, when the to call at the Lake of the Two Mountains; and, haps with enough of conscience left to suffer were then read by the Dean. How, when the land. And now my wife has been converted, the habit of decorating nave and chancel, derived match for the purpled theologian, and he uses immediately on my arrival, received a message remorse, enough of self-respect to suffer shame, commodore felt that he was dying, he had him- and I am a superintendent in a Sabbath School, though it be from heathendom; the practice of great freedom in addressing the Cardinal, which from Kisinsio,—Chief of one of the tribes,—but every day growing harder as habits grow self carried on to the quarter-deck of his ship, and some of the children of that school have kissing under the mistletoe—familiar in many and the senses deaden. There's no need to have been converted, and I am on my way home to have been converted and the men assembled, to say good-bye to have been converted and the my large and the children of that "converted and the my large and the children of the ch and on being usered into the presence of my and the senses deather. This was on Thursday, August 19th my Jesus and my little child. I thank God shine as no other night ever shone. The habit make it evident to the Roman Catholics that forth a parchment roll, very similar to the one mon. The homily writes itself, and the sermon All the men said to him "God bless you;" and that he took her. If he had not, I might have of making gifts is likewise supposed to be a relic their English head-man is not able to carry, all to which I have already referred, and en- preaches itself. There's no such sickening he said, "May God Almighty bless you with led her astray and I would have lost my soul. of Pagan rites, celebrating the birth of Sol, but before him when compelled to reason, even when quired if that were the document which sight in all the world as the drunken young this exceeding great love; and give you happithe King of France had presented to man or boy; nothing so painful to the sensiness such as He has given me. Good-bye; goodgo and be with her." And am I not speaking mas present is a commoration of the gold frankhighest Christian virtue; but in taking part in their forefathers, granting them the Seigniory, bilities of man or woman; nothing that seems bye all of you." One of his last utterances was, to-day to many a mother that has got a little incence and myrrh with which the inspired this discussion he is setting his co-religionists On examining the roll I found it to be totally so harsh, and unnatural and shocking. It is "I have no breath left to praise God for all His child in heaven—a little Martha, or Mary, or Wise Men followed the star in the East, and in an example of reasoning, and is stirring up in

Dean Stanley on Commodore Goodenough.

Very Rev. Dean Stanley, in accordance with ancient usage, preached in the afternoon at the tion of the little Protestant chapel at Oka. The Abbey, Westminster. There was a very large outrages that are committed at a distance to-day attendance, the Dean having announced on the may be perpetrated at our own doors to-morrow. previous day that he should preach on the life We may rest assured that the same malignant and death of James Graham Goodenough. The spirit which prompted the outrage at Oka would preliminary portion of the service having been lay every Protestant church in the Dominion in gone through, the Dean announced as his text ashes. It is not the will that is wanting to the words, "He being dead yet, speaketh," to his home and left me in the drawing-room. (Hebrews zi. 4). He said he proposed to lay He said he wanted to go and see about the Con- remarked that England had sent thousands of mine, the leafless branches fringed with cryscareer of the noble-hearted, pure-minded Chris- shutters were down, to keep out the sun. He Pope's General) Ireland had sent none." tian sailor, whose beautiful life, crowned by a wanted to have me excuse his wife for a little glorious and beautiful death, they had many of while, and I walked up and down the room. It young Le Vaux, the first child of Freedom on Christmas with roses blooming over the porch, [This "Lesson" appeared in the New York them lately read in the public journals—Com- was so dark I could not read; and so I listened the walls of San Angelo—a battalion in them-Tribune, of December 31st, and was intended modere Goodenough. They might well claim to see if I could hear the noise of children. I selves?" said Garibaldi, pointing to two of his quet on the lawn, and let us thank our stars especially for New Year's, but it is worthy to him for themselves, for he was brought up in thought he had no children, and when he came the school at Westminster. They might well in I said: "You have no children, sir?" He It was a Washington dispatch, and it told claim him for the nation, for he was the pride hesitated, but said: "Yes, sir, I have one. But very briefly how Christmas was observed in the of that naval profession which was the most she is in heaven, and I am glad she is there." National Capital. A mere passing note, state characteristic profession of England. They "You glad that your only child is taken from you?" ment of a simple fact, hardly worth more man a might claim him for their generation, for he I waited to have him explain. He did not exflying mention. It only said: "The police re- showed them how, in this shifting and search. plain. "What do you mean when you say your port the arrest of an unusually large number of ing age, a most inquiring mind might be united only child is dead? What do you mean by it?" intoxicated persons, mostly young men." That with the most devoted and tender heart. Not in He got up and went across the room and took Italian—soft in peace, terrible in war,—like gling and working and pushing as usual, nobody was all. A larger number than usual delibe. England alone, but in the farthest islands of up one of those old-fashioned daguerreotypes, rately extinguished their sense of responsibility the Pacific, and amongst the poor peasants of and handed it to me. It was a beautiful picture. to society and to themselves, and having so de- the North of France, the stimulus of his life The curls lay back on her neck, and she looked throned their reason, went recling through the would be felt. And in the annals of the whole more like an angel than like a child. "Seven streets, in which condition they were arrested by English navy, and in the whole naval profession | years old, and you say you are glad that that the police, and safely held until kind Nature of Europe, his name would be loved and hon beautiful child has been taken away from you? had restored the faculties they had thrown ored. They would first observe how singularly Was she deformed in any way? Was anything away, and they had ceased to be dangerous to consistent and continuous the story of his char- wrong with her mind ?" "Oh! no. She was society or to themselves. And they were acter appeared. In the good and the great as perfect as she could be on earth," said he. mostly young men." Not much of an item amongst mankind this was not always so. In "And I will tell you why I am glad. When I that. To a great many readers who skimmed many cases there were breaches, conversions, had that child I worshipped her; and, instead over it, it suggested nothing. It had no special interruptions, and out of these God was able to of living for God, I lived for that child. One significance to them. There was nothing in it make for Himself faithful and true servants; day I came home, and my child was very sick. touching the financial question; no intimation but there were cases—and this was one of them I did not think she was dangerously ill. She of the policy of the Administration towards -where all was, as it were, of one piece. The lingered only a few days. After she died I ac-Louisiana; nothing to throw any light upon the child was father of the man; and the man—the cused God of being unjust. Some of our neigh-Pacific Mail business; nothing but a bald active, vigorous man—was the mould in which bors had several children. They had kept them statement of a quite unimportant fact, to wit, was cast the Christian and the martyr; and the all; and he had come into my home and had all and for all, from their first hour of light to that a great many people were intoxicated, and death was but the crown and the seal of the taken my only child. For three days I rethe last moment of life.—Dumas' "Anecdotes of paid to them by the invading army until the that most of them were young men. Perhaps life, bound each to each by natural piety. The fused to eat, drink, or sleep. I wanted to go Garibaldia. some old fellow who knew Washington smiled father of James Graham Goodenough was form- down into the grave with her. The third day a grim, hard smile, and said, "The boys must erly head master of Westminster; and he (the we buried her; and when I came back from the have been having a good time Christmas. son) was sent to school at the age of eleven. He curchyard my home seemed as dark as the And perhaps some other sedate person, who was as a boy what he continued to be as a man, - grave, for I had lost my child. I walked up was never young, or, if he was, it was so long honorable, true, firm, tender-hearted, modest, and down the room. I was almost frantic. I ago he has forgotten it, read the two or three brave, and a hater of all things evil. There thought I heard her little voice. The second lines, and said it was "outrageous" for young was something in his society which raised others thought came: I shall never hear that voice DEAR SIR, -Your correspondent, on entering men to act so. But the mass of mankind unconsciously. He joined heartily in what again. Then I thought I could hear her footthe service of the Hudson's Bay Company, was slipped by it, as they button up their coats and other boys did, yet kept all real evil from him-step. The second thought came: Those little appointed to the Lake of the Two Mountains, hasten on when they meet in the street any one self and his companions by a sort of native footsteps are silent. I threw myself on the bed. force. As a boy he was successful in school and My ageny was such that I could not weep; but What appeals more readily to the sympathies beyond all doubt, under the sanction of the Em-Not everybody, though. In a great many on the river. He inherited his father's geowhile there I began to weep. While weeping than a child with an empty stocking, or a family conceivable that the Governor would have venhomes and to a great many hearts it meant a graphical energy, and at a suitable age entered nature gave way. I had a dream. It seemed that gentleman showing us a parchment roll great deal more than the classification of a holi- the Royal Navy. There he was still the same to me more like a vision than like a one day, which proved to be a relic of the olden day's police report. It came to them like news always modest and unassuming. In every dream. I dreamed that I was crossing a times, and an object of curiosity to us all. On of shipwreck to one with friends at sea. There emergency, in pain or in danger, his first barren waste, when I came to a riven It examining the document, we found it to be a was a reading between the lines that made thought was for others. The Pacific was the looked so dark and cold and cheerless that I letter packet from the King of France, convey- fathers anxious and mothers distressed. "Mostly in gertain lands to the Seminary at the Lake young men!" And here was the boy just ripen- the Mediterranean, the Baltic, and China, the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful a view to some pensioners on her beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful a view to some pensioners on her beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful a view to some pensioners on her beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the other side of the river I saw the most beautiful and the same pensioners on her beautiful and the same pensioners of the same pensioners on her beautiful and the same pensioners of the same pensioners on her beautiful and the same pensioners of the same pensioners of the same pensioners of the same pensi of the Two Mountains; in other words, a ing into manhool, upon whom his parents where he served, he was always doing his best tiful land my eyes ever gazed upon. As I stood bounty, and feel a sense of thankfulness that inhabitants, who were driven to seek shelter in of the Two Mountains; in other words, a ling into mannoon, upon which has parented where he served, he was aways doing in bounty, and leef a sense of chankfulness that inhabitants, who were driven to seek shelter in Seigniory, extending three leagues along the looked with pride, and for whose future they to improve himself and those under him. His there, gazing upon that beautiful land, what was she may render their cup less bitter on one day the surrounding woods; and it is affirmed that shores of the lake, and three leagues into the in- were so deeply anxious; could the father help services to the French peasantry in the neigh my surprise to see faces there, and among the of the year? terior. As far as my recollection serves me, the involuntary reaching out to catch him from borhood of Sedan during the war of 1870, were number that of my own darling child. In my the conditions on which the Seigniory was falling, as he read in these three words the story referred to, and extracts from the letters of his dream I dreamed she came down to the banks granted to the Seminary were to the following of so many young men down and disgraced? fellow-laborers on that occasion read. His work of the river. She waved her hand, and she said. granted to the Seminary were to the following of so many young men down and disgraced: fellow-laborers on that occasion read. It is beautiful here. Come right this way, sang the old poet; and does not every one put great French army. This act, which the Russians at the time repudiated, is now coneffect, namely:—That aged and infirm persons, Could the mother fail to reflect that her boy at Sedan done he entered upon his last expensions and there she care and complaint as far outside the door as sidered by them their highest glory, and that ported by the Seminary; that the Indian boys—the young men in the Washington explore the Pacific Islands, to cultivate kindly stood waving her little hands. I thought the may be on this occasion, and hide old grudges greatest example in history of national selfyouth should be educated by the Seminary, and station-house—had mothers, perhaps just as relations with the inhabitants, and to suppress voice sounded sweeter than ever before. I trained up in a knowledge of the Christian re- tenderly solicitous for their sons' welfare as the horrid trade of kidnapping men. He visited dreamed that I went to the water's edge, and face in spite of Fate? Is there any record of a Appleton's American Cyclopædia. ligion, and that the Indians should be allowed she for hers? "Mostly young men!" Ah! Fiji, and was indefatigable in promoting happy thought I would plunge into that stream," he dun on Christmas-day, and would not misforto occupy all the land they required for farming how many a mother, when she read it, clasped relations with the natives. In April of this said, "and be forever at rest. For in my dream tune seem doubly cruel at this time, and is not purposes. At that period, however, and long closer to her bosom the curly head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the Pearl I thought sickness and death never entered that happiness more imperative? purposes. At that period, however, and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and dimpled year he made a short cruise in the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and the rearry and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and the rearry head and the rearry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her bosom the curry head and long closer to her of every description, so that the Indians had no him back from manhood and from all the storm met his death at an island near to the place not do it. I tried to find a boatman to take me stockings are hung by the chimney with care," Royal grant which allowed them to cultivate the And then the mothers, whose darlings with The natives were known to be treacherous at a bridge. I could find no bridge.

While I was stalk, in a single night, and dreams are haunted in the House of Lords. The Cardinal had been soil. In the course of time, however, the game be, their curls and dimples, and all the sweet and some of the islands, and extra precautions were denied the divine some of the course of this, however, the game of the curing and diffuse, and the superstition declares that at twelve o'clock even authority of the Church—his Church—was the oven in their stalls are all to be found on guilty of heresy and treason; and the divine their curing and diffuse, and the superstition declares that at twelve o'clock even authority of the Church—his Church—was the oven in their stalls are all to be found on guilty of heresy and treason; and Lord Redesmarks apply more particularly to the Algonquin heat and dust of the noontide, whose boys look were already acquainted, said the Bean, with once I heard a voice (it sounded as if it came their knees, and tribe. The Iroquois had always cultivated level now into mothers'—and perhaps into some the facts. The commodore was wounded in the from above), saying: 'I am the Way, the Truth, "The bird of dawning singeth all night long."

tian life, remember Commodore Goodenough, and remember how his life was absorbed in officers, in London, gives a deep insight into the fairy-land; when even the avenue of days leadduty, and duty was transformed into happiness, and death was swallowed up in victory."-A On Monday last, being All Saints' Day, the funeral anthem was played as the congrega-

Friends in Heaven.

I remember a few years ago I was the guest of a stranger. I had gone to a Sabbath School Convention. The man that met me at the stathe campaign of 1860," says the Colonel, "I matter of wreaths and fantastic etchings ! For tion was a perfect stranger to me. He took me was engaged in a tete-a-tete with the General indeed the ideal Christmas weather should be before his hearers a brief consideration of the vention that afternoon. It was a hot day. The volunteers, but, thanks to La Moriciere, (the where Commodore Goodenough was attacked. over, I could find no boatman. I tried to find and Christmas-trees spring up, like Jack's bean-Redesdale, who is the chairman of committees small patches of ground,—Indian corn being the one's not a mother's—eyes—how these sweet, and perhaps into some the late. The very name is melodious with the hymns and only product to which they paid much attended to his boat he was most anxious to leave no one but by Me.' The voice awoke me from my carols of centuries, and picturesque with the Christ and the Apostles, and whether the Church tion, and were in possession of the land from bare dreadful possibility that some time their behind, and tried to reach one of the wounded sleep. I thought it was my God calling me; customs of every Christian nation; the little of Rome has not proved its own fallibility by to suck the poison from his wound. The vil- and I thought, if ever I see that darling child German children hurrying to church, each with prohibiting that which, by universal consent,

Anecdote of Garibaldi.

The following incident, related by the Earl of Shaftesbury at a re-union of Garibaldian real character of the Italian here, and reveals ingup to the precious sesson, like a via sacra one of the reasons why the "man of enthu- was paved with good intentions, self-sacrifice, siasm" has had such unselfish and devoted fol- and patient industry pricking its finger? What

"I am indebted for the following anecdote." says the Earl, "to my worthy friend Colonel Chambers, a soldier of more than ordinary that night; and the stars seem to linger in their merit in the armies of the liberator:"-" During courses, and Jack Frost overdo himself in the and a few other officers, when one of the latter tingling, the fields draped in their shining er-"Where did you leave the gallant Patterson and warmth and cheerfulness within. Imagine a aides who were studying a war-map in the that we were born in the North-land; yet quite shade of a neighbouring tree." "Oh!" said as odd would it appear to us to be set down in Menghetti; (who hailed from the Eternal City) Paris on Christmas-day, where, though on other "I took the lads to be Scotch, French, or Anglo-something: their patois is a mixture of not close their stores, and though it is put down many tongues." "My friend," cried Garibaldi, they should be Romans: their tongue should be

that of my Menghetti." After this, who will deny the Italian hero no Christmas bells, no odor of plum-puddingthe gift or art of "delicate flattery?" Mark the the French entertaining an unaccountable preskill with which he praises one officer while judice against that great symbol of holiday faring defending another. Note the pride with which the churches, which celebrate high mass only on he alludes to Rome, and the chivalrous love he the eve, before a showily adorned altar-all of exhibits for his generous followers from other which would seem as unnatural to us, doubtlands. Garibaldi is the incarnation of hu- less, as the old custom, in some churches, of manity in its best and noblest phases, and per's Bazar. hence, possesses the art of winning hearts as well as that of winning kingdoms. Such men command success by the force of their native devotion and enthusiasm, as well as by the honest sincerity and noble unselfishness which mpels them to become the champions of Freedom, Truth and Justice, and the protectors of torical importance. The French entered the all whom the world would crush. Hence, the honor of all is safe in their hands, as they are of make it his winter quarters. On that very day

It would truly seem that peace and good-will flame, and by the evening of the 20th nine-tenths of it was reduced to ashes. The total number of buildings destroyed is stated at besince does not every one's heart expand and tween 13,000 and 15,000. The Russians at every one's purse fly open at this auspicious sea. the time, in order to cast odium on the French, son, and do not smiles and good humor prevail, attributed this conflagration to the orders of Nanda wholesome desire that nobody shall miss a ledged that the fires were the work of the Russian and the same of t Christmas-box or dinner, but that all shall par- sians themselves, and that they were kindled by take of the general rejoicing and good cheer? the orders of the Governor, Rostoptchin, acting, at a scantily-furnished board that sends up no tured such a step. The object was to deprive smoking savors? Who does not recall the the French army of shelter from the Winter. image of Obsette placing her clumsy shoe in the chimney-corner with a twinge at the heart materials were placed in deserted mansions in strings? And does not every kindly house- every quarter, and the torch was applied simul-Without the door let sorrow lie.

And if for cold it hap to die, We'll bury it in a Christmas-pie.

tured. Who does not keep half a score of such nights, from the experience of one's own childhood, embalmed in the memory, fragrant of evergreen boughs, when one seemed to be living in a delightful world of mystery on the verge of a charm there was in having pennies at that period! What ecstacy in spending them! Does not the fire burn brighter to childish eyes on wind bitter without, the better to accentuate windows open, and festive people: playing crofete days the shopkeepers are fined if they do as a holiday in their calendar, and though "they are of Erin; but Nature intended that France is a Catholic country, we should find the shops driving a lively trade, everybody hagin holiday trim, no Christmas hush in the air, -and no Christmas chants resounding through

The Burning of Moscow.

The burning of Moscow, in 1812, is one of the most noted conflagrations on record, not only on account of its magnitude, but for its hisnext two days, when they had acquired great headway. On the 17th, a high wind arose, and the flames spread rapidly in every direction; by the 18th the whole city appeared a sea of more than 20,000 sick and wounded perished in the flames. The direct loss to the French is put down at 40,000; and beyond this it in the end involved the retreat in the dead of Winter, under the holly, and strive to wear a holiday sacrifice for the destruction of an invader.-

Cardinal Manning.

A curious correspondence has been proceeding in one of our morning journals, the Daily Teledale, selecting the case of the communion in one kind enjoined by the Roman Church, asks was the primitive and divinely-sanctioned cusdifferent from the one I had seen. On the consumer of which little dough men were for the transport of which little dough men were for the transport of which little dough men were for the transport of which little dough men were for the transport of which little dough men were for the transport of which little dough men were for the transport of which may be far from pleasant to him would it not be: "Come this way, mother!" merly presented to their customers by the hereafter in his archiefter in his archiefter in his archiefter in his archiefter in his archiefter.

The Hamily Treasury.

The Dying Year.

BY REV. MARK TRABTON, A.M.

The year is dying! Gather round The pale, attenuated form; Her sinking head, with snow wreaths bound Her requiem, the Winter's-storm. So recently we hailed her birth, With vows of troth and songs of mirth;

So richly fair, we saw her weave Of hope's sweet buds her garlands rare: With breath of morn, with dews of eve, She toiled to bring the blossoms fair, That the ripe fruitage fails us here, Blame not, O heart, the dying year.

How gorgeous, in the Summer bloom, Her queenly form before us moved! Ah, who could dream the fearful doom Of all she promised, all we loved? Left now with Winter, dark and drear, We may not blame the dying year.

In Autumn's russet richly clad, She strewed her favors freely round; The reaper's heart was made so glad, In the full sheaves he, singing, bound, That mine are moist with sorrow's tear. I may not blame the dying year.

Rare opportunities were ours. Brought by each swiftly gliding day— Such lavish gifts of godlike powers-Such potent means- the opening way, If thine is now the bitter tear, Blame not the bounteous, dying year.

She's dying, on her couch of enow; Hara, how the wild blast skurrics by; The frost chilled currents feebly flow; The light dime in her glaring eye. O, disappointed hearts, draw near, And justify the dying year.

The Power of a Mother's Prayer.

In the great revival of '57, one morning, in my Bible reading, a passage of Scripture struck me with peculiar force, and I thought, this is the text for to-night, and, noting down the book, chapter, and verse, I put the memorandum in my pocket.

At seven in the evening, as usual, I was in singing, I found my text.

been the morning vision that I should ever crated choir is a novelty in church service, and

Giving up the morning selection, I opened the book anywhere, and instantly my eye fell upon a verse which seemed to say, "Lo, here am I; send me." The singing ceased, and I arose, announcing the new-found text, my soul silently saying, Lord help! The Helper was at my side, and I never had greater liberty than during that sacred hour. My theme was prayer, and in my discourse I was led to dwell with especial earnestness upon the power of a

the house who desired the prayers of God's peoman arose far back by the wall, and called out Weekly. with great earnestness, "Look here! Some of you pray for me! My mother's prayers are bothering me!" Then, without an instant's pause, he pushed his way through the crowd out into the street. No one knew from whence We are treading on a border land we have never troo he came, who he was, or where he had gone. We prayed earnestly for all, remembering the man whose mother's prayers were bothering him.

Some nights after this strange incident, a man related his experience before the Church.

THE CONVERSION OF JAMES PRIOR. was a Christian, a member, I think, of a Pres. Then hasten to fresh labor, to thrash, and reap, and byterian Church, in another city. Though not Then bid the new year welcome, and let the old year dissipated, and an industrious man, his life had been that of a rough, bold, God-defying man-He was an infidel. As near as I can recall his And let this be your motto, "For God and for the words, this was his statement:

"I kad not darkened a church door for twelve years. One night I was coming down Washinglove Jesus!"

mother's prayers are bothering me," Mrs. Prior, probably enjoyed as well as needed a heroic had a wand, with a hare's foot on one end and a

The Power of Sacred Song.

and a very good one it is too. It is also the nothing should ever be said that will in any number of tunes known to the congregation did fashion, one not so good, to cast pious scorn on way give pain to any person within hearing, not exceed ten; and few congregations could go choirs and choir singing. The idea of hiring but as human nature remains as it has been from beyond five. This was the Puritan form of reperformers to praise God for us is thought to be the beginning, men can hardly be expected to re- ligious service. And people were not allowed supremely absurd. But Mr. Sankey has a picked frain from a thousand and one ways of suggest- to stay home from it; for men called tithingchorus of two hundred and fifty voices. The ing to each other that they are fools.—Tinsley's men were sent about the fown to look for those congregation listens, at times in rapt silence, Magazine. and no one thinks it absurd. Mr. Sankey sings a solo; we are all as silent as the flowers when the birds sing their matins, and no one thinks it absurd. And then we all join in some chorus till the rafters ring again with the music, and no one perceives incongruity. Whether we sing breaks God's eighth commandment. Above all ourselves, or a soloist sings for us, is immaterial, do not rob God. Sunday is God's property. so that the singing is unto God. There is praise Give God his day. congregation—every creature in heaven, and on rule, that God's day shall be given to God. ideal of church music, the counterpart of the God his day. tional singing, but choir and congregational the end you will give over caring for your soul.

text. Empty! I wonder what could have will compensate for lack of picty. A conse- ness by a neglect of the Sabbath."

said. Four thousand voices whispered it up to empty. Give God his day. God. Without a word of explanation his own voice swelled out into a crescendo movement in the middle of the succeeding verse. The four thousand voices rose into what was almost a musical shout of triumph. If he had been

New Year.

We are standing on the threshold, we are in the opened door,

Another year is opening, and another year is gone, We have passed the darkness of the night; we are in

the early morn: We have left the fields behind us o'er which we scat tered seed; We pass into the future which none of us can read. The corn among the weeds, the stones, the surface

mould. He was the only son of his mother, and she May yield a partial harvest; we hope for sixty-fold.

> Then gather all your vigor, press forward in the fight, Right."

The Venom of Wit.

ton street, and as a got opposite the church of the speaker, and one may trust the best of door, the people were singing, and something of the speaker, and one may trust the best of riment which used to mark the festival. The unhurried, dainty meal, where she can meet her name should be "Annabel Lee," after some ther now, so she leaned against a lamp-post, and door, the people were singing, and something of the speaker, and one may trust the best of said to me, Prior, go in ! I replied, I won't do the pleasantries over which succeeding generait, and started again down the street. Again, tions have made merry were uttered with rule was in 1627, when he had come to be de cost.—"Home and Society;" Scribner for July. after a few steps, I stopped, and something enough good humor to take most of the venom nominated "a grand captaine of mischiefe."said, Prior, you dare not go in! I spoke right out of them. There was surely a genial smile American Cyclopedia. out, and said, I am not atraid of Hyatt Smith, on the face of M. d'Aargenson when he conor old Washington Street Church either. Now, gratulated his ignorant nephew on appointment don't laugh at me, friends. I know it will as a librarian to the king, and observed that he sound strange to you, but it is God's truth. I would have a fine opportunity to learn to read. made another start for an engagement I And perhaps Gen. Quintus Icilius smiled when days, and were to approach a New England vilhad down street, when my feet turned me right he hazarded a little jest with the great Freder- lage about nine o'clock on Sunday morning, we round, and walked me down the steps into this ick at a time when his majesty was not in a should hear some beating a drum, or sounding room. The minister talked about a mother's laughing humor. Just before engaging the a horn, or blowing a conch-shell, or possibly prayer. At the close of the sermon, I couldn't French at Rossback, the King said to the ringing a bell, to call people to worship. As we stand it. I found myself standing up with the General, that if he were beaten, he should fly came nearer still, we should see a flag waving others, and maybe you remember a man saying, the country, go to Venice and turn doctor. from a log-built church, or "meeting-house." 'Some of you pray for me, my mother's prayers "Your majesty would keep to the profession of Entering the village we should see a strong are bothering me.' That was me. And here I assassin?" growled the old soldier. Of the same fence of stakes around this meeting house, and am, by the grace of God. The next day, as I quality perhaps was the reply given to the Czar a sentinel in armor standing near it; and we was at work at my trade, I just set down my Nicholas, when he asked the painter, Horace should see some of the men, as they went in, paint-pail, and went up into a room built for a Vernet, whether, with his liberal ideas, he would leaving their muskets in his care. We should, safe, and, shutting the door, dropped down on undertake to do a battle scene, representing a perhaps, see a cannon or two planted near the my knees on the cement floor and prayed that victory of Russians over Poles. "Why not, meeting house; and we should also see some God would take my sins away. While I was sirs?" exclaimed the latter; "I have more than strange wooden frames not far off, these being praying, all of a sudden I was so happy that I once painted Christ nailed to the cross." Illustrestocks and the pillory, put there to punish laughed and cried for joy. I can't tell you how minated with a gracious smile must also have offenders. Looking at this church, we see that I felt. I sung. I didn't know any hymns, yet been the famous retort of the prefect's wife upon it had very few glass windows, and that these I did sing anything that I had in my mind. I Napoleon. She had been an object of gossip, had very thick and small panes, diamond-shaped, Now reader, here is a beautiful, wonderful addressed her, "Well, madame, are you as fond that the other windows had ciled paper instead have treated me with much kindness and hos-

Give Ged His Day.

BY REV. J. C. RYLE, B. A.

Reader, do not be a robber. He that steak

in heaven when the four and twenty elders I do entreat you, for your soul's sake, not with wives and mothers of limited income in this sing their new song, and the great congrega- to profane the Sabbath, but to keep it holy. Do and other large cities are, first, that they tion stand and listen; and there is praise when not buy and sell, or idle your time on Sunday, are debarred from society by the expense of the the angels catch the theme and the great chorus Let not the example of all around you, let not ordinary methods of hospitality; and, secondly, joins in the refrain, " Worthy is the Lamb that the invitation of companions, let none of these that the habits of city life separate them from the was slain;" and there is praise when the whole things move you to depart from this settled companionship of their children. The wife of

respond with a chorus like the thunders of the which God has given to man. Do not make a even dinners to her friends; that her boys and the nursery windows, and now, half-dressed as houses looked poor, and some of them seemed ocean, "Blessing and honor and glory and bad use of this blessing. He that cannot give girls scurry off to school after a hurried break- she was, began thrusting first one little pink ready to topple over. The people looked poor power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne God his Sunday is unfit for heaven. Heaven fast, and dine at noon alone; for, being a wo- foot, then the other, into the tiny snow-bank on too. They were almost all ragged and dirty, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." The is an eternal Sunday. Oh, while you live, give man of sense, she will not allow them to eat the cornice, given little screams at each ex- and some of the men and women had rough,

heavenly, is neither choir-singing nor congrega- Once give over caring for the Sabbath, and in The steps which lead to this conclusion are tea of inland towns, at which parents and would ver ma say?" The essential element in Mr. Sankey's musi- easy and regular. Begin with not honoring children gather around the table and learn to cal arrangements is worth noting, study, imita- God's day, and yoy will soon cease to honor know one another through the interests and on the child as if she were some little mouse, was sure they were when they called, "Hullo, tion. That element is spiritual power. He is God's house; cease to honor God's house, and feelings of every day, are almost unknown in and whisked her to the carpet, then went on Snow-bird!" So she ran, and perhaps for fun my study adjoining the lecture-room. Between not a performer; he will have no performers in you will soon cease to honor God's book; cease the same grade of social city life. Now we vigorously with the task of dressing her, from they ran after her. forty and fifty inquirers met me, and I spent his choir. They are selected for their Christian to honor God's book, and by and by you will suggest that luncheon is a meal of undeveloped which she had been called away a few minutes Panting, stumbling, she slipped on the wet the hour in soul-talk, while the meeting for character; their singing is a Christian ministry give God no honor at all. Let a man lay the opportunities to the housekeeper and mother. before. prayer was going on. At eight, I took my of song. Apparently Mr. Sankey believes that foundation of no Sabbath, and I am never sur- We do not by any means refer to the elaboplace at the desk, and, while the people were prayer is no less sacred for being winged with prised if he finishes with the topstone of no rate state lunches given by leaders of fashion into a sash, having her hair pulled and twisted hat had flown off, her shoes and stockings, the music, and he will have no prayerless, Christless God. It is a remarkable saying of Judge Hale, during the last two or three years, where the into curls, and her feet shut up in little prisons white sacque, even her face and hands, were be-I was confounded. There was nothing in the singers to lead in the devotions of the congrega- "Of all the persons who were convicted of floral decorations alone cost a liberal annual in- of boots, Kate's tongue dinning in her cars all grimed with the black mire, and her dress thosen Scripture that I should desire it. A tion. We all agree that no elecution in the capital crimes while he was on the bench, he come. But there is no reason why any house-the while, Blanche was kept in such a whirl was torn in two or three places. The boys. root out of dry ground. I bowed in silent pulpit will compensate for lack of piety; Mr. found only a few who would not confess, on inprayer, asking for light. Again I looked at the Sankey believes that no vocal skill in the choir quiry, that they began their career of wicked-convert her children's dinner into a delicately-self at last at the breakfast table.

been the morning vision that I should ever have chosen those words. Meantime, the singers had reached the last verse of the hymn, and in a minute more I must be preaching to and in a minute more I must be preaching to the five hundred people before me.

The should ever the control of the papa and mamma seemed to have chosen those words. Meantime, the it is a novelty that works well. His control always remember the Sabbath day to keep it have a great deal to say that morning. Now hat with its draggled plume, and sobbing, participation in the Tabenacle morning holy. Honor it by a regular attendance at be gossip. There is no better talk than that of the word "stocks," and it is emphatically a woman's meal; and husbands hat with its draggled plume, and sobbing, participation over the congregation in the Tabenacle morning holy. Honor it by a regular attendance at be gossip. There is no better talk than that of three or four cultured clever women, alone to the down under a faithful ministry, and once the first of the word "stocks," and it is emphatically a woman's meal; and husbands hat with its draggled plume, and sobbing, participation over the congregation in the Tabenacle morning holy. Honor it by a regular attendance at be gossip. There is no better talk than that of the word "stocks," and it is emphatically a woman's meal; and husbands hat with its draggled plume, and sobbing, participation over the congregation in the Tabenacle morning holy. Honor it by a regular attendance at be gossip. There is no better talk than that of did not sound a bit interesting, she thought hat with its draggled plume, and sobbing participation in the Tabenacle morning holy. It is a novely with the chief dish will be gossip. There is no better talk than that of did not sound a bit interesting, she had a great bag on her bent the finance account of the lock "Let us sing the next verse very softly," he settled, let your place in church never be gether; none which would be more civilizing of spoons, Blanche looked straight into her shoulders, and in her hand a long stick

Christmas Festivities

training them for weeks the mastery could not derived from ancient Druid practices. It was another; who can blame them if they too often We never let them in here." have been more perfect. It was the power of an old belief that sylvan spirits might flock to betray the ideas and manners of the kitchen and spiritual sympathy which fuses all hearts, when the evergreens, and remain unnipped by frost the ball ground?

A New England Church in Olden Time.

If we could carry ourselves back to those

with a mother's faith, was praying for her son. | diagnosis, for he notoriously paid but little at hare's tail on the other. These were to keep If any mother, who has a son out of Christ tention to his person. "Did your grace ever the people awake. If any woman went to sleep shall read these lines, let me say to her, Have try a clean shirt?" asked the old doctor, and the constable touched her on the forehead with faith. Remember Mrs. Prior. Believe in the what freemasonry of good fellowship is implied the hare's tail; but if a small boy nodded he power of a mother's prayer. Put this paper in the very terms of the question! It is diffi- was rapped with the other end, not quite so aside, go into your closet, and again pray for cult to draw the line between what is permis- gently. No noubt the wand was often used, your boy .- Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, in Union in sible in conversation and what is not. Reflect for the services were sometimes three or four tions on the moral character of anybody while hours long, the sexton turning the hour-glass bethat person is present, are unpardonable, how-fore the minister at the end of every hour. The ever brilliant may be the wit in which they only music consisted of singing, by the congreare wrapped. Of course there is a further rule gation, from a metrical version of the Psalms Congregational singing is now the fashion, which is very comprehensive-namely, that called "The Bay Psalm Book." The whole that were absent. Men were fined for every unnecessary absence; and if they stayed away a month together, they might be put into the stocks or into a wooden cage.—Higginson's History.

Luncheon.

The two most common subjects of complaint a man in moderate circumstances tells you that dirl, most f'wozen." earth, and under the earth, and in the sea- The Sabbath is one of the greatest blessings she cannot afford to give balls, kettle-drums, or Blanche had mounted a chair, opened one of she had ever seen. It was very narrow, the hour when their father comes home to dinner. [wozen." The family dinner at midday, and the evening served savory meal to which she could invite | There was not much chance for her to talk away. Reader, resolve, by God's help, that you will informally two or three of her lady friends. It there either. Her papa and mamma seemed to acquire good breeding if it is not brought feels to be a little bedder dirl most f'wozen."

socially into contact with well-bred people? "What do you know about bedder dirls, her story-books, Blanche thought. But she American children in cities are crammed puss?" asked her papa, laughing. The common custom of decking the houses with all kinds of knowledge, but they are left "Yes," said Mrs. Irvine, rather sharply, ter, deary?" and patted Blanche's curls with and churches at Christmas with evergreens is to the companionship of servants and of one "what can you know about such creatures?

in a white heat of love, into one. We cannot till a milder season. The holly, ivy, rosemary, The dishes on the lunch-table should be bermy verse Aunt Nelly learned me about a "your things been't fit for ye now." Then she all be Sankeys, nor secure them as soloists. But bay, laurel, and mistletoe farnished the favorite light—but prettily served. A meal of cold poor little dirl, At the close of the exhortation, I asked all in we can demand that only the devout shall lead trimmings, which were not removed till Caudle-meats, pickles, creams, fruit, thick chocolate, "Little G'wetchen, little G'wetchen, wanders up and sacque and crammed that in too, then tying a mas. In old Church calendars Christmas Eve with dry toast, etc., can be more easily made atple to rise, and men and women stood up in music at least we will be spared had morals and is marked, Templa exornantur (the temples are tractive, as every experienced house-keeper The snow is on her yellow halr, the frost is—" every part of the room. Among the number, a bad manners in our church choirs.—Christian adorned). Holly and ivy still remain in Eng-knows, than the heavy courses of a dinner. It though at the two universities the windows of color the table warmly. The majority of eco- and poor folks needn't trouble your head, they ye off, may be." the college chapels are decked with laurel. It nomical housewives buy the plain white china are tough, and don't feel as we do. Now, run Then, the cunning old rag-picker hobbled mas Eve the oxen were always found on their meagre air in conjunction with the ordinary carriage with me, shopping." valent mediaval notion that an ox and an ass, beautiful and (where there is any garden room) buy a new dolly." numerous prints, and from the Latin poem of these without expense. Morning-glory vines, with his gift, and so comforted the warm little like icicles. Sannazaro, in the sixteenth century. It was an Cobea, wild ivy, and Learii will grow each in a heart he did not quite understand. ancient tradition alluded to by Shakespeare foot square in the back-yard, and bestow themthat midnight spirits forsake the earth and go selves skyward thereafter, and with a few boxes now as she skipped up stairs. There was always ing by, but no one noticed her. Ragged little to their own confines at the crowing of the of Coleus in an attic window, will crown your room in her large doll family for one more, and waifs were plenty in that street. If she saw a cock. The Christmas celebrations in England board with splendor like jewels, until the snow whether the new comer should have black eyes policeman she would run, for fear he would take have lost their primitive boisterous character, comes. This daily lunch requires, perhaps, or blue, be a wee baby or a young lady, wear her to some dreadful place. the gambols and carols are nearly gone by, and time and care; but our reader will find her re- white muslin or pink silk with lace overskirt, family reunions and evergreen trimmings are ward at the end of the year, if she have estab- were puzzles that quite filled her small brain close by the dark river with its wharfs, and vesnearly all that remain of the various rough mer- lished the custom in her house of a wholesome, for a while. Of one thing she was certain, her sels, and ferry-boats. She couldn't go any farlast memorable appointment of a lord of mis children and friends cheerfully and with little body in a song her papa sometimes sang.

The Old Year.

BY LUCY R. PITCHER.

The old year is almost ended, But we pause at the closing door, While memory loves to linger On days that are ours no more.

We see so many false footprints Marking our beavenly way, We wonder that God in His anger Did not quite take His spirit away.

But He, in His mercy and goodness, Bids us "forget the things that are past," Press on to the prize that's before us, And to that we've attained to, "hold fast."

So we think, with humble thanksgiving, On all the way we have trod, And trust we are one year nearer Our Heavenly Home and our God. Montreal, Dec. 25, 1875,

Make Use of Little Opportunities.

Dr. Payson once, when travelling, having occasion to call on a lady when she and some friends were sitting down to tea, she would have him stay, and treated him very hospiand Napoleon meeting her at a state ball, rudely and set in leaden frames. We should observe tably. When he left he said, "Madam, you

for the Young folk.

New-Year Song.

BY LUCY LARCOM. There's a New Year coming, coming Out of some beautiful sphere. His baby-eyes bright With hope and delight; We welcome you, Happy New Year!

There's an Old Year going, going Away in the winterdrear; His beard is like snow, And his footsteps are slow; Good-bye to you, weary Old Year!

While the Old Year hastens away. Unwilling to be The one sorrow to see In a world so enchanting and gay. The Old Year goes sighing, sighing; Once he was a baby Year; His welcome was glad; But his farewell is sad

The New Year comes smiling, smiling

He has nothing to stay for here. There is always a New Year coming There is always an Old Year to go. And never a tear Drops the happy New Year, As he scatters his gifts on the snow. -Chi'dhood Songs.

Blanche's Adventure.

BY A. E. B.

"I wonder how it feels to be a little bedder

the heaviest meal of the day at 6 or 7 p.m., the periment, as she tried to fancy herself "most wicked-looking faces. Blanche walked faster

"Whatever do ye mane, Miss Blanche. What heart beat so she could scarcely breathe.

"I know, mamma, but sometimes I see em for she somehow felt half afraid of her. do by, and I feel so sorry for 'em. And you'mem-

ing Blanche and her mamma towards Broad-home." But everybody seemed in too great a way. Mrs. Irvine, lolling on the cushions, hurry to stop; once, somebody put some pennies wrapped in velvet and furs, glanced at Blanche, into her hands, but most pushed her away. saw that the jaunty little hat with its snowy It grew colder. Blanche felt as if she was plume, and the whitefleecy sacque were arranged going to sleep, when, all at once, a face that as they should be, and paid no further attention she had seen before seemed to float by, among

told not " to muss her flounces."

It was so tiresome! She would have liked When Blanche opened her eyes, an hour later, far better to ride to mill in a farmer's waggon, she was in her own little bed, so warm and looking around on the beautiful things God had comfortable, with mamma and papa beside her. made. Country girls and boys! Do not envy And oh! how they cried over her and kissed her, city children. Finely dressed though they may as she told her sad little story. be, they are not halt so happy as you, free to her now. They are let in, warmed, fed, and romp and play at your will

At last the carriage stopped before a store almost as large and handsome as a palace. Blanche followed her mamma in and stood beside her, at little purse, well filled weekly, by papa, for the silk counter, such a long time. Then they poor children, and is never so happy as when went to another room called the trimming de-helping them. partment, and Blanche was sure they would have to stay here still longer. So she asked to

praised them allashe showed them, but she shook her head at each one, and at last went out, for none of them were quite like the "Annabel Lee" she had pictured to berself.

She might find her in the gay-looking store across the street perhaps. Her mamma had not come out yet, so watching till no stages or carriages were near, she ran across. It was not a toy-store after all, as she saw when she had gone in, so she hurried out without asking for

But she must have gone out by the wrong door, for somehow the street didn't look at all as before. What did it mean? Yet there was the carriage a little way off, and she crossed over to it. Yes, the carriage was the same, with its bay horses, but it could not be theirs, for the coachman, who seemed half asleep, was not Patrick. Blanche's little head was quite bewildered. She hurried, on looking for the store where mamma was, and the carriage, but she saw nothing of them. Then she turned into another street, but they were not there. On and on she went, turning corners, and crossing streets, jostled by the crowds, till her feetached so, and she was so out of breath she had to stand still a moment to rest. Poor little Blanche! She knew now that she was lost. What could she do? Oh perhaps she might find her home, and be there when her mamma came! That would be so nice!

So she hurried on again, going uplong shaded streets, past brown stone houses that looked like her home; but not one of them was, after all At last she found herself in the strangest street than ever now, for she was frightened, and her

Some boys were snow-balling on a corner And Kate, the frowzy-haired nurse, pounced She thought they looked like naughty boys, and

pavement and rolled into the miry gutter. When What with being jerked into a dress, fastened she got up, nobody would have known her. Her snatched the bill she had dropped, and ran

As Blanche stood holding the folorn little and effective on children. How is a child to papa's eyes, and said, "I des I know how it with a hook at the end of it. She looked all seemed kind, for she asked, "What is the mather bony fingers. Blanche told her only about the boys teasing her, and about her fall-

"Poor little deary," said the old woman, put the little hat into the bag, unfastened the tattered handkerchief over her head, she patted

"Now, deary, ye're more decent. Run home, land the most esteemed Christmas evergreens' is advisable, too, for this noonday meal, to moved her white hand impatiently, "beggars and don't spake to any policeman, or he'll carry

was an old English superstition that on Christ- for every-day use: but it has, to us, a chilly and and ask Kate to get you ready to go out in the away, and Blanche hurried on again. Poor child! she hardly knew herself now, but felt as knees, as in the attitude of devotion, and that snowy napery. There are equally cheap sets of Blanche's face was quite a sober one as she if she were in some dreadful dream and couldn't after the change from old to new style, they both English and French china of delicate and left the table. Her papa caught her in his arms wake up. Would she ever be Blanche Irvine continued to do this only on the Eve of old rich colors, which, under skilful handling, con- as she was passing, gave her a kiss, and slipped again, instead of this poor lost little girl? It Christmas Day. This was derived from a pre- vert an ordinary meal into a picture. The most a crisp bill into her hand. "There, that's to was growing cold-snowing, too, over her bare neck and arms that the ragged handkerchief which were present at the nativity, fell on their the cheapest table decoration is, of course, Kind Mr. Irvine! Had he been wiser he didn't half cover. The cold wind cut her face knees in a suppliant posture, as appears from flowers. A little care and trouble will provide would have told her to help some poor child like a knife, her feet were numb, and her fingers

It was growing dark now, and the street But Blanche's heart was a great deal lighter lamps were being lighted. Pe ple were hurry-At last, she came to the end of the street

when she saw a kind-looking man, would put An hour or two later, the coachman was driv- out her little hand and say, "Please take me

the snowflakes. Quick, quick, before it should Blanche was not enjoying herself at all. To vanish! She tried to run, calling, "Oh, please ride primly in a carriage shut up like a little take me home," and sank down in the snow. prisoner, didn't suit her. If she looked out of The gentleman passing raised the little bundle the window, her mamma said it was "vulgar to in his arms, and, to his great wonder, saw the stare," and if she curled up in a corner, she was face of the child he had often petted at her father's house.

Mrs. Irvine never sends the poor away from clothed. She stops her carriage to enquire into the wants of the ragged children she meets, and finds her way to their wretched homes. Blanche loves such visiting dearly. She has her own

"'Cause I know 'zactly how it feels," she says, " to be a little bedder dirl most fwezen."

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Our Sabbath School Work

Sabbath, January 9th, 1876. (FIRST QUARTER.)

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSON-No. 2 David Anointed King .- 1 Sam. xvi. 1-13.

Toric.-Blessings bestowed by the grace of God GOLDEN TEXT.-" And the Spirit of the Lord came, upon David from that day forward." -1 Sam. xvi, 13.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Sam. xvi. 1-13. T. 1 Sam. xvi. 14-23. W. Psa. ii. 1-12.

Th. John xiv. 1-14. F. 1 Sam. xvii. 12-27. Sat. Matt. iv. 1-11. Sab. Psa. xxiii. 1-6.

NOTES.

"God is the Judge; he putteth down one and setteth up another." A very useful lesson to learn, and one significantly taught by the close contiguity of this and the preceding lessons. We have seen Saul rejected; now we see David chosen.

But it is equally true and equally important that God's choice is in no sense like the arbitrary caprice of an eastern depot. We desire to speak with all reverence, but the way in which God's sovereign grace is sometimes spoken of really suggests this. Most truly he is a sovereign, and "giveth no account of any of his matters." But what is the sovereignty that we, by virtue of the sense of right he has implanted within us, respect and admire ? Is it not a sovereignty which acts upon full knowledge, with perfect discrimination and unerring justice? We know that God's knowledge is perfect, and we dishonor him if, even at the bidding of an unreasoning humility, we do not acknowlege that he is also perfectly just. "Are not my ways equal, saith the Lord?" When we dwell on the supreme power of God, let us not omit to associate with it his unfailing justice.

With this preliminary caution, let us look at three points of instruction in this narrative. The general subject of the lesson is appointment to do God's work. The "work" in this case was to govern God's people; but that which applies to it will apply also to any work for God, however humble. We see then, David chosen, prepared, anointed.

> Butterfly, Little thing, Velvet body. Golden wing, On a lily-Cup you swing. Tell me, beauty, tell me pray, What you live on day by day?

I am happy; God is good. Air and sunshine Are my food, And the flowers Of the wood. But if you one secret knew, You might live on honey too.

-The Methodist Sunday School Library at Donnybrook, Ont., was benefited by the proceeds of a tea-meeting held there on Thursday, 23rd inst.

-The Sunday School Anniversary Sermons of the First Methodist Church, Hamilton, were preached on the 19th inst.by Revs. W. Stephenson and W. Stewart, (Captist). The anniversary was held on the Monday evening, and was quite

-On Sunday, 19th inst., Rev. E. Kershaw, of Gorrie, preached Sabbath School Anniversary Sermons in the Methodist Church at Mount Forest. On the Wednesday evening following there was a Christmas-tree entertainment for

-Rev. E. Holmes writes from Glenallan: We had a fine meeting on the night of the 17th inst in Olivet Methodist Church, on this circuit, and raised over forty-four dollars for the Sunday School, which has lately been formed. We have recently organized another at Velie's, so that we have now a Sabbath School at each of our eight appointments.

-Rev. W. J. Hunter stated at the Sunday after noon Temperance meeting, held in Ottawa on the 19th inst., that during the previous week he had visited the Kingston Penitentiary, when he made it his business to go from prisoner to prisoner and ask the question, "What brought you here?" And in nine cases out of ten the answer was DRINK.

-A correspondent, "T. H.," writes us that the friends of the Methodist Sabbath School, meeting in Wesley Church, Innisfil, held a social to procure funds for a Library, on the 6th ult. A sumpluous tea was served in the school house adjoining, after which the audience adjourned to the church. Mr. S. Sillett ably filled the chair. Recitations, readings, speeches and music, vocal and instrumental, made up a successful programme. Financially and otherwise the occasion was a success.

-The John Street Methodist Church, Hamilton, was full to overflowing on the night of the 16th inst with the scholars, teachers, and friends of the Simcoe Street Methodist Sabbath School. The services began by singing a beautiful hymn of welcome by the school. Rev. J. P. Lewis, who acted as chairman, led in prayer. Mr. German, Secretary of the school, presented a brief report, showing the condition of the school. He said we have enrolled on our books 119 girls, 219 boys, 37 teachers and officers; grand total, 455; average attendance 281. An address was delivered by Rev. W. H. Millburn, D.D., the eloquent blind preacher. His words were touchingly beautiful, and exceedingly impressive. He said the pleasure of seeing them was denied him; he only knew them through their voices; by their sweet songs they made known their presence and interspersed their nature into him. No parent, he said, was ever more dependent upon his children than he was, and he had buried five, and only one was now left to comfort him. Excellent addresses were also delivered by Aldermen Mathews, Mr. T. C. Watkins, and Mr. D. B. Chisholm. They all expressed their great FOURTH VOLUME NOW READY surprise and delight at the size, order, and re-work, Work, spectability of the school. They advocated strongly the immediate erection of a large and substantial church in the northern part of the city, so that these children and their parents may have a suitable place in which to worship God. It was stated that part of the school was now meeting in a private house for want of the canada form its introduction into the Province till the death of the Rev. Wm. Caso. 12mo. cloth; 172 pages. The death of the Rev. Wm. Caso. 12mo. cloth; 172 pages. For Sale at the Book-Rooms S. ROSE. C. W. CO. W. CO. W. CO. Toronto

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· By the time the present issue of the GUARDIAN AND WITNESS passes into the hands to us, at this writing, for extended reflections would naturally and very properly suggest.

The Watch-night and Covenant services be hurtful to religious character. throughout our work will, we trust, be found occasions of signal blessing. Meanwhile we canone and all, "A Happy New Year."

We trust that all our lady readers will have the good sense not to place wine upon their tables for visitors on New Year's day. Many a young man has fallen by being tempted in this way. The safe course is the best. Let conscientious principle ontweigh the desire to conform to fashion.

SPLENDID SPECIAL PRIZES.

Through the kindness of several friends we are enabled to offer the following handsome prizes to those who obtain the largest numlargest number of new subscribers Chambers' Encyclopedia, 10 volumes, revised edition, worth Worcester's large Dictionary, worth \$11. To

a prize the money and names of subscribers must be reported at the Book Room before 6 o'clock p.m. on the 1st of March next. All subscribers already sent in for 1876 will be But it is a piece of shallow egotism for those bishop of the Church of Rome gradually astitle any competitor to receive any of the above prizes, it will be required that the money sent interpretation of Scripture; and that they pos- claimed for the see of Rome. But the New the spirit, rather than the letter, that is the test

A QUESTIONABLE BILL.

We regard the Bill which Mr. McLeod has to accomplish. It is really a Bill to allow the purposes. Hence, also, those who unite to from the religious communion to which it belonged, and change its proprietorship, in accordunited Church, and that an attempt is being truths taught in the Bible respecting God and Hood, &c. Chief Joseph and lady, with several laxity in respect to keeping the Sabbath. On quietly for about twenty minutes; and the vote colored members in the South. He called upon at a few points persons who were members of the to God."

and who want the Ontario Legislature to make sary by the development of human thought, Methodists and give it to the denominations simple truths of the gospel became the subjects they have joined. There is no ground for the of thought and controversy, and they were allegation that the petitioners were in ignor-studied in the light of the prevailing philosophy ance of the arrangements respecting property, of the times, the Christian doctrines received a which have united was discussed for years drawn out in more precise dogmatic statement. union was legally effected, the church to make the teachings of Christianity conform to he maintained that the pretentious claims of be thought advisable. These petitions may be Some of Mr. McDougall's statements had more our growing congregation there. The pastor edifices of the two bodies should be vested the theories of speculative philosophy, it bein the united body, for the purpose for which came necessary for the Church to give an exthey were originally erected. The Act of last plicit statement of what was held to be the true Session was simply to give a legal ratification to doctrines of Christ and His Apostles. The the duty of Protestants to labor for the enlight- friends of Sabbath observance in the Parlia- Indians, he found that "although they all pushing on the work and making the most of what had been formally and legally adopted by Apostles' Creed is the earliest form of Christian enment of those who were the dupes of that ment. Our Presbyterian brethren, and we be seemed anxious to avoid collision with the the means at his disposal. He has from the the uniting Churches. The case is not at all creed that exists. It is doubtful whether it system. similar to that of the Presbyterians referred to, was composed by the Apostles; but its simpli-We have good authority for saying that some city indicates that it originated anterior to the signed the petition for this Bill under false re- subtle speculation and heresies against which presentations, and some of the signers are child-later creeds protest. In the Nicene Creed the ren, and persons who have no interest in the doctrine of the Trinity is formulated in opposimatter. This Bill introduces a principle that tion to the Arian heresy. At the Protestant affects all the Church property in the country. Reformation it became necessary for those who It makes, in certain cases, a majority vote of a renounced the errors of Romanism to embody congregation sufficient to alienate Church pro- in suitable form a statement of the truths which perty from the purpose for which it was originally given. If a number of men claim, by virtue of having contributed to its erection, to fully define her doctrinal position, and the device of the superintendence of the superintendence of the superintendence of the superintendence of the social and moral well-being of the people of the social and moral well-being of the people of the social and moral well-being of the people of the social and moral well-being of the people of the social and moral well-being of the people of the social and moral well-being of the social an change the object and ownership of the church crees of the Council of Trent were her protest when they change their views, then on the same against the dictrines of the Protestant Refor Surrender,' and plant it at the doors of the of railway throughout the Dominion, there is, as principle each individual should retain his con- mation. The Westminster Confession was the Legislative halls, where it would strike terror your petitioners believe, a very large amount of cordance with a change in his views. Mr. Mc- most creeds is that, being generally a protest actors in this case. Would not the Legislature others equally important are omitted, or occupy he doing something beyond its jurisdiction in a subordinate place.

Agents and others remitting money for the passing an Act compelling all the Churches to Guardian, will please bear in mind that, in set on the purely congregational principle? Christian communions, are not in our judgment tholic fellow-citizens affected them. They lations of the civil law of the Sabbath committed in their service, but only themen who are found at

CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS.

The case of the Rev. D. J. Macdonell, whose public protest against making the Westminster Confession of Faith "fetters" to cramp the mind has attracted a good deal of attention, has brought the whole question of creeds to the front. A good deal of cross-firing on the subject has appeared in the daily papers. 'A pamphlet has just been published by Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, in vindication of doctrinal standards, with special reference to the standards of the Presbyterian Church. It is, with slight alterations, a reprint of a discourse in the second volume of the "Canada Presbyterian Church Pulpit," and treats the whole question with much fairness and ability. Dr. Caven, while loyal to the standards of his own Church, is the good providence of God, have been per are beneficial or hurtful according to their charmitted to see the last hours of 1875, and the acter, and the use that is made of them. A first hours of 1876. There is no space available creed may be very objectionable, because of containing what is evidently not Scriptural, or such as the season of the year we have reached by including and stringently enforcing minute

With those who condemn all creeds and con-

tessions of faith, and maintain that the Bible, not let the season pass without extending to without note or comment, should be the standour readers the customary greetings of this glad and of faith, we have no quarrel, so long as they and festive time, most cordially wishing them, are merely vindicating their own practice; but, substitute human authority for divine, we cannot admit that such assumptions are correct. sion respecting what it teaches concerning God's character and purposes, and man's condition of new subscribers \$20 in cash. To the sender human inventions in comparison with his ungiven to the bishops of the Eastern Church. written creed. On the contrary, if the framers The Churches of Autioch and Jerusalem were, subscribers Foster's Cyclopedias of Illustrations piety, learning, and mental acumen than their second, more prominent and important than creedless despiser, their interpretation of the that of Rome. But the rank and dignity of in prose and poetry, two volumes, Royal 8vo., meaning of Scripture is likely to be more coreach Church was chiefly determined by the imrect and true than his. All Christians believe portance of the city in which it was located; and whether there is a country in the world where In order to entitle any competitor to receive their doctrinal views to be in harmony with the for this cause, Rome and Constantinople early the priests of Rome have things so much their Bible. We have a right to think our own attained a prominent rank among the Churches, opinion more Scriptural than that of those who and contended as rivals for the first place. By a differ from us. If sincere, we must think so. series of assumptions and encroachments, the who reject written creeds to assume that be-sumed authority over the Western Churches and who accept a creed have no claim. No creed has any authority further than it is based upon the teaching of the Word of God. No associaintroduced into the Ontario Legislature as important object can exist without agreement very questionable, both in respect to its general in some principles. This is true in relation to principle, and to the special object it is designed secular societies for benevolent or commercial majority of a congregation, when they change gether for the purpose of religious worship their views, and, as in the present case, unite and instruction, and to promote the extension with another Church, to alienate the church of the Kingdom of Christ in the world, need to agree in their views respecting the essential truths taught in the Bible. Such unity of belief ance with the change of sentiment in the congre-bacomes a bond of brotherhood. The creed is an gation. It is in direct contravention of the prin- important help and protection against doctrinal ciple that such property should not be alienated heresy. It expounds Scriptural truths in their from the purpose for which it was originally relations to each other. It gives to the ignorant given. The statements of the petition are mis- the best interpretations reached by the best leading. They convey the impression that there minds in their studies to know the meaning of the chair, and on the platform were seated Rev. them. are now existing congregations of New Connex- the Holy Scriptures. For every creed claims to

New Connexion body, but who have gone over The history of the origin of creeds shows the Congregationalists, and Bible Christians; them to be a natural growth, rendered neces-

tural evidence of their truth; when minor and nonessential things are so enforced as to prevent reasonable liberty of thought; or when these human statements of doctrine are regarded as crystalizing truth, for all time, into forms that high-handed intolerance of Rome, in the Procan neither be amended nor modified—in such vince of Quebec, received some check. cases we think there is a wrong use made of creeds, that makes them a doubtful benefit. A doctrine being enshrined in the creed of great and good men does not place it above criticism nor prove that it should be received with un-

A LAME REPLY.

questioning faith.

Every man who reads and studies God's word, than these who belong to Churches of less pre- to be wholly unconcerned about such cases? to know the Divine will, comes to some conclu- tensions, but which adhere more closely to the Was the Guibord case something, the interest Word of God.

special interest at the present time.

THE OKA INDIANS.

Mr. Borland, Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, Rev. Mr. made to take their property away from them man?" As Dr. Schaff says, "the Bible is God's other Indian men, young women and children, some of the canals, vessels are allowed to run There are no such congregations. There are word to man; the creed is man's answer back also occupied seats on the platform, and by their through during the hours devoted to restand worneat dresses and cleanly appearance, bore testi- ship, often to the annoyance of the inhabitants mony to the elevating influences of Christianity. of these localities; and we believe on some of Appropriate music and suitable addresses were the recent surveys in the west, the Sabbath was blended. Alderman Clendinning delivered an wholly disregarded. We think, therefore, there sults that the gentlemen of the Seminary never necessary labor on public works, and traffic on anticipated. He warmly protested against the railways under Government control. The Parobject. The subject of the union of the two bodies more defined intellectual expression, and were system of favoritism that had enthroned liament meets in February; and it would be Romish interests above all others, and enriched well to have petitions prepared and submitted Every step in the negotiations was taken with When opinions that were deemed false and their corporations at the expense of the public. to the February Quarterly Meetings, as well as from given in our "Correspondence" department of in a few weeks the basement will be ready for the distinct understanding that, in case a heretical were propagated, by those who sought He carried the audience fully with him, when congregations, or in any other form that might last week, embraced points of special interest. use, which will be a great accommodation to

the Seminary should be thoroughly tested.

Dr. Douglas, in the course of his address, re- the matter. There should be united action. all exempt from taxation, their support coming by our Methodist congregations. mainly from Protestants.

Father Chiniquy also delivered a rousing address. Its humorous sallies provoked laughter, Christian Sabbath, as a day devoted to the public and its home-thrusts at the weak points of the worship of God is a divine institution, the due ob- plained to them, than they said: That is all The American Episcopalian, known as the be seen at Ottawa, Quebec and Rome, 'No

Able and appropriate addresses were also de-

Articles of belief as a standard of faith for correct policy. Whatever affected their Ca- porations not being held responsible for the vio- dresses were delivered by Reva J. Potts, S. addition to the name of the person, we require the churches were not built by fairly open to the objections that have somethe name of the Post Office, and in case of those who claim to own and control them, the change, the name of the Office from which the injustice becomes still more flagrant.

In their service, but only themen who are found at work, and who, in many cases, are obeying the deep interest in each other's welfare, and, there-opposition to a deep sense of duty.

The movements of this clock, next to those of the destripes they teach one required on the hard at the action they were opposition to a deep sense of duty.

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The movements of this clock, next to those of the destripes they teach one required the subjects of the Queen, and had a work, and who, in many cases, are obeying the and others. Mr. Gamble replied on behalf of these who claim to own and control them, the deep interest in each other's welfare, and, there-opposition to a deep sense of duty.

The movements of this clock, next to those of the destripes they teach on the deep interest in each other's welfare, and there. the doctrines they teach are received on the taking would be a great blessing both to Proboth physically and morally to the individuals and the Westminster clock, are said to be the largest
authority of their authors, and not on the Scriptestants and Catholics. They did not want any
the deaden the moral sensibility of the public mind on
the world; and in quality of material and
the deaden the moral sensibility of the public mind on
this of workmanship are unsurpassed.

ULTRAMONTANISM IN QUEBEC.

The Quebec Legislature seems quite subservient to the priestly dictation of the Church of Rome. A Bill has been carried recently to vest the complete control of the hunting grounds of the hunting grounds of the hunting grounds. the complete control of the burying grounds of the Roman Catholic Church in the priests, so Archbishop Lynch has replied in the Globe that they alone can absolutely determine who to Mr. Carry's letter, in what we think a very shall or who shall not be buried in the cemenot illiberal in his view of the use to be made lame fashion. There were only two ways in teries. It seems strange that after the high-mote their own ends. Their craft is in danger. arship, has been recently established by Albert of creeds, the extent to which they should limit which he could refute the charges of his critics: handed tyranny of the priests against Guibord, In Cobourg, they have agreed to withdraw their Teskey, Esq., of Appleton, in memory of his freedom of theological speculation, or the right First, by showing that he had in his quotations the Roman Catholic laity could endorse a custom from those who favor prohibition; and niece, Miss Christina Teskey, who was for some of a large number of our readers, we shall, in of Churches to modify their standards. Creeds fairly represented the meaning of the authors measure that is designed to place them more in Ottawa, following the example of their years a pupil in the Hamilton Female College, quoted; this would exculpate him from the completely, body and soul, under the control of Toronto brethren, they have agreed that they and was much beloved by her fellow-students. charge of garbling and misrepresenting the authe clergy. Have not the Clergy and the will support no candidate that will not favor the A silver medal is also to be annually given as a thorities from whom he quoted. Secondly, by Church already power and authority enough, interests they represent. Perhaps it is just as prize by Mr. MacMillan, of Whitby. Intimashowing that the quotations he had given fairly without the Provincial Legislature making it- well that the lines should be drawn. Lukewarm tions have been given of similar favors from proved the point which they were quoted to self the tool of Ultramontaine prelates to enable temperance people should be reminded that other friends of the college. It re-opens on the points, on which liberty of opir on would not prove. He does not even attempt to do either them to bind their chains upon the people? Is there is a class of persons among us, bound to 6th of January, with the prospect of an inone or other of these things; but merely con- this the time to make laws to invest with gether by strong, selfish interests, who are using creasing attendance. fesses that he accidentally quoted from a spuri-special privileges a denomination that has their utmost endeavors to have public affairs in ous document, and then indulges in some loose shown so strong a tendency to abuse its power? municipalities and parliaments conducted in a slashing expressions, which do not contain a Have the Roman Catholic laity petitioned for way that will promote their personal advantage. particle of proof of the kind required to prove such a law? Why should they be deprived of Their interests mean the increasing sale of inthe supremacy of Peter, and of the early bishops any right that Protestants enjoy? We do not toxicating liquors, because their profits depend day afternoon and evening, under the suspices of when it is claimed that in no case is it allow- of Rome. If a Roman Catholic Archbishop, agree with the Globe, which thinks, if they do upon the quantity sold. Anything that limits able to express our views of the teaching of who represents an infallible Pope, is liable to not object to surrender their rights, no one else the quantity sold lessens their profits. The in-Holy Scripture in the form of a creed, or articles mistake the spurious for the genuine, and pre- has any reason to object. The Roman Catho- crease of the quantity of liquor used increases of faith to be believed, and that to do this is to sent in proof of an alleged fact what is palpably lies of Quebec are our Canadian fellow-subjects. their profits. But we should not forget that inno proof at all, we don't see in what way they They are pretty well ground down under the who follow such an unsafe guide are better off heel of priestly oppression now. Are Protestants drunk means increase in the evils and crimes lest their attention should be taken off from of which was limited solely to Roman Catho-The truth is, there is nothing but rumor and lies? The Roman Catholic Church in Lower and duty. Whether he write them down or not, these conclusions are his confession of faith. The fact that a man accepts no written creed, and professes to draw his opinions directly from and professes to draw his opinions directly from the Bible, gives him no real advantage or au
The fact that a man accepts no written creed, and there is no reliable historical testimony that Peter ever was at Rome at all; cansaa as many of the rights and professes to draw his opinions directly from Cardinal Wiseman, or other modern writers, to prove it, is a confession of great weakness. The prove it is a class among us the region of the chiral prove it is a class among us and lessen the evils of interpretation. The provesting the provesting that there is no reliable therefore, at all its confession of great weakness are in direct, that there is a class among us attributed and duty. Whether he write them down or tradition that Peter ever was at Rome at all; Canada has many of the rights and privileges of ber of new subscribers for the GUARDIAN AND the Bible, gives him no real advantage or au- prove it, is a confession of great weakness. The truckling to the priests is not creditable to the WITNESS for 1876. To the sender of the largest thority over another, who accepts the doctrines first bishops of Rome were, like those of other Roman Cathelic laity of Quebec; and still more number of new subscribers an elegant silver of a previously prepared creed, because he con-Churches, unpretending Christian pastors, who discreditable to Protestants. Mr. Taillon, who is, it lever watch, full jewelled, suitable style for a siders they agree with the teaching of the Bible had not learned the art of being "lords over is said, recognized in the House as the tool of The man without a written creed is not any God's heritage." The term papa, or pope Bishop Bourget, has introduced a Bill into the Asmore likely to be right, or to interpret the meaning father, was not in the primitive church sembly giving special trading privileges to nuns Scriptures correctly, than those who formulated given exclusively to the bishops of Rome, but who, as their property is free from taxation, \$25. To the sender of the third largest number the theological systems which he repudiates as was a common title of all bishops; and is still would have an undue advantage over all other competitors. The Bill has stirred up a good deal of opposition, even from Roman Catholics. the sender of the fifth largest number of new of the written creed were possessed of more during the first century, and a portion of the The disposition to confer, under one pretext or another, special favors and privileges upon on their work of ruin and death, are traitors to affair was Thomas Gregg, hotel-keeper, who is Roman Catholic corporations, is not in keeping the best interests of their country, who, for the also a school trustee. He went into the school

own way as in the Province of Quebec. THE SABBATH QUESTION.

We admitt that there may be a rigid obsercause they do so their opinions are the true bishops, till at length complete supremacy was uine religion. Like all other observances, it is sess an authority to which the views of those Testament and the earliest Church history show of value. Yet, as a general rule, the way in that no such claim of supremacy was put forth which the Sabbath is kept in any country comin the age of the Apostles, and their immediate monly indicates fairly the religious condition of successors. The Rev. William Arthur's trans. the people. Where the Sabbath is violated by tion of persons for the accomplishment of any lation of the discussion held on this subject, a business, or pleasure, and its hours are not used Bishop Gilbert Haven, at the Methodist Scriptures. Mr. Lendrum then ordered the few years ago in Rome, between Protestant min- in any way that conduces to strengthen religious (Preachers' Meeting at Boston. It was reported, Bible to be read daily in the school, which order isters and Romish priests, may be obtained in principle or sentiment, the tone of spirituality that after one of the previous speeches had has been complied with by the teacher. pamphlet form at the Book Room. It is of is generally at a low ebb. The observance of very directly upon other religious duties. It is a bond to the religious life. He that keeps the A deep feeling of interest in the case of the Sabbath as a holy day, is far more likely to at- Ulysses S. Grant to the Presidency of the large audience gathered in Roberts Park Church, Oka Indians continues to be felt in Montreal by tend to the duties of prayer, reading the Scrip- United States for a third term; then nearly Bishop Harris delivered an address followed by all the Protestant Churches. We learn from tures, public worship, and religious meditation; the Witness that a second concert was held on while those who violate the Sabbath, not, only Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., in the East end neglect all these, but are also, by their neglect Methodist Church. In spite of the rain a large of the Sabbath, exposed to temptation, from was one of the speakers, says, it is scarcely pos- sion in China. Last year 230 adults and 130

little Methodist church of Oka would have re- at its next meeting in Ottawa, to abolish all unsent, after the opening of Parliament, to John than a denominational concern, as when he writes that James Irwin, Esq., who is the The Rev. J. Borland forcibly showed by its Macdonald, M. P., Ottawa. Such memorials tells us that in fulfilling his commission from building-manager for the trustees, is descrying spirit the unchanged intolerance of Popery, and would greatly strengthen the hands of the the Government to the Crees and Plain Stoney of great praise for his unwearied exertions in lieve some of the other Churches, are moving in white man, yet they expressed a firm resolve to commencement taken the same unflagging in-

marked that he had counted on the map of the We subjoin the form of petition prepared by the making of roads; and such was the state of sonal affair. He gives up his time to it freely, city twenty large buildings belonging to the the Presbyterian Committee on Sabbath Obser- the native mind that a rash act on the part of a "without money and without price," besides Church of Rome -and these were only a part - vance. This, or some other form, may be used white man, or some slight depredation com- giving about one-seventh of the supposed cost

The Petition of the of Canada, HUMBLY SHOWETH: That the Lord's Day, or servance of which is intimately connected with

ious privileges of that holy day.

That in connection with public works and lines

lations of the civil law of the Sabbath committed

pass an Act for the more effectual suppression of all unnecessary labour and traffic on railways and And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever

A DANGEROUS COMBINATION.

In several places the Licensed Victuallers' Asdrunk means increase in the evils and crimes lest their attention should be taken off from which result from the use of strong drink. It means increase of poverty, disease, vice, irreligion and crime. Measures that repress or proligion and crime. Measures that repress or pro-hibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors, limit and lessen the evils of intemperance. It is a startling feet that there is a class among us wealth, morality and religion. Their support of any candidate is a grave reproach and disgrace to the man whom they approve. It is an outrage on the convictions of the Protestant practically saying that they have found a man part of the community, not to speak of its deso anxious for office, so unpatriotic, and so unprincipled, that he is ready, for the sake of their at large. votes, to promote the interests of those vampires who live on the life-blood of society. Vankleek Hill, mentions a piece of popish inter-The men who are willing to be the candidates ference with the public school in that village, of the liquor sellers, and help them in carrying which recently took place. The actor in the sake of office, are willing to sacrifice the inter- and intimidated the mistress into banishing the ests of the many for the advantage of the few. Bible from the school by threatening her if she The temperance workers can claim to be moved persisted in reading the Bible in the school that by unselfish benevolence, patriotic zeal, and she would not receive her salary. R. W. Lenhigh moral purpose. They seek to achieve no drum, one of the other trustees, heard of the selfish purpose. But what nerves and prompts occurrence, called on Mr. Gregg to ascertain the grog-sellers in their combinations? Nothing what authority he had to issue such an order, iquor—that is, by making drunkards.

A RUMOR CORRECTED.

made a great ado over the alleged action of made by him was that the Bible was not the prepared the way for such a motion, "Bishop the Sabbath is one of those things that tells Haven rose to his feet, surveyed the vast audithe name of Christianity, etc., I nominate nopolis, beginning on Friday, the 17th inst. A every voice in the vast audience exclaimed, as Dr. Dashiel, also Dr. J. M. Reid, and others. the last C. Advocate, Prof. William Wells, who sionary work, especially of the Foo Chow Misandience attended. Rev. Dr. Douglas occupied which its proper observance would shield sible to crowd more falsehood into a few words, infants had been baptized; the M. E. Church We regret to learn that in several departments of this meeting. Instead of "a thundering ticularly urged the claims of missson work in Gaetz, Alderman Clendinning, Dr. Beers, Mr. of public service there has been considerable speech of two hours," Bishop Haven spoke the South. Their Church had about 200,000 Professor Wells does not, however, say whether evening Bishop Harris gave an account before a the words ascribed to Bishop Haven were cor-large audience of his late round the world misrectly reported or not. His silence, we suppose, sionary tour. On Sunday Bishops Bowman, implies that he admits the truth of that part of Foster, Harris, and others preached in the varand who want the Ontario Legislature to make sary by the development of numan mought, alaw that will alienate the property from the at the periods when they were framed. As the eloquent and stirring speech on the Oka out. Should be a general movement of the Christian the Property from the at the periods when they were framed. As the eloquent and stirring speech on the Oka out. Should be a general movement of the Christian the report. Most people will consider it in bad ious Methodist Churches of the city. rage. He believed that the demolition of the Churches to petition the Dominion Parliament, taste, to say the least, for a minister in Dr. H's position, at a religious meeting, to have recourse to tactics of this kind to promote a political in Granby, P. Q., with its tin roof and spire

> mitted by an Indian, would have involved the of the church. — of the Methodist Church country in an Indian war. But to the credit of the poor red man let it be written, that no The Gospel work now going on in the city of sooner was the Queen's message read, and ex- Mexico is sustained by the following Churches:

clock by the committee of citizens to the dependent Church, under the ex-priest Palacios. trol over what he gives towards building a church, and have the right to re-apply it in active real of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the hearts of the priests, who were weak ment to the reign of Charles I. One marked defect of in the face of danger—he knew them well."

In the cathedral in the real preaching to the priests, who were weak ment to the reign of Charles I. One marked defect of in the face of danger—he knew them well." ous hardship of having either to engage in such ton, Chairman of the Committee, stated that work being done by Mexican paid preachers. cordance with a change in his views. Mr. Mc- most creeds is that, being generally a protest Able and appropriate addresses were also de- Sabbath labour and tratic, or resign their situations; and that the public worship of God in cities, the contributions toward the purchase of the Committee, stated that work being done by Mexican paid preachers.

Able and appropriate addresses were also de- Sabbath labour and tratic, or resign their situations; and that the public worship of God in cities, the contributions toward the purchase of the city of Mexican paid preachers. striking case of inconsistency in one of the give undue prominence to some truths, and The latter gentleman said: "He had been told seriously disturbed.

That the law as it now stands makes no ade. all classes of the citizens, irrespective of creed but the great majority are small native Mexican That the law as it now stands makes no ade. all classes of the citizens, irrespective of creed but the great majority are small native Mexican with what Catholics did; but that was not a quate provision for arresting the evil, railway cor, and nationality. Short congratulatory ad-congregations, poor, but independent, who pre-

Givens, Dr. Scadding, His Worship the Mayor finish of workmanship are unsurpassed.

ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Christmas closing exercises of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whithy, were rendered specially interesting by a concert, on the evening of December 22nd, under the direction of Mr F. H. Torrington.

A delightful succession of vocal and instrunental pieces of music, some of which were enlivened by violin accompaniments, kept up the nterest and pleasure of the audience from the beginning to the end. The music consisted of choice selections from some of the most famous composers. A memorial scholarship, worth \$20 sociations are organizing vigorous action to pro- a year, to be called the Christina Teskey schol-

> Rev. G. H. Davis, of St. Johns, P.Q., has been writing to a local paper complaining of a bazaar which was held in that town on a late Sunexposition of the Fourth Commandment, to the effect that "on this day all servile works and pations." On this plea Mr. Davis, in a tempermoralizing tendency in the case of the public

A correspondent of the Witness, writing from vance of the Sabbath, and yet very little gen-but the selfish desire to make money by selling and was told by him that the law prohibited the reading of the Bible in the schools. Mr. Lendrum then produced the Act relating to the question, showing that the Scriptures were per-The newspapers of the United States have mitted to be read in the schools. The reply

> The fifty-fifth anniversary of the Missionary ence, and exclaimed in stentorian tones, 'In Society of the M. E. Church was held at Indiawith one breath, 'I second the resolution.'" In Dr. Reid related interesting incidents of misthan the reporters have crowded into the report has 1,200 members there. Bishop Harris par-Haven was distinctly understood not to be an among the Freedmen, who spoke at length with endorsement of Bishop Haven's nomination, great interest on the subject. On Saturday

> The brick Methodist church, now building makes a handsome appearance, and is generally admired. It will not be finished before the The letter of the Rev. George McDougall, early part of next summer, but it is hoped that oppose the introduction of telegraph lines or terest in the church as if it were his own per-

under Dr. Butler; the Methodist Episcopal The formal presentation of the new cathedral (South), under Mr. Davies; and a Mexican Infer to continue in the Gospel simplicity with which they began. In other parts of the land there is the Toluca mission: other missions in Republic.

one of our Southern exchanges of a revival in recent opinions of the Press on the eighth page, Street Methodist Church, Ottawa, on the evening the State of Tennessee, the following sentences bearing testimony to the excellence of our young of the 25th inst.

religion, were praying in public before the found. meeting closed. All the married men, among the young converts, are now holding family all our ministerial brethren engaged in revival found to be a more difficult matter than to gain Ont., and Prof. G. E. Foster, B.A., University of them in the first instance. And there is no New Brunswick, Frederickton, N.B. Mrs. L. these saved ones will be found to be all in favor of a policy of activity. A newly redeemed C. Fraser, B.A., and R. T. Babbitt. soul is inly moved "to think and speak and young convertis more frequent, and therefore more things the state of the others; papers by Mrs. Kemble, Dudley Warner, influential, in some cases, than even that of the others; papers by Mrs. Kemble, Dudley Warner, and Congress Warner, and warner, pastor. May God give to all Shepherds of His T. B. Aldrich, Mark Twain, and General Howard. flock, during the revival season, that has now W. D. Howells contributes a serial story. This so graciously set in upon us, a spirit of wisdom, is a staff of contributors of unsurpassed excelthe wisdom that "is profitable to direct" all lence. The magazine will be sent for \$4 a year, who come into their hands, at so impressible a period of personal history. We do not wonder or with a life-size portrait of Longfellow for \$5. period of personal history. We do not wonder that, associated with the testimony we have quoted above, the brother in charge of the meeting referred to should declare it to be one of

brought to the church for the purpose of having the usual burial service performed. He also refused to officiate at the house of the deceased been placed in the vault of the Protestant cents. cemetery, to await further developments. No services had been held, although the girl died

publicly called to this matter by the ministers. terprise has greater claims. "England expects every man to do his duty."

The Rev. J. H. Johnston, M.A., preached in the Mount Zion Tabernacle, Hamilton, both morning and evening, on Sabbath, the 12th inst. On the following Sabbath he preached in Sim Chatham and London next in order.

who are incapacitated by any physical cause from work. A matron has been selected to Christmas sketches of much interest. take charge of it, and patients are to be provided with medical attendance, suitable sick- 11th has a timely and interesting article on Reed's Church, on Thurlow Circuit, and attach preached an interesting and effective sermon in year, with a corresponding mercase in the general year upon each of the three younger children of room diet, the care of nurses, and all the Bosnia, Herzegovina, etc., from the Victoria Ma- the united congregation to the latter circuit, which the Clarence Street Methodist Church, London, attention and pleasant surroundings that can gazine; The Curate in Charge, a new serial by needs two ministers to meet the demands of its on Temperance. minister to the restoring of health,

and friends will be prompt and zealous in secur- the author of "The Wooing O't"; John Knox which was very successful, notwithstanding all half a dozen years ago. ing the renewal of all old subscribers whose and his Relations to Women, Macmillan; Vin- the Mission grant (\$600) is withdrawn this year. new subscribers. There is no time to be lost.

almost completed a splendid iron fence around the church grounds, when the storm on Saturday portant articles on Michael Angelo, Sacrificial cupied the chair. Addresses by Rev. A. Suther. ber of the friends of the Rev. M. J. Bates met at night blew down a great part of the fence on the eastern and western sides, causing consider. The Dutch and their Dead Cities, Geographical missionary in Africa,) and J. H. Robinson, of Circuit, when Mr. Bates was made the recipient thirty-one millions and a half, of whom more than and the bride, Mrs. Ann Thrasher, only 70. able damage. Nearly the whole fence was upbut not being properly stayed, it was blown of Geography in Physical Science; Recent Disdown, much of the metal being broken into coveries in Photography; William Borlasc, St. has been built mainly through the exertions of __Rumor has it, that the Rev. W. Stephenson, of

have so promptly sent in lists of New Sub- (\$8) is low; or still better, for \$10.50 any one of the opening services, which were most successful. to the handsome prizes named in another The present is a good time to subscribe. Littell Missionary meeting held in that town was a very very influential representation of the citizens of column. The increased circulation of the GUARDIAN will greatly conduce to the prosperity of all our Church interests. Brethren, help us!

Irishman as saying: "Heresy and unbelief are It is made up of a splendid array of photographs crimes; that is the whole of the matter. And of babies. We have babies fat and babies thin: part of the law of the hand, they will be have babics of their own. punished as other crimes.

scribers whose subscription expires at New of the 26th, the hall was draped in mourning, and Year, will please renew without delay, as the GUARDIAN is now published strictly on the principle of cash in advance.

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An acknowledgment of a large number of

LITERARY NOTICES.

The January number of the Canadian Metho-Puebla, Vera Cruz, Zacatecas, Matamoras and dist Magazine is the best issue that have thodist Church, Odessa, on Christmas evening.

other places, all under foreign protection; also yet appeared. The paper on "The Ana Congregational mission in Guadalajara, and tiquity of Man," by the Editor, was read bequite a number of native congregations under fore the Canadian Institute at one of its late Mexican pasters scattered in all parts of the meetings, and was highly complimented. The Jackson, Esq., and Mrs. Jackson, by Professor Suggestive.—In an interesting account in Burwash-will be found of special interest. See monthly. Let all our friends make an effort to "All the men, save two boys, that professed respond to the Book Steward's appeal, as there page of the opening of a new church at Cains-

The first number of The Temperance Union, to be published under the auspices of the United prayer." These items are very suggest Temperance Order (British and British America tive. May we respectfully commend them to Templar), is received. It makes a good appearance. Its staff is an accuraced as follows :—Editors work. To save converts to the Church is often Rev. B. F. Austin, Albert College, Belleville, more effectual means of compassing this object Youmans, Picton, Ontario, Editress of Youth's than by engaging all who have been brought to and Women's Department. Contributors-Revs. the Saviour in direct personal effort in His G. A. Mitchell, B.A., A. M. Phillips, and T. W. service. The stirrings of the new life within Campbell; Messrs. S. Ranton, E. C. Freeze, D.

work" for Christ. Let this propension then be drawn out. Give it play. It is for the pastor to guide an impulse so full of glorious possibility, to give it wise and proper direction. Just The Atlantic Monthly. This high-class literary here too comes in most fittingly and responsibly Holmes, Whittier; essays by Lowell, Holmes, the office of the class-leader. His contact with the Whipplel, Howells, Professors Fiske, Adler, and Houghton & Co., Boston, publishers.

Betty's Bright Idea; also, Deacon Pitkia's Farm and The First Christmas of New England, by Harriet Beecher Stowe, with an illustration. To-The Christian Advocate says: There was con- ronto: Belford Brothers. These are three short nee. John Bennett Anderson is at work there. siderable excitement in the city of Providence holiday stories. The first shows us how a young The services alternate between the above two dist Church at Portsmouth was held there on last week because the Catholic priest, Pev. P. girl, the daughter of a rich gentleman, brought Churches. Grace, of St. Mary's Church, refused to officiate joy and happiness to a poor family at Christmas or permit the remains of a daughter of Manuel time, by a very little effort. The second is a De Fray, who died here a few days ago, to be Thanksgiving Day story, in Mrs. Stowe's character day last by the Rev. James Elliott, President of the pastor, read extracts from the report, and ever the Sabbath, the Rev. D. Wait against it. pictures the manner in which the early pilgrim fathers spent their Christmases. These stories are impregnated with true religious feeling and -the reason being that the child was permitted kindly human sympathy, and are therefore to attend the Protestant school. In conse-adapted to improve the heart as well as to afford Dougherty, Dickie and Kerr gave addresses, and quence of this decision the body of the child has pleasant reading for the holidays. Price, 25

Scribner's Monthly for January begins the new year with a good number. It opens with an article on the Revolution, a subject which seems If all our brethren and friends will only do to be in danger of being worn more than threadtheir duty during next month we can easily get bare this Centennial year. We have some practhe 5,000 new subscribers asked for. Let no studied with advantage by those who intend to other interests push the claims of the GUARDIAN build. A new story entitled "Philip Nolan's. aside. Let the attention of the people be Friends" by E. E. Hale, is commenced in this number. "An Old Woman's Gossip" is con-Let every friend of the paper do something to tinued; the editorial articles are, as usual, inincrease its circulation. No other Church en- structive and thoughtful. The holiday season is not forgotten in the make-up of this issue. In freshness, variety, purity of tone, and the general literary excellence of its matter, Scribner now stands in the front rank.

St. Nicholas for January is, as might have been coe. In both places he was successful in collect- handsome magazine. For a single number of a ing money for the Endowment Fund of Victoria children's periodical, its list of contributors is an mencement of the meetings there have been en- for all our ministers, at proper times, to preach College. While collecting in Belleville last astonishing one, for among its stories are :month he obtained the following new subscrip- Bayard Taylor's charming narrative of "Jon of tions, which have not yet been acknowledged : Iceland," Edward Egglestone's characteristic Thos. McIntosh, \$100; Rev. S. P. Rose, \$50; "Hoosier Fairy Story," Louisa M. Allcott's ac Mrs. Hector Leavens, 2nd sub., \$25. Bro. bridge's "Bass Cove Sketch," Susan Coolidge's Johnson was intending to visit St. Thomas, "Toinette and the Elves," and Abby Morton Diaz's little story of "Getting Up in the World;" while its list of poems contains H. H.'s "St. In one of the cotton mills of Lawrence, Mass. | Christopher," Celia Thaxter's "Piccola," and C. an interest is manifested in the welfare of em- P. Cranch's "How Willie Coasted by Moonployees. In the machinery department there light." All these articles, moreover, are thoroughare included a library, reading-room, and a re- ly representative of the individual and widely lief society, from which sick or disabled opera- recognized ability of their authors, and all but atives draw two dollars a week each. To these two are elegantly illustrated; the picture of "St. agencies there is to be added a hospital, specially | Christopher," a reproduction of Tintoretto's celedesigned and arranged for the care of operatives brated painting, forming a worthy frontispiece for

Littell's Living Age for the week ending Dec. Mrs. Oliphant, which promises to be one of her work. We trust that on all our circuits our agents "Mirabeau," Temple Bar: Her Dearest Foe, by at the last Walkerton Missionary Anniversary, it since his secession from the Romish Church, us the following statement: There are now nearly Nature and Nurture, by Francis Galton, F.R.S., writes Rev. W. Tindall. Fraser; The Sea and the Sahara, Pall Mall Ga- The Missionary Meeting at St. Paul's Church. Christmas breakfast, which had been furnished to

Expeditions, Menioirs of Saint Simon, The Place Merritton. Financial results good. Aubyn and Pope, etc., etc. With fifty-two num- the Rev. Wm. Hall, late of this city, was opened Hamilton, has accepted an invitation to the pas bers, of sixty-four large pages each, (aggregating on Sunday, the 19th inst. The Revs. Dr. Ives, Church, as successor to Rev. D. D. Currie, sub-We are very thankful to the brethren who over 3,000 pages a year) the subscription price and Alexander Campbell, of Ottawa, conducted scribers for 1876. We trust that the canvass the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies is sent The sum raised amounted to \$5,000. will be vigorous and general. We call attention with The Living Aye for a year, both post-paid.

We have received from Mr. C. W. Coates, of the Montreal Book Room, a handsome picture, Bishop Kenrick is quoted by the Independent which he has just published, entitled "Infantry." in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, where all the people are Catholic, and babies frowning. This picture will be quite gations have greatly increased since the new and leaving over a hundred dollars behind them. Bro. babies laughing and babies crying; babies smiling and where the Catholic religion is an essential a domestic favorite, especially with those who beautiful church was opened. The Sabbath Richardson writes: Our attachment to this kind

As this is the last issue for 1875, all sub- -At the Sunday afternoon Temperance meeting

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

noque Circuit, will be dedicated (p. v.) on Sabbath, January 16th. An agreeable social was held in the Minesing opening article-a memoir of the late Edward Methodist Church on the 15th inst. Proceeds to-

wards debt on the parsonage. A Christmas festival was held in the King there,

Attention is called to the notice on our eighth ville on the 9th prox.

A tea-meeting was held in Hoover's Church, Wawanosh, on the 22nd inst. The Belgrave choir was in attendance. Proceeds towards repairing the church.

The brick Methodist Church on the Middle Road, Rochester, having been roofed anew and entirely remodelled in the interior, was re-opened on Sabbath, Dec. 26th.

ary services on the Welland Circuit were a success. Welland will raise its share towards the liquidation of the debt. A fuller account than we can find room for in

this column of the late interesting anniversary of A successful social was given by Mrs. James

adjoining townships were present. The proceeds of a tea-meeting, held in the past thirty-two years. Morpeth (Ont.) Methodist Church, on the 17th

parsonage at Ridgetown. yielded the respectable sum of \$275, towards re-

pairing and refitting the parsonage. our own Church and the M. E. Church at Napa. | nett return of over eighty dollars.

The basement of the new Dominion Methodist

tory amounted to \$1,015." A fruit social was held in the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Mersea, recently. Rev. Messrs. by their excellent singing.

The young people of Meadowvale, (Ont.) com-

the 20th inst., over two hundred dollars was He hath done! raised -sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness on the building. J. E. Bowman, Esq., M.P., presided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. I. B. our minister, Rev. W. Henderson, preached in converse with priests, teachers and other classes Howard and C. Cookman.

P. Q., are reported as having been very success. Christian rite. During many years the people ful. Though the hard times are much felt in that here have heard a great deal in favor of imraised are in advance of previous years.

services in Abbottsford, P.Q. From the com- had the matter fully explained. It would be well and a number of seekers have presented them. it, and not be unsettled and drawn away by those aelves for prayer.

We are glad to learn that the collections and subscriptions on Youge Street North Circuit, (Richmond Hill,) to the Superannuation Fund, have reached the sum of \$120 for the present year, as against \$80 last year, indicating a praiseworthy appreciation on the part of our friends there of tack of illness.

the claims of our worn-out ministers. John B. Gough will lecture in Aylmer, Ontario, the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church in that excitement over the coming of this world-re. he pen of the liev. Kennedy Creighton. nowned lecturer, and that all are looking for a -Rev. Samuel C. Philp preached Anniversary

shipping in Fenn's Church, on Sidney Circuit, Tea Meeting there last night. and part of the congregation worshipping in -On Sunday, the 19th inst., the Rev. John Kay will be nearly or equal to that of the preceding

very best stories; Richelien, by the author of Rev. A. Sutherland gave an excellent address

The Trustees of the Metropolitan Church had | zette; and the usual choice poetry and miscellany. | St. Catharines, on Monday evening of last week, | the prisoners. Recent weekly numbers have contained im- was quite a success. P. McCartney, Esq., oc-Medicine, Natural Religion, German Home Life, land, Hugh Johnson, H. Hughes, (formerly a his boarding-place, in Inkerman, South Mountain

tributions this year.

Over forty persons were lately received into __On the 16th inst., the friends of the Rev. J. E.

subscriptions to the Ottawa Dominion Church has come to hand, and will appear in our next issue.

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about \$400, Messrs. Broley and Ames started through the congregation, and in a few minutes The Annual Tea-meeting was held in the Me. the required amount was raised. The chair was

ably filled by Rev. J. H. McCartney. Rev. Charles E. Stafford informs us that the has been let. It will cost, without spire, (which ber had increased to 1,228. is not to be built at present) over \$8,000. The size of the church is 42x75,-stone basement. brick. This is a great undertaking for our people

Two excellent Missionary Sermons were preached in the Methodist Church, at Gananoque, Methodist says that there is somewhat of a lull in -D. A. Ross & Co., large lumber manufacturers. on Sabbath, 19th inst., by Rev. W. J. Crothers, church dedications this fall and winter, so far, as and dealers, of Detroit, have failed, liabilities M.A., of Newburg. At the public meeting the compared with former years. But the spirit of amounting to \$300,000. chair was occupied by D. F. Britton, Esq., and very able addresses were delivered by the Revs. W. J. Crothers, James Awde, and E. S. Shorey. The choir did noble service.

The inhabitants of North Shefford, P.Q., have dedication services were held on Sunday last, Rev. William Bryers writes that the Mission. J. M. Hagar, M.A., Governor of Stanstead Col. \$1,000 toward furnishing rooms in that college. lege; the afternoon service by the Rev. Allen Patterson, and that in the evening by Rev. Wm. Galbraith, B.C.L., of Stanstead.

Our Norwich friends held their Anniversary Services on the 12th and 13th inst. Rev. W. the Cobourg Methodist Church will appear on the McDonagh preached on Sunday, morning and debt on the Wesleyan building. The Herald was with the other assets. evening. The annual tea-meeting on Monday never in a more prosperous condition, night was quite a success. Addresses by Rev. E. Jackson, of Orillia, on Thursday evening last, at Nelthorpe and W. McDonagh. The pastor, Rev.

The young ladies composing the class in charge this city, gave a bazzar on Tuesday of last week translated into Swedish. A bazaar, given by the ladies of the Methodist in aid of the outfit of the new Sunday School pre-Church of Brampton, largely under the leader. mises of that church. The enterprise with which ship of Mrs. Learoyd, on Tuesday, 21st inst., the project was conducted was exceedingly creditable to its promoters. Though the weather was quite unfavorable sales were brisk and re-Successful revival services are in progress in sults very satisfactory, giving, we understand, a able sum upon it. The President of the French

The annual Missionary Meeting of the Metho-Church in the city of Ottawa, was opened on Sun. | William Anglin, Esq. The Rev. James Awde, Thayer argued in favor of holding camp meetings teristic vein. The third, as its name implies, the Montreal Conference. The telegram convey- addresses were delivered by the Rev. James The discussion is to be continued. There is an ing the above intelligence states that "the offer. Elliott, President of the Montreal Conference, and increasing interest in the subject, as it is conchurch contributed to the pleasure of the evening servance of the Christian Sabbath.

> man with a purse of twenty-five dollars, at the man, M.A., of the Dundas College, and to the might have steed for an almost unlimited period. close of the prayer-meeting en Thursday evening Rev. G. M. Meacham, M.A., from Dundas Circuit, for their sympathy and aid during the has been making a Bible tour through several dis-At the Anniversary Spiroc, held in Berlin on meetings. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for what tricts of that country, meeting with considerable

Brother George Leake, Recording Steward of Woodslee Circuit, in a note says: On last Sabbath about fifty towns and villages, and he was able to The Missionary meetings on the Granby Circuit, fully explaining the nature and mode of that New Testaments and 500 other books and tracts. Rev. J. E. Richardson has been holding special of whom were in favor of immersion before they of proselyting tendencies.

PERSONAL.

-Rev. H. Pope, of Centeuary Church, St. John, New Brucswick, is recovering from a severe at-

-The donation state lin our last to have been about the end of January, under the auspices of should have read, Rev. S. Shibley, of Newboro'. -An excellent Christmas address to young peovillage. A correspondent writes us there is great ple, appears in last week's Orillia Packet, from

-Pere Hyacinthe talks of making his permanent home in America. He has had a restless time of

-Mr. John Macdonald, M.P., in association with

ers. This was at the close of a comfortable side of the subject; now look at the other. In counts was dangerously ill. -On Friday evening, the 19th ult., a large num

of a handsome coon-skin coat, as a token of the friendship and esteem of the donors.

torate of the Charlottetown (P. E. I.) Methodist ject of course to the action of the Transfer Committee and the Stationing Committee of the Conference which embraces this charge.

encouraging service. Revs. Balmer, Elliott and Toronto to allew his name to be used in nemina-Campbell delivered addresses. The meetings at tion for the Mayoralty of the city. Mr. Kennedy other points on the circuit were also successful replied respectfully to the requisition of his fel-Dunnville expects to double its missionary con- low citizens, but declined a nomination for the coming civic term.

Church membership at Aylmer. The congre- Richardson, at Grauby, P.Q., paid him a visit, School has also greatly prospered. And, as one and generous people grows stronger and stronger, perity, the financial condition of the Church was when we must leave this Circuit for a new field of labor.

The Watford Methodist Church Anniversary -Newspapers from the Cape report that the Rev Sermons were preached on the 19th inst. by Rev. G. T. Perks, M. A., had returned from visiting Hill. The local press speak highly of these dis-Robertson, the last of which is nearly a hundred

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

come of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was and an extensive eruption is expected. £33,695, and in 1875 it had reached £184,039. In contract of the new Methodist Church in Brussels 1820 they had 148 missionaries, in 1875 the num-

A recent revival at Moonie, in Australia, has resulted in the conversion of 1,200 people. The The body of the building is to be built of white different Churches in Adelaide have been holding special services in that city and its suburbs with great success.

> The Chicago correspondent of the New York paying up and getting out of debt, which is just as commendable, is quite prevalent.

Four memorial tablets are to be placed in the new Central Turkey College of Aintab in remembrance of four American missionaries who dejust completed a neat Methodist church, and the voted their lives to Oriental missionary service: the Rev. Messrs, Merriam, Walker, Dodd and when the morning service was conducted by Rev. Goss. The friends of these preachers subscribed

The Weslevan Association, that publishes Zion's Herald, has held its annual meeting, and elected current expenses, and was able to furnish a re- years. When the last failure took place the offispectable sum as proceeds towards, reducing the cers' heads were cut off and flung into a corner.

There are thirty Sunday Schools in Stockholm, containing 18,000 pupils. The largest schools are This is the largest number ever before in attendher residence. Quite a number of friends from George H. Cornish, gave an interesting historical the Methodist, 800 pupils, and the Baptist 500 ance. sketch of the Norwich Circuit, extending over the pupils. A Sunday School Union was this year established in Sweden. The revival under Messrs. Moody and Sankey in Scotland had powerfully inst, proved sufficient to liquidate the debt on the of Mrs. Tovell, of the Carlton Street Church of affected Sweden also; their hymns had been

A correspondent of the Methodist Recorder urges that Farel's old church in Aigle, Switzerland, should be bought for Methodist mission work in that country. The church is in good repair, the present owner having laid out a consider-Conference states that the price put on the build-

There was a spirited discussion in the Boston Monday evening, the 20th inst. There was a large Preachers' Meeting on Monday of last week, on audience present. The chair was occupied by the Sabbath Camp Meeting question. Dr. S. R. the Rev. Mr. Crozier, of Bath. The choir of the sidered intimately connected with the proper ob-A correspondent of the London Times says the

Rev. George Richardson writes from Wate. Temple of Juggernaut, which has withstood the several readers from a distance were present. The down: We have just closed an interesting and ravages of time for seven centuries, with appar-Methodist Church choir of Leamington was also successful series of meetings at the "Old Rock ently no damage, is beginning to tumble to pieces. Chapel." The meetings were continued for It is caused by the sprouting up of seeds of the several weeks. My colleague, the Rev. J. T. banyan and peepul under the foundations. The posing a Bible-class, which has been in charge of Smith, labored with great acceptance; and I wish same cause, it is said, has operated to bring down the Rev. Joseph Waite, presented that gentle. to record my sincere thanks to the Rev. E. Ryck- other Hindoo temples, which, but for this cause,

> Mr. Zoigas, the Baptist missionary in Greece, opposition and unkindness, but also finding considerable to encourage him. His route included Woodslee a sermon on Baptism, very fairly and of persons. His sales amounted to 350 Bibles and

From a remarkable letter of the Berlin correspondent of the London Times we learn that in section, and there are heavy Church building mersion, and but little on the other side of the Prussia one-sixth of the Protestant benefices, claims to be met by the circuit, yet the amounts question. But recently, over twenty of those conwhen they fall vacant, will have to remain vacant verted in the revivals have been baptized, several for want of candidates. While the population is increasing, from one cause or another theological students in the Universities of Prussia are rapidly diminishing. In 1875 at all the eight Universities couraging indications. Souls have been converted, on Baptism, that the people may fully understand there are only 740 students, while in 1831 there were 2,203.

On a recent occasion Dr. Moffat, the disin which he said: "If every child of God in Europe and America would give something to this mission, the dark cloud which lies over this ne-

The St. Louis Advocate, not the Central, but tence. one of the organs of the M. E. Church South, |-There was an earthquake in Porto Rico on the bilities are that the annual increase of membership moment.

"Ravenstein's Denominational Statistics" gives service. five millions and a half are Roman Catholics.

Wesley College, Sheffield, was favored on Weddirectors. In the evening a missionary meeting America to act as an evangelist among the Inwas held in the College Chapel, R. F. Miller, Esq., dians. were delivered by the Rev. the President of the unusually large, and the entire proceeds of the general order and efficiency of the College.

Already the Primitive Methodist Theological __The New York Tribune says: In England the... Dr. Antliff as Principal, has sent out over 100 second such training establishment to provide this side of the water. tute cannot accommodate. If sufficient monetary - The students of Michigan University are tired

CURRENT NEWS ..

Dr. Punshon lately stated that in 1820 the in- The agitation in Mount Vesuvius is increasing

-All the barracks on St. Helen's Island opposite Montreal were burned on Friday night last.

-The women of Simcoe have agreed among themselves not to offer wine to any of their guests on.... New Year's Day.

-The Church Missionary Society of England has bought land near Mombasa, for the establishment. of a Freed Slave Colony in East Africa.

-A monument has just been erected over that

grave of the Rev. Thos. Binney, in Abney Park -A weekly prayer-meeting has been commenced.

by some of the gentlemen in the eminent banking-house of Mesers. Glyn, Mills, and Co. -Think of a book preserved 3,400 years! Yet

an Egyptian papyrus, a book of medicine, of that age, has come into the possession of the Astor Liits officers for the year. The Herald has paid its -No Chinese bank has failed for five hundred.

-There are now two hundred and thirteen par-

pils in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville. -Commodore Vanderbilt's late donation of \$160-

000 to the Nashville Methodist University makes an aggregate gift from that gentleman of \$700,000 to this now well endowed institution. -In Montreal, on account of the large number -

that are idle, work has been found for fifteen hnrdred extra men at seven cents per hour on extra

improvements. -A Wesleyan chapel valued at \$5,000 was destroyed by fire early this month, at Thame, England. There was but a partial insurance on the

The jury sworn in to consider the Mistletoe collision case, being unable to agree upon a verdict. were discharged at Winchester, by Mr. Barcon

Bramwell. -The jury in the\$100,000 libel suit brought by Henry C. Rowen against the Brooklyn Eagle have returned a verdict for plaintiff, and fixed the

damages \$1,000. -Eighty persons were killed outright and fifty maimed by the giving way of the floor of a schoolhouse in Switzerland, where the people of the village had collected to celebrate Christmas.

-Princeton College has come out of its contest. with the refractory students triumphant. The secret societies have been dissolved, and the faculty have allowed the members lately suspended.

-The licensed victuallers of Ottawa have taken ~ stand in the municipal elections, and have decided to throw their weight in a body in favor o those candidates whom they may find reason tobelieve are not unfavorable to their interests.

The eighty insurgent delegates assembled at. Jamnitza, Bosnia, have rejected the Sultan's forman of proposed reforms as unworthy of confilence. They have formed a sort of provisional.

-The soft weather of last week extended from Halifax to beyond Chicago. At Montreal, in forty-eight ... hours, there was a change of sixty seven degrees. in the temperature. In Hamilton the mercury rose to the temperate line.

December 30. The Epoca declares that Spain is ... resolved to retain Cuba, even if the insurgents ... should obtain greater forces and could rely onsome powierful protector.

-The Times advocates the rescinding of that: tinguished pioneer of missionary laborer in South intervention of other Powers between Turkey and clause of the Treaty of Paris which forbids the Africa, delivered a sermon at Westminster Abbey her subjects, and declares that Turkey "needs.

-- Henry Wainwright was hanged at Newgate or glected and mysterious continent would soon be Tuesday of last week—twenty days after his conlifted, and before many years are passed we might viction. In a written confession handed to the made to Rev. E. S. Subley, of Oxford Centre, behold the blessed sight of all Africa stretching ioned he acknowledged the justness of the ser-

says of that Church: "The annual round of nights of December 8th and 9th. The town of Conferences is not yet entirely closed; a few re. Arecibo was almost entirely destroyed, two-Sermons in Sunderland, on Sauday last. The main yet to be held. Thus far the reports have churches and only six houses remaining, and they It is proposed to unite the congregations wer. Rev. John Bredin was announced to lecture at a been of an encouraging character, and the proba. are so hadly damaged that they may fall at any

-The Queen has bestowed a pension of \$375 paginterests of the Church. As a general thing our the late Mr. Birch, British resident at Perak, who schools are better attended this year than they was murdered by the Malays, and the elde at xxxx will be provided with a position in the colonial

-A young gentleman at a ball in Boston, In tely, a million Roman Catholics in England and Wales, suddenly discovered that he was dancing with a and these are divided according to their nation corpse ... his partner died of heart disease in his. subscription expires at New Year; and also in taging in Tuscany, Macmillan: The History of We secured promises for considerably more than one or two other gentlemen, delivered an address ality thus—English Roman Catholics, 179,000; arms. The shocking event so affected an other making a general canvass of each circuit for Twins as a Criterion of the Relative Powers of both denominations raised in town last year. So on Christmas morning, at the gaol, to the prison- foreigners, 52,000; Irish, 732,560. This is one young girl that she fell in a swoon, and at last ac-

1801 the population of Great Britain and Ireland -In the little village of Harrow, township of Colwas about fifteen millions and three-quarters, of chester, Essex Co., a marriage ceremony was gezwhom four millions and a quarter were Roman formed lately by Rev. W. C. Watson, and was Catholics, or twenty-seven per cent. of the made doubly interesting by the fact that the whole population. Now, the population is nearly bridegroom, Mr. John Ferris, is 82 years of : 100

-Father Pengeleone, a Roman Catholic prie at attached to the Osage Mission in Kansas, is said tenesday, Dec. 1, with a visit from the President of be a near relative of King Victor Emanuel. He the Conference, who presided at the monthly was once a lawyer in Tarin, but was induced tomeeting at noon, and subsequently dired with the enter the priesthood, and soon after came to

resided in Montreal, has bequeathed a legacy of Conference, J. H. Cummings (formerly missionary \$10,000 towards the building fund of the news in India), and other friends. The attendance was church of St. John the Evangelist. A very iraposing site has been purchased for this church at . anniversary amounted to £52 16s. Before leaving the corner of Ontario and St. Urbain streets, and the President expressed high satisfaction with the it is understood when completed it will be the

handsomest Anglican church in the city. Institute, Sunderland, under the care of the Rev. movement, of which something has been heard here of late, to obtain for shop girls the privilege young men into the ministry, who, for the most of sitting down when not engaged, is under way... part, give good proof of the benefit derived from their limited stay in the Institute; and now it is of the unvarying indications of spiritual pros-and we feel sorry that the time is so near at hand perity, the financial condition of the Church was when we must leave this Circuit for a new field

aid be forthcoming by Conference, it is intended of taking notes; they are getting them printed to establish this institute forthwith, and to locate now. A shorthand reporter takes the notes for it at Manchester, to secure the advantage offered them at each lecture in the forencon, and they The following subscriptions to the Educacourses. Next evening a successful tea-meeting miles from Capetown. A correspondent of the it at Manchester, to secure the advantage offered miles from Capetown. A correspondent of the it at Manchester, to secure the advantage offered miles from Capetown. A correspondent of the by Owen's College, and to place the Rev. J. Machester again are written out and printed in the afternoon of Recorder says: "Mr. Perks did not feel very well by Owen's College, and to place the Rev. J. Machester again and the same day. The enterprise is carried on by JUNIUS.

Correspondence.

CONGREGATIONALISM vs. METHODISM.

SIMCOE VS. GALT. DEAR BROTHER, -- I see in the GUARDIAN AND

WITNESS of last week that the Galt case is still being agitated by the Editor of the Independent, and I thought if you would allow me space in our paper, I would draw his attention to a little matter which, although similar in some of its aspects to the Galt case, was different in others. Some years ago there was a Congregational church in the Town of Simcoe, but for some time it was without a pastor. The late M. N. C. Church took up an appointment in said town, and rented said church, most of the members proposing to become members or adherents of the said M. N. C. Church. After a time the congregation concluded to sell the church, as there was no members proposing to become members or adherents of the said thirty-five years in the ministry, who never said some term to distinguish us from the others.

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PICTON MISSIONARY ANNIVERSAR prespect of getting or sustaining a minister, and they foolishly thought, being "Independents," they had the right to sell the church, and no Conference or other power had any control over them in the matter. A meeting was called, and the Trustees advertised to sell the building by public auction, when, lo! this same Reverend gentleman notified them that there was a power somewhere, called, I think, a Central Committee, that restrained congregations from disposing of property or alienating it from its original design. The result was there was no sale. The Independent speaks, in one of its editorials, of the Methodist Conference holding a rod in terrorem over congregations, but in this case a Central Committee held the rod. Mr. Wood thinks the Galt congregation has a perfect right to alienate the church from its original design, from Methodism to Con.

building fund of the Dominion Church in Ottawa his first wedding fee for 1876. The suggestion is novel, but commends itself to my own mind, and, gregationalism; but in the Simcoe case he thought I apprehend, will do so also to most of my the congregation had no such right! Of course brethren. Having lately visited Ottawa, I had the congregation had no such right! Of course the M. N. C. Church did not take forcible possession of the church, nor did they make any attempt at getting other people's property for nothing, and without their consent, nor even below its value, for the sale was to be by public auction, and the money was to be handed over to the Congregational authorities; yet the congregation was not allowed even to sell their church. Now, if your readers will look first at this picture. Now, if your readers will look first at this picture character is even more pressing. We have most and then at that, methinks they will be led to seriously suffered there from the lack of church exclaim, "O consistency, thou art a jewell"

Jas. McALISTER.

THE MISSIONARY DEBT.

of the brethren on the various missions" that we write. But we do wish the Methodist Church as a whole to understand exactly where the shoe part in this matter,

a whole to understand exactly where the shoe pinches. And then let them act accordingly.

In the first place, \$185,000 were expended last year on our mission work; this year only \$154,-000; effecting thereby a saving of \$31,000. How is this saving accomplished? Not by retrenchments in the mission fields,—and God forbid that that should ever be necessary; far rather would that should ever be necessary; far rather would arrested and compelled to consider. From our arrested and compelled to consider. From our arrested and compelled to consider. that should ever be necessary; far rather would less. Against our own inclinations we are our noble band of workers suffer even more than arrested and compelled to consider. From our they will this year, in order to prevent such a step as that—no, but the missionaries pay that brave missionary, E. K. Y., copied from a letter amount this year, and unless the debt is paid in the Canada Temperance Advocate: "Interthe meantime they will have to next the rest part dict or no intendict I intend to intend. amount this year, and unless the debt is paid in the meantime they will have to pay the rest next year. Who will say that, if there had been no debt, the Missionaries would have experienced a reduction of from 5 to 20 per cent. off the salaries which we spent in Ontario and Quebec, and which we had invested that the interest might

A VOICE FROM MANITOBA.

Missionary Exchequer, which I will call consumption in the chest. Well, sir, that is nothing new; a severe cold. What do we see in this apartisach a disease befell that treasury a few years ago, ment as we draw our wrappings closely round of which I have a vivid recollection, and by the good doctors, after close observation, a cure was and two children at a table spread with fish and at once and successfully effected; viz, some a little bad bread. But, more sad still, the twenty per cent., more or less, was deducted from beseeching call of our red brethren for the Bread the small salaries of the missionaries, who were of Life. They say to our missionary, "Do not generally poor men. Alexander the Great said, I fail to come and visit us." And will be go? believe, "What has been done once can be Yes, though it cost him his life, for he counts done again." From what I can learn from not his life dear unto him, and the risk of leaving the Great wife and children without surport and the Guardian, containing the soul-stirring a delicate wife and children without support, and opistic of "T. C.," the good brethren composing to the tender mercies of those who decied him the Missionary Committee felt themselves bound the rightful assistance. Shall we crush the lives the Missionary Committee let themselves bound the lightly assistance. Shall we clear the mission-to apply the same receives an former years, and spirits out of our brave dauntless mission-this forty thousand dollars is like a debt existance. And spirits out of our brave dauntless mission-this forty thousand dollars is like a debt existance. Shall we clear that the missionary Committee let themselves bound the lightly and spirits out of our brave dauntless mission-this forty thousand dollars is like a debt existance. Shall we clear that the missionary Committee let themselves bound the lightly and spirits out of our brave dauntless mission-this forty thousand dollars is like a debt existance. Shall we clear that the missionary Committee let the missionary commi nexional one—which was paid by a tax upon all the ministers and preschers, and by other means. And this should, and, if justice takes place, must be paid by the whole Church. I raise my voice against the poor paid missionaries paying that in the name of the cities of the Dominion from Quebec to London; I do it in the name of those quebec to London; I do it in the name of those quebec to London; I do it in the name of those during more than thirty years—such as Elizabeth town, Sidney, Consecon, Bowmanville, Brampton, Oakville, and St. George; I do it in the name of Carrell and the pool of the properties of the subdivision of the properties and the findly consented to the neighborhood. The cost of the building is to the neighborhood. The cost of the building is veteling, about \$2,500. Last Friday, the 10th inst, it was set forth in our Discipline; viz., "to enquire what about \$2,500. Last Friday, the 10th inst, it was set forth in our Discipline; viz., "to enquire what about \$2,500. Last Friday, the 10th inst, it was set forth in our Discipline; viz., "to enquire what about \$2,500. Last Friday, the 10th inst, it was set forth in our Discipline; viz., "to enquire what dedicated to the worship of God. The Rev. John Pots, of Toronto, preached at two clocks pm. For the subport of the gospel," etc., and a ten-meeting was held in the evening, in this respect? Our ministers are not generally which he kindly consented to remain. The Prediction of the London Conference, Rev. J. A. Williams, who was expected to dedicate the Williams, who was expected to dedicate the Williams, who was unavoidably rich trule; they depend upon the contributions of the London Conference, Rev. J. A. Williams, who was unavoidably rich trule; they depend upon the contributions of the London Conference, Rev. J. A. Williams, who was unavoidably rich trule; they depend upon the contributions of the conference, Rev. J. A. Williams, who was unavoidably substituted in the evening, in Church."

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ciencies of which to complain. It is the voice of one who never shrank from the discharging of any Christian duty, however severe. It is the voice of one regardless of office or honour, only those honours which are from above. It is not the voice ours which are from above. It is not the voice some one exclaim. "By no means, my dear Sir, of a weakling in ambush afraid to publish his or Madam;" and I would remind you, that since name, but one the two first letters of whose name the Picton Conference, when we occupied our full MICHAEL FAWCETT.

DOMINION CHURCH-OTTAWA.

accommodation, and now that other bodies are gracing the city with stately edifices, Methodism ought not to be behind them, and cannot be without detriment to the interests of the whole Connexion. Our friends in Ottawa are a noble, self Dear Bro,—I do not see that Bro. Sutherland's explanations affect the position taken by "T. C." in the least. Noither "T. C." nor any one else ever supposed that the Missionary Committee sat down and deliberately entertained the proposition to cancel the debt by imposing a tax on the Missionaries; but as sure as effects have a cause, the debt has reduced the income of the missionaries, which reduction was thought necessary to prevent the increasing of the debt—and to make it possible to wipe out the debt. We would not for a moment impugn the action of the committee, for we have confidence in their wisdom, and we bow submissive to what they consider the best for the welfare of Zion. Nor is it to "irritate the minds of the brethren on the various missions" that we depending so largely upon the lumber trade—it is year, our congregation was much larger, and conpeculiarly so. Indulging the hope that every Methodist will esteem it a privilege to have some part in this matter.

I am, yours, &c.,

they received the preceding year, or that the appropriations of last year were higher than were pay the prepriations of the proper sustentation of the work? life, that there might not be complete want in In the ground place, if the effort is increase the control of the word of the control of the point of the control of the point of the p In the second place, if the effort to increase the income of the society prove successful, as I have no importance, and must be carried on." And Missionary Society.

We'll stand it as long as we can. But, in the name of the Lord, men and brethren, help.

Rox.

Box serviceable, but 1 leet now 1 can at the well without it, and get a hat here and trim it myself at half the cost." Cannot numbers of us ladies do the same? Oh, had we the pen of a Richest to draw a nicture worthy the object! ladies do the same? Oh, had we the pen of a Dickens to draw a picture worthy the object! See a host of comfortably, aye, elegantly dressed ladies in a spacious room, delightfully ventilated, DEAR BROTHER DEWART,—As I am sadly con-fined to my house for a few days on account of a disfigured face, from a severe frost bite, I feel it bring forth from where it has been stored over my duty to let my voice be heard from this "Lone and above the summer and autumn's plenty. Land," to the good people in your country. A Just open the door into an adjoining room; then heart-felt disease seems to have taken hold of the close it quickly or the draught from the north-

former had their salaries raised a short time since, bodies. I judge he needs a little information which was a pleasing thing of which I was hear there. Certainly, now that they have united, tily glad. But if the resolution of the Missionary and there is but one Presbyterian Church, there tily glad. But if the resolution of the Missionary Committee is designed to cover all the missionary ground, then, Sir, I have a word or two to say, not on my own behalf, but of my needy, my poor brethren. Is flour in Toronto five dollars per barrel?—it is ten in Winnipeg. Are potatoes in Toronto?—they are one dollar and forty in Winnipeg. Are oats thirty-seven cents in Toronto?—they are one dollar in Winnipeg. And what shall I say of my brethren on Indian Missions here, who have to pay from five to ten dollars for the carrying of every barrel of flour, after paying for it here at headquarters. Faith in God is absolutely necessary, but it does not pay those heavy prices to be met by your missionaries.

The above, Sir, is the voice of one nearly thirty-five years in the ministry, who never said the first of the carrying and there is but one Presbyterian Church, there are two or more men more men in an eighborhood of the same name, I find that in a neighborhood of the same name, I find that invariably there will be some distinguishing term applied. It must be, or there is confusion. It is so with us. I can find you a locality with three Methodist churches in it—all Methodist.

And what shall I say of my brethren on Indian Missions here, who have to pay from five to ten dollars for the carrying of every barrel of flour, after paying for it here at headquarters. Faith in God is absolutely necessary, but it does not pay those heavy prices to be met by your missionary appropriation, dismay for a moment seemed to be in the camp, but after the smoke had cleared away, our people, instead of being discouraged and trying to discourage their ministers, set themselves to work in good earnest; they at once resolved to increase their giving, and there is but one Presbyterian Church, there are two or more men on or or of the kind. We have furthed and there is but one presbyterian Church, there are two or more men of in a neighborhood of the same name, I find that the confusion. It is so with us. I can find you a locality with

PICTON MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

"Do Picton people imagine that we are interested in all their local affairs? I fancy I hear share of the GUARDIAN space, we have modestly remained silent, although we could scarcely refrain from referring to our success in the Temperance movement, and reminding the public that it In looking over the columns of last week's is our own Mrs. Youmans, the moving spirit in our Woman's Christian Temperance Association, tary of the Montreal Conference, proposing that each Methodist minister should donate to the building fund of the Dominion Church in Ottawa

In connection with our Missionary Anniversary, I have an item that will interest even Mrs. Metro politan, in comparison with whom we feel so won-derfully little and insignificant. Her ideal preacher—her future pastor—was our bright and preacher—her future pastor—was our bright and particular star on that one could get disposed to add the following clause to the tenth commandment—in the following the following clause to the tenth commandment—in the following clause to the tenth commandment—in the following the following clause to the tenth commandment—in the following ronto people may yet listen to some of the admirable thoughts, but they won't witness the enthusiasm—that must have been inspired by the "good-looking and pleasant-faced audience," to which the speaker alluded in such complimentary terms. Rev. Mr. Scales, of Belleville district, formed a part of our excellent deputation, and gave us a great amount of interesting Missionary intelli-gence. From personal acquaintance with several successful and devoted workers, he was thoroughly

prepared to interest and instruct the audience.
Owing to thorough advertising, and the attraction of a returned missionary to address us last in collections and subscriptions. If not the most creditable to ourselves, I think any one present will endorse the assertion that our meeting was the most enjoyable of any held in this place for many years.

Very respectfully,

MAUD MERTON.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have had the privilege of attending the Bloomfield Missionary Meeting; and, had I not already exceeded the limits of my space, and did I not fear the charge of lavishing indiscr minate praise, I would like to make special mention of the very able speakers. As it is, I must be content to say that Mr. Shorey's earnest, effective appeal, and Mr. Han-son's masterly effort, fully sustained the enviable reputation of those gentlemen; while the happy impromptu remarks of Mr. Potter, in response to an unexpected call from the Chairman, proved him equal to any emergency. With last night's addresses fresh in our mind, we will all but acknow-

Park Head, Dec. 13th, 1875.

A MYSTERY PLEASINGLY SOLVED.

I have been a good many weeks in receipt o that truly excellent paper, the New York Winess, and I remarked that it was marked "paid till May, 1876;" but I did not know whom to thank for the thoughtful kindaess: now it appears, from Brother Orr's letter, I owe it to him as the inter mediate, and to the publisher as the principal. As a personal acquaintance and the son of honored friends, I can account for Mr. Orr's kindness; but it was entirely gratuitous of Mr. Dougal to extend such a favor to one personally unknown. I desire hereby to thank them both, as this publication has cheered me in a somewhat poculiar work. If, instead of "Leslieville," the paper were mailed to Don Mount, it would reach me a little sooner.

JOHN CARROLL, Pastor Kingston Road Mission.

TO CLASS LEADERS.

You are anxious, I know, to do your duty. It erected, on a plan drawn by Langley & Co., To is not all comprised in singing and praying. Were ronto. It is at once a credit to the architect and it not for the faithful manner in which our detected, on a plan drawn by Langley & Co., To is not all comprised in singing and praying. Were ronto. It is at once a credit to the architect and it not for the faithful manner in which our detected, on a plan drawn by Langley & Co., To is not all comprised in singing and praying. Were

Our Church Work.

away, our people, instead of being discouraged and trying to discourage their ministers, set themselves to work in good earnest; they at once resolved to increase their giving, and thereby lighten the deficiency or altogether pay it. We have furtheremore resolved that this will be the last year of the printers of American set of Americans. the existence of Avening mission, that after next Conference we will be an imdependent circuit, I am sure our economical Missionary Board will repoice at that. As an earnest of what we may expect from this liberal hearted people, on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst, my wife and I were invited by a friend to the hall, in this village. When we arrived there we found about two hundred people present, half of whom were members of our Church. A splendid tea was in readiness,

general testimony is, we never saw anything like this in Bridgewater before. It is thought that more than a hundred found peace with God; many who had a name, but had lost their peace, being work of S. S. teachers will justify the Church in taking more pains to train her teachers for their restored. Up to the present sixty-four have given in their names as probationers, and there is classes. Until these are established we should to order, and Mr. R. C. Grant appointed to the content of their peace, being work. Until these are established we should to order, and Mr. R. C. Grant appointed to the chair. After sincing and opening with restaurance of the content of the content

meetings I felt perfectly free to take the lead in anything when I saw good could be accomplished thereby. Among those who have been converted is the brother of Rev. J. V. Sexsmith, of British Columbia.

May both pastor and people have grace to be faithful. Wm. J. Hewrr.

COLBORNE-CHURCH RE-OPENING.

We have in Colborne a large brick church, with tower, spire and bell. For some time past the ecessity of improving it has been talked of among us. About three months ago the trustees cushioned with crimson rep; the church carpeted throughout with tapestry carpet; additional lamps, painting, frescoing, etc. We have now in Colborne an exceedingly comfortable and beauti-

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God has been blessing us on this field of labor; since Conference we have taken over eighty on trial, and a number are meeting in class who have not yet joined. A small, but lingering debt, has been paid on one of our churches.

When through our chairman we were informed of the very great decrease in our missionary appropristion, dismay for a moment seemed to be in the camp, but after the smoke had cleared away, our people, instead of being discouraged and trying to discourage their ministers, set themselves to work in good earnest; they at once resolved to increase their giving, and thereby lighten the de-Phelps, from St. Catharines, were also rendered a very great blessing to our people. I hope God will raise up and send forth more of our devoted laymen into this department of our Church work. JAMES GRAY.

Milton, Dec. 16th, 1875. ST. THOMAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION.

Our Convention held in St. Thomas this month as been one of the best we have attended. When we arrived there we found about two hundred people present, half of whom were members of our Church. A splendid tea was in readiness, which was soon dispatched, after which an adverse the recipients of money and other things, at the hands of the Rev. Mr. McDonald (Presbyterian), in behalf of the people, to the amount of \$90. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the people's hearts were rejoiced and the minister's hands strengthened. "We thank God and take fearnds strengthened." Thos. R. Reid.

BRIDGEWATER.

As plendid tea was in readiness, and deep interest in all the proceedings are held four nights and manifested a deep interest in all the proceedings. About fifty delegates were in attendance during the session, and nearly all the circuits on the district were represented. We regret that not one of our junior preachers was present. The evening sessions were not numerously attended, but were profitable meetings. The Sabbath scholars, led by their Superintendent, W. E. people's hearts were rejoiced and the minister's hands strengthened. "We thank God and take people would not leave. One would rise and tell how they loved Jesus, and then another,—and so on, all over the house, nearly all praising God aloud. One boy was set at liberty. He came of the struggle praising Jesus with all his pieces of music in excellent style. Of the entire number of speakers appointed to take part only two failed to perform their share, and they were many are finding it so to the joy of their souls. The time of this session was chiefly occupied in the glory. A Memper. which was soon dispatched, after which an address was read by J. J. Kitson, Esq., and we were in attendance during the session, and nearly were the recipients of money and other things, at the hands of the Rev. Mr. McDonald (Presbyter) present. The evening sessions were not all the circuits on the district were represented. I we regret that not one of our junior preachers was in the hands of the Rev. Mr. McDonald (Presbyter) present. The evening sessions were not a session and the proceed-ings of the Rev. Mr. McDonald (Presbyter) present.

worthy of more extended notice.)

Rev. A. Audrews conducted a brief blackboard exercise on the lesson for the following Sabbath, 'Jesus and Thomas."

SECOND SESSION.
We had three addresses:—by Rev. R. W. Williams, on early conversions, chiefly addressed to children; address to parents, by Rev. J. Elliott; and Encouragement to S. S. Work, by Rev. J. Saunders, M.A.

THIRD SESSION. Opened by a prayer-meeting, specially for God's dessing on our Sabbath Schools.

Rev. J. V. Santh read a paper on "How we

among us. About three months ago the trustees entered upon the work, and have got it so far completed, that the church was re-opened last versation that followed the Banner was recommended, and holding weekly teachers' meetings, iron fence; twelve additional pews; the high pulpit displaced by a platform and desk; all the pews (except those in the gallery) lined and be Circuit Sabbath School teachers' meetings; and as ministers we might oftener appeal to the may aid our teachers in their work." In the con-

A committee was appointed to report on the advisability of forming a Sabbath School Normal Institute for the district. This committee reported factory.—Montreal Gazette

our special services at Salem appointment are still going on successfully.

MILTON CIRCUIT.

Within the last few months our people on this Circuit have been greatly increasing their church naccommodation, and adding to the beauty of their places of worship.

As Methodist ministers we stand in a noble line. Mr. Wesley in 1786 mentions that 550 children the Sunday Schools of his society at Bolton, and the next year he found 800 children then taught by eighty masters. To Richard Rodda he wrote: "I am glad you have taken in hand that blessed work of setting up Sunday Schools in Chester. It seems these will be one great means of reviving religion throughout the nation. I wonder Satan has not yet sent out some ables. accommodation, and adding to the beauty of their places of worship.

On the 16th of May, the Milton Church was recopened, after undergoing a thorough repair. It was found to be too small for the congregation, and galleries were erected on three sides, thus affording largely increased accommodation for the worshippers. The entire church was upholstered in a very neat and creditable manner by the ladies be able to infuse a spirit of viety into the schools.

of the congregation of the congregation of the congregation of the congregation of the friends at the Omagh appointment have also greatly improved and beautified their church. Its foundations were established, its outward doubted the value of the catechisms in our schools; but the difficulty seemed to be how can we successfully introduce them? A suggestion from the inside has been pewed, painted, and greatly improved. A new organ, suitable for the church, has also been purchased. The cost of the improvements cannot be less than between \$600 and \$700.

In Bowes' neighborhood, a place historio in Melandian in the sections of very great importance, and the superinfendent read in the sections of very great importance, and the catechisms in our schools; the difficulty seemed to be how can we successfully introduce them? A suggestion from the chark was heartily approved. Let all the scholars be furn s'.el with cateckisms; at the opening of the scholars in concert the answers. Thus the whole catechisms might be read once or twice the member of the sections of the memorizing of the importance.

In Leanington our Sabbath School interests the whole catechisms might be read once or twice the answers. Thus are in much prosperity under the efficient supering the whole catechisms might be read once or twice the memorizing of the its behalf, a short time since, we realized \$35; and this circuit

seen following from the monthly S. S. prayer-

PIETH RESSION. The President delivered an address on "The

Sabbath School demands the best talent of the Church." We must know who we are to teach. Children have all the faculties of manbood. A report present many through the contracting present that there were the contracting present that the missionary didner, Control, and decreased \$5,000 this year. It is not that the missionary and the contracting present that there is no contracting the contracting present that there is no contracting the contracting present that there is no contracting present that there is no contracting present that there is no contracting present that the missionary of the Quarterly Roards on all those Circuits which are seedles under the generous Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of the Annual Controlers of the General Conference, and the Presidents of th

that. God was in the midst of His people, and School hymns and music," and Rev. W. McDonagh took possession of His temple. A deep and halon "The relation of temperance to the Sabbath lowed influence rested on all the services."

I have not seen anything in the GUARDIAN about what the Lord is doing in Canfield. Bro. Fife is very busy in other parts of the circuit, and probably is too busy to write; therefore, I take the liberty to write you. On the 19th September Brother Fife commenced a four days' meeting, which lasted five days,—followed by evening services about five weeks, resulting in the conversion of mentions. of nearly one hundred souls—nearly all young people—many professing the blessing of perfect love. I wish to tell you, as neary as possible, how the work progresses. Prayer meetings are held four nights

given in their names as probationers, and there is quite a number more that we are expecting to unite with us yet.

Brother Anderson is an exceedingly earnest worker; and, so far as I saw, there was not the slightest disposition on his part to ignore the slightest disposition on his part to ignore the slightest disposition on his part to ignore the should be conveniently located, and thoroughly pastor: but the very opposite. At some of the should be conveniently located, and thoroughly prepared addresses and lectures should be provided. (We regret that we can only give a bare the sole work of conducting; and in all the lead worthly of more extended notice.) choir. Everybody appeared pleased with the proceedings, and they must certainly be pleasing to Rev. Mr. Hill and his wife, as evidencing the esteem in which they are held by the people among whom they are residing. — Port Hope Guide.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE OKA INDIANS.

A concert of sacred music was given on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the St. James Street Methodist Church, Montreal, on behalf of the Protestant Indians of Oka. There was a crowded attendance. Rev. Mr. Borland occupied the chair, supported by Rev. Dr. Douglas, Rev. Leonard Gaetz and others. Introductory remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Borland, and addresses were lelivered by Rev. Mr. Gaetz, who amid much applause spoke very energetically concerning these Indiaes, and Rev. Mr. Chiniquy. The programme included songs by the Iudians, which met with a hearty reception. Chiefs Joseph and Louis were present. Subscription cards, to be honored by the 1st of next April, in order to pay legal expenses to be incurred in taking the case of the Indiana heart from the counts. dians before the courts, were filled to a considerable amount; the other proceeds were also satis-

The Quarterly meeting of the Hudson mission was held on Dec. 12th. Nothwithstanding the irclemency of the day, there was a good represent :tion from almost every part of the mission. The minister in charge, whilst presenting Christ and Him crucified, realized an unusual unction and power from above. Many in the congregation were deeply moved. During the love feast several persons who had lost the evidence of their accepworshippers. The entire church was upholstered in a very neat and creditable manner by the ladies of the congregation. The improvements cost more than \$2,000.

The friends at the Omagh appointment have

the whole catechisms might be read once or twice a year. Then encourage the memorizing of the catechisms as far as possible.

Bro. M. S. Smith delivered an address on the Cabbath School Prayer meeting, when and how should have two ministers, to be worked effectively.

ST. MARYS.

The Quarterly Official Meeting of St. Marys has invited Rev. I. B. Howard, of Guelph, to be the successor of their highly esteemed pastor, Rev. J. Wukefield. We believe that Bro. Howard has ex-

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D. Hunt.

Daughter of Mr. Charles Esnouf, Recording Steward of the Gaspe Mission, was born on the 20 th May, 1849, and died at her father's residence at Grande Greve, on the 26th November, 1875. Sho had always been a young lady of high taste and much refinement, considering her meagre educational advantages on our Gaspe coast. Had she enjoyed the privileges of our Hamilton Female College, she, no doubt, would have been a young lady of much prominence. For a number of years she filled very creditably the position of the instructor of youth, until death came to her in the midst of a career of much usefulness. Although living from childhood up a life of unspotted morality, it was not until the complaint. nesfulness. Although living from childhood up a life of unspotted morality, it was not until laid on her death-bed that she experienced the fulness of the assurance of her acceptance with God. Having been thus confined for about ton weeks, she had much time for reflection and meditation. Her mother, a truly Christian woman, of Metho-Her mother, a truly Christian woman, of Methodist ancestry, from Jersey, was her constant nurse and companion during those tedious weeks. I visited her frequently, and never once heard from her lips the first word displaying want of resignation to the Divine will. A short time before her departure she had one heavy conflict, over which she had attained complete victory; and thus, in the very prime of life, and in the midst of use-fulness, was cut down, as though unfit longer for fulness, was cut down, as though unfit longer for earth. Her Father in heaven removed the sweet from the cold wintry blasts of our northern climate to the sweet paradise above, there to bloom in eternal freshness for ever. I endeavored to improve the occasion of her death by a discourse to a crowded house at St. George's Cove, from Rev. xiv. 13.

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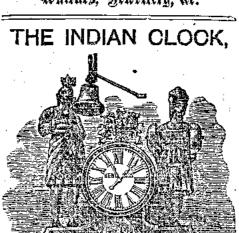
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