

The Family Treasury.

Work and Pray.

MARIANNE FARMINGHAM.

Would you understand the anthem, And translate the most of these...

Was you read the pacified message In the hearts of glowing flowers?

There are other graver voices, Which the listener's heart can move...

Do not fear the cold of winter, Make it bright if it be long;

Work, for you have need of helping, Teach some sorrow to be vain;

So the vocal winds and waters Teach the people how to give...

Keep the Holidays.

Keep the holidays, especially Christmas. It matters not in the slightest degree that...

But it is not alone as a religious holiday that we should keep the feast. Christmas ought to be a family holiday.

Christmas, of all the days of the year, ought to be made so merry to our children, by every device in our reach...

If we want our rooms to look as if the December winds had sifted the white snow over our green hangings...

It is to be hoped that while the trees were in all their autumn glory you have not failed to lay up stores of the scarlet, crimson and golden leaves...

Of course, you will have a Christmas-tree. It may be very small, so it is a tree, or can be made to represent a tree to the youthful imagination.

aprace bough, standing in a common flower-crock filled with earth, that once did duty as a little maiden's Christmas tree...

Or, if you prefer it to a tree, then let the little ones hang up their stockings in the chimney-corner; and see to it that none of them find empty stockings when they come stealing down...

Let us do what we can to make the day sunny for the little ones whose faces cluster around us. For we shall not always have them at our side.

The word "Mussulman."

Of the many Oriental terms which are in daily use in public print at the present time, the most frequent used, and also the most frequently misused and misunderstood, is probably the word Mussulman.

The Family Altar.

I have had much to say of Christianity; let me lead you, ere we close, to the hesthen fire-side—which is also ours. Christianity is a synthesis; far from rejection, it calls to itself all the moral and religious elements of the inferior forms of religion.

pray, to gather about you your wife and children. But what religion shall I follow, do you ask? Whatever your conscience chooses, were it the most incomplete of all.

Roman Marriages and Funerals. Collier says: "The Romans had three forms of marriage, of which the highest was called confarreatio."

Beautiful Tribute to Women. We have seen many beautiful tributes to lovely women, but the following is one of the finest we ever read.

Thou Hast Left thy First Love.

Every Christian remembers his first love. His first true love for Christ was created in him by a revelation of Christ's love for him.

A Gallant Rescue.

The fearful gale of Sunday night, Oct. 14, 1877, will be long remembered; its traces are still over the land in unroofed houses, blackened foliage, and uprooted trees.

A Queer Prescription.

On one occasion when I was ill, the General called in Dr. Hunt, his family physician. The doctor was a tall, lank, ugly man—"as good as gold," but with none of the graces that are supposed to win young ladies.

Decide Now.

A young man of more than ordinary intelligence knocks at my study-door. Well, Robert, I am glad to see you. What can I do for you?

marine to me, who fastened a line round my waist; but for that I should have been drowned at the first plunge. I was knocked about, almost stunned by the waves, but he guided me to a piece of wreck, and I laid hold of the poor drowning fellow; I had but just strength to pull the line, and keep his head above water, when we were hauled on deck.

The day after the storm the captain of the Turquoise mustered all hands, and thanked Barnes for his gallantry. He asked him, "Why did you volunteer for such a dangerous service?" His answer, clear, simple, decided, was—"Because I was not afraid to die, sir!"

Curiosities of our Language. Mr. M. Patterson, who seems to have a peculiar taste as well as a peculiar talent for examining into the peculiarities of language, gives the following as a specimen:

Charlemagne.

"There was freedom in the forest; There was plenty in the plain; Lusty peasants, noble herds, In the time of Charlemagne. Right was right, and wrong was evil, Truth was never then too plain; All the heart came forth in music, In the time of Charlemagne."

Japanese Mirrors.

Repairing of mirrors is a process to which the art of Europeans and Americans has not yet arrived. As they make mirrors in Japan, however, the process of repairing is not more difficult than that of mending a stove.

For the Young Folk.

Trouble Ahead.

Merry Christmas! Girls and boys, Santa Claus with toms and toys Now is starting on his way. With his overland sleigh— Never heading cold or wetting. Not a single town forgetting.

A Little One's Love.

A little child, between two and three years old, was found by a lady walking on the streets, evidently lost, and crying bitterly. Taking her by the hand, the lady asked her where she was going.

How to Amuse Younger Children.

You must learn how to take care of children and amuse them, to make it pleasant for them and yourself. The best feeling in the world is thrown away if you don't know how to show it.

Decide Now.

A young man of more than ordinary intelligence knocks at my study-door. Well, Robert, I am glad to see you. What can I do for you? "I wish you would tell me what makes a person a Christian," said my visitor.

As letters containing payment for the Christian Guardian, S. S. Adcock, S. S. Boomer, or for Books, together with all orders for the same, should be addressed to the Book-Steward, Rev. S. ROSE.

Christian Guardian AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1877.

THE OUTLOOK.

We see by the papers that in the county of Lennox an effort is being made to repeal the Drinkin Act; and that there has been a case of quashing the enforcement of the Act in Northumberland and Durham. Such things need not surprise the friends of temperance.

The reports from the East during the week have been somewhat conflicting, but it is evident that both Russia and Turkey are tired of the war. The fall of Plevna, it is expected, will certainly have the effect of terminating the long-continued struggle between the contending parties.

The political crisis in France has come to an end. Last week a deputation of members of the Right waited upon the President, and assured him that it was impossible to form a ministry from their ranks, whereupon he threatened to resign.

Some few weeks since the second anniversary meeting of the Wesleyan Liverpool Mission was held in the Pitt-street Chapel. Rev. Charles Garrett, who has been set apart by Conference to the work of the mission exclusively, read the second annual report, which shows that, though the year has been one of pecuniary trial to most benevolent societies, the mission has been generously supported; and the income nearly equals the expenditure.

its disproportion to what remained to be done. The wickedness of the town was so vast that it would require the united and concentrated efforts of the whole church to cope with it. The great want of the mission hitherto had been suitable rooms in which to gather the people for instruction and spiritual edification.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Before our next issue will reach our readers, Christmas will have come and gone. We will therefore take time by the forelock by improving this opportunity of wishing all our readers "A Merry Christmas."

We have reserved our best Christmas reading matter for the GUARDIAN that will be issued in the Christmas week. Our next paper will be published the day after Christmas. It will contain a choice variety of Christmas pieces in prose and poetry, for old and young readers.

A FIERCE BUT FARCICAL REPLY.

The last Canadian Monthly contains an article on "Transubstantiation and Odium Theologicum," signed, "Sordello," which assails the GUARDIAN'S criticism of the writer's defence of the Romish worship of the wafer, with a degree of bitter unfairness, irrelevant bombast, and offensive invective, such as seldom disgrace theological controversy.

The picture of an "angry ape," which he politely introduces to relieve his mental exasperation, would probably have been suggested to most readers of this trade, without the aid of a quotation from Shakespeare. We do not think such an ebullition of petulant sophistry requires any formal reply; and we shall not honor it with any elaborate refutation. But a brief statement of the case may be given, for the benefit of those of our readers who may happen to see the Canadian Monthly.

The October Canadian Monthly contained a bitter note on our article, in which the GUARDIAN, and those it was supposed, to represent were referred to, in a coarse and scurrilous style, which led us to suppose the article was by the writer of the criticism on "Old Christianity," which "Sordello" now denies. In this note a new and extraordinary theory was maintained, viz., that though it would be idolatry for a Protestant to worship the wafer, it was not idolatry for a Roman Catholic to do so, if he believed it to be God!

to be mere inanimate matter. This weighty objection to his absurd theory of idolatry "Sordello" has found it convenient to leave wholly unnoticed. This side issue, then, became the main matter in dispute, between the GUARDIAN and its disingenuous and supercilious censor. Everything else is merely incidental to the question: "Does sincerity in the worshipper make the worship of an idol cease to be idolatry?"

This last disquisition in the Monthly is especially distinguished by these features. In order plainly to hold up to ridicule our common sense position, that believing an idol to be God does not make the worship of such idol idolatry, he has composed an absurd dramatic dialogue between the Editor of the GUARDIAN and a Roman Catholic, in which he puts into the mouth of the former most extravagant and intolerant sentiments, such as, "I am the infallible judge of truth and falsehood, right and wrong;" "I am the arbiter here—the infallible interpreter of Biblical truth." Of course, we need not say that no such sentiments, or anything like them, has ever been uttered by us. We have not put forth in the discussion any special claim for our unproved opinions over those of others, or in any way denied the equal right of those who differ from us. We have simply dared to have our opinion expressed and defended; and for doing this we are lampooned and grossly caricatured by an anonymous and disingenuous writer, not especially distinguished by either courtesy or modesty, who comes forward, forthwith, as the advocate of tolerance, and of a liberal and conciliatory style of discussion!

PRINCIPAL GRANT.

We congratulate the Rev. G. M. Grant, M.A. on his elevation to the principality of Queen's University, Kingston; and congratulate the University in securing the services of so popular and efficient a Principal. We know nothing of Mr. Grant as a practical educator; but he is a vigorous writer and able preacher. He has the reputation of being a man of large catholicity and earnest progressive character. From what we know of him, we judge he will be found to be neither an old fogy, lagging behind the times, nor yet a rash innovator, but one who will prove all things and hold fast that which is good.

for even unproved theories may be useful to those as working theories. Suppose, e.g., that the Darwinian theory is not established, that it is only a puerile hypothesis, as Dr. Eiam seems to show. It was at any rate useful to Darwin, and it will soon pass away and be forgotten. Suppose that it is established. What possible harm can there result to Theology? As Professor Asa Gray points out in his pleasant "Darwiniana," it only means "that what you may have thought was done directly and at once was done indirectly and successively."

ARCHBISHOP LYNCH ON EXCLUSIVE SALVATION.

In his catechism, intended to furnish Roman Catholics with answers to Protestant objections to Romish heresies, among other questions he asks: "Do Catholics believe that all who die outside of their communion are lost?" To this he gives a lengthy evasive reply, in which he maintains that all are not really Protestants who are called Protestants; but implying that, except on the ground of ignorance, none will be saved outside of the Roman Catholic Church.

We notice by a report in the Globe that Archbishop Lynch has been flourishing before the faithful this terrorism of "no salvation out of the Catholic Church." The evasive and round-about way in which he sets forth this exclusive assumption, indicates that he is not quite dead to the effect that the bold announcement of this unchristian dogma would have upon the minds of intelligent people.

The two modern methods of education most worthy the attention of educators of the present day, Mr. Hughes considered were those of Pestalozzi, the originator of the method known as object teaching, and Froebel, the founder of the Kindergarten system. Although the former did not discover new principles, he was the first to use objects as aids in applying the principles of rational teaching. His work aimed at the accomplishment of two things; first, the giving of practical information of a kind most likely to be interesting to childhood and profitable during life; secondly, the securing the natural and harmonious development of the mental powers.

We have received the fourteenth annual report of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association, for the year ending October, 1877, from which we learn that, while no special feature has marked the year just closed, the various departments of the work have all been successfully carried on. The report contains expressions of gratitude that, while passing through a year of commercial depression, the Association has been enabled to meet current liabilities, as well as to pay off a floating debt of

considerable amount, and to close the year almost free from liability. The statement of the Treasurer of the Building Fund shows a small decrease in the debt on Shaftesbury Hall, but the large amount paid for interest makes it impossible to reduce the principal as fast as desirable.

In harmony with this, Archbishop Lynch, in any exception he makes, is careful not to acknowledge any virtue or value in the Protestant religion. There is wonderful audacity in this fallen branch of the Church, which has most widely departed from the gospel teaching, by putting human inventions in place of divine truth, claiming to be the exclusive dispenser of salvation.

METHODS OF EDUCATION.

The importance of education amongst all classes of society is now generally conceded. The most enlightened communities are not only the most industrious and prosperous, but are the most easily governed and the most useful to the State. The policy of keeping the masses in ignorance and of holding them in subjection by terror or force has now been abandoned in most civilized countries, and experience proves that the best way for a government to elevate and control the masses is to educate them.

In Canada, and especially in the Province of Ontario, our educational advantages are admitted to be equal, if not superior, to those of any other country; our there is still need for constant and united effort on the part of all our public educators to make our system of education as perfect as possible. At the first regular meeting on Friday of the Toronto Teachers' Association, recently organized in accordance with the regulations of the Education Department, the President, Mr. James Hughes, of this city, read a very interesting paper on "The Educational Outlook," from which we gather a few observations upon methods of teaching. While results are the main things to be aimed at in education as in everything else, methods have an important influence upon their accomplishment; and the best methods should always be adopted.

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THE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

There are many strong reasons why every family should take a good family paper like the GUARDIAN. We can only name a few of these reasons.

- 1. Such a paper gives an account of what is being done in the Church it represents, and thus binds the people together by sympathy in a common work.
2. The religious weekly gathers up the news of the churches, and provokes to love and good works by an account of what other churches are doing.
3. The religious newspaper looks out upon the great living questions of the day from a Christian standpoint, and notes their bearing upon the growth of Christ's kingdom in the world.
4. Every well-conducted religious weekly contains important practical lessons for the conduct of life; warnings against popular follies and mistakes, beautiful examples of Christian virtue, and wise counsels for the great emergencies of life, which greatly aid in moulding the character and inspiring the life.
5. Such a paper contains many choice selections in poetry and prose from the best writers, which cannot be read by the young without improving the taste, and creating a preference for first-class literature.
6. In the religious newspaper will be found the most trenchant and pithy replies to the most dangerous and plausible theories of popular infidelity.
7. The religious journal holds up a high standard of duty; and thus rebukes the sectional narrowness into which so many sink, and helps to produce a higher type of Christian manhood and womanhood.
8. Such a paper, in virtue of the variety of its topics, its book-notices and miscellaneous articles, is a valuable means of education in different branches of knowledge for those who may not have had the advantages of scholastic training.

We have received a copy of the programme of the Christmas examinations of the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, which shows the usual amount of thorough work done in this institution by both teachers and students. Besides the primary classes, the programme contains a list of examinations in many other advanced subjects, such as Algebra, Grammar, History, Evidences, &c. This institution opened in August this year, which is somewhat earlier than last; hence, as the Academic year comprises about nine months, scarcely one half of the season has been passed. The beginning of the year will be a good time for new students to enter.

Rev. Dr. David Inglis died on Saturday at his home in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Inglis was a prominent man in the Presbyterian Church, and was well known in this country, having been for many years a pastor of the McNab-street congregation, Hamilton, and for a short time Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College. His death seems all the more sudden and unexpected, as only about a week ago the congregation of Knox Church in this city agreed to extend to him a call to become the associate pastor of Rev. Dr. Topp, and a delegation was appointed to wait upon him with reference to the matter.

Anniversary missionary sermons were preached in the Douglas and St. James-street Methodist churches, Montreal, on Sunday, by Revs. John Potts and William Briggs. The public meetings were held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and the principal speakers were Revs. John Potts, Wm. Briggs and E. R. Young. We expect next week to be able to give a more extended report of these interesting anniversary services.

Amounts received by the Book-Steward to aid in re-building the Methodist churches in St. John, N.B., not previously acknowledged:—
Per Rev. S. E. Maudsley, Hudson, \$ 6 00
C. E. Perry, Allenford, " 2 00
Per E. J. Young, St. Rose, " 1 00
Per Rev. M. Swann, Grand Centre, " 12 25
James Mooney, Ridgeway, " 2 00
D. Perry, Plankford, " 3 00
J. J. Smith, Grand Centre, " 10 00
W. Shannon, Adelaide, " 5 75
James MacFarlane, " 7 25
The Book-Steward acknowledges the receipt of \$1 from a group of friends in Hamilton for the "Mission Church Fund."

We learn from our English exchanges that Rev. Gervase Smith and his wife arrived safely at Melbourne, Australia, on the 13th of last month.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY—SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS EAST AND WEST.

During the past few weeks the Rev. E. R. Young, by appointment of the Central Board, has been attending a series of Missionary Meetings on the principal circuits in the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Conferences. The Wesleyan has devoted considerable attention to evangelistic accounts of these services, and private letters, from various brethren, bear emphatic testimony to the good effects of Bro. Young's visit. The story of missionary life in the North-west, which he relates so well, has greatly interested our friends in the East, as shown by largely increased offerings. Bro. Y. will probably reach home this week. Bro. Locke, of Colborne, sending a remittance, writes:—"We closed our Missionary Services last night. Although we have advanced 25 per cent. each year, yet this year it is evident, from the meetings we have just closed, that we will advance this year \$34 per cent. on last year, and if so, then we will have doubled our subscriptions in three years." This is a good record. What other circuits will "do likewise?" The meetings Westward continue to have the right ring. Letters from various quarters report a gratifying increase. Unbridge, which advanced considerably last year, will give a further increase this year of at least 20 per cent., and other places report similar results. Wellington St., London, will double last year's offerings, and Dundas St. in the same city, will advance handsomely. If this advance were general, all along the line, as it ought to be, the debt would disappear.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Mr. Goschen on Novel Reading. Mr. J. G. Goschen, M. P., First Lord of the Admiralty...

The Great French Ex-President. A foreign correspondent writes that the late M. Thiers was very far from being a materialist...

A Veteran Diplomatist. Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, the distinguished English Ambassador at Constantinople...

Gladstone's Visit to Ireland. The Times thus refers to the result of Mr. Gladstone's visit to Ireland: Mr. Gladstone has given the Irish people a promise...

The Dying Pope. There can no longer be any doubt that the venerable Pius IX. is very near his end...

The Anti-Reformation Crusade. The London correspondent of the Western Daily Press says: "A new Anglican monastery is projected by certain priests of the Church of England..."

LITERARY NOTICES.

Boston Monday Lectures. Biology.—Transcendentalism. (2 vols. \$1.50 each. Boston: J. R. Osgood, & Co., Publishers.)

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

We have received this week from the Methodist Book Concern of New York a parcel of handsome and interesting New Books for the holiday season...

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Green Pastures and Piccadilly. By William Black, in conjunction with an American writer. Montreal: Dawson Brothers, Publishers.

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

Rev. S. Bond has been carrying on an interesting revival meeting in the Methodist church, Addison, for the past two or three weeks.

A new Methodist church will be opened at Selkirk, Manitoba, on the 16th inst., by Rev. J. F. German, M.A., chairman of the district, and Rev. Wesley Casson.

We are requested to say that the new church recently opened at Sutton, P. Q., cost \$4,000, not \$400, as stated in our issue of November 21st.

A very successful tea-meeting was held at Allandale Methodist church on Monday evening of last week. The church was well filled.

The Bradford News says:—The revival services which have been carried on in the Methodist church in this village for the past five weeks, have done a great deal of good.

The improvements and additions on the Elm Street Methodist Church, in this city, are being rapidly pushed forward, and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupation about the beginning of the year.

The S. S. teachers of Elm Street Methodist Church, in this city, were greatly surprised last week to receive letters of invitation from W. Kennedy, Esq. (the superintendent of the school) and his good lady to attend a social at their house.

Rev. C. E. Stafford writes:—We have recently closed a special meeting at Ras' appointment on this circuit (Brussels), which resulted in an addition to the church of twenty-seven members, nearly all of whom are adults.

A week ago last Thursday a large number of the congregation assembled in the beautiful new Dorchester Street Methodist Church parsonage, Montreal, on a general invitation of the pastor, to look through the building and to spend a short time in social intercourse.

Rev. G. Brown, of Hagerstown, writes:—Our circuit tea-meeting on the 11th inst., in connection with the visit of Dr. Ives, was a great success. The receipts at the tea amounted to \$100, and the subscriptions afterwards to upwards of \$900.

The Nanaimo (British Columbia) Church Anniversary was celebrated on Sabbath, the 11th November, by sermons from Rev. C. L. Thompson, of Wellington.

The Newburgh Reporter of last Wednesday says:—The revival services in connection with the O. M. church at Switzerville will be closed this evening.

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financial statement, which showed a gratifying reduction in the church debt during the year. A spirited address from Rev. Mr. Savage, of Oakwood, followed, after which Rev. Mr. Joffe, of the Bible Christian Church, delivered an eloquent address on the subject of giving towards the maintenance of the Church of God.

Most successful Sabbath-school anniversary services were held in the Tilsburg Methodist church on Sunday and Monday, the 9th and 10th inst. Excellent sermons were preached by Revs. W. Birks and M. Fawcett; the latter greatly interesting the large audience by his statements of social and religious life in the Northwest.

The anniversary services of the St. George Street Methodist Sabbath-school, St. Thomas, was held on Sunday, 9th inst. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Williams, preached a sermon to the children at the opening service on the "Fifth Commandment." There were nearly four hundred children present, whose singing was very much appreciated by the persons present.

The Stratford Herald, of last Wednesday, says:—The new Methodist church at Staffa was formally opened on Sunday last, and on Monday evening a tea-meeting was held, the material good things being supplemented by an excellent intellectual treat in the shape of a lecture by the Rev. Manly Benson, of Stratford, entitled, "Across the Continent." The church, which cost \$1,300, is a handsome structure, upon which there was a debt of \$800 when the orator of the evening rose to speak.

The Church Times (Ritualist), of a recent date, says:—"The painful fact that the Supreme Governor of the Church of England is becoming an alien from its faith and discipline has received another confirmation. We read in the Glasgow Herald that on Sunday week the Queen and Princess Beatrice communicated at Craithie parish church. The Princess of Wales was also present, but we are glad to say that Her Royal Highness would have nothing to do with the business."

PERSONAL.—Mr. Elihu Burritt is seriously ill; he has had several hemorrhages within the past few days. Rev. Hugh Johnston delivered a lecture on "Scotland and the Scotch" to a good audience in the Mechanics' Hall, Hamilton, a week ago Monday night.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Evangelical Alliance suggests the following topics for the observance of the week of prayer, January 6-13, 1878. Sabbath, January 6.—Sermons: Christian union perfected. Monday, January 7.—Prayer and praise: Remembrance of personal and relative mercies; prayer for the divine blessing on past privileges; and for a humble and contrite spirit.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

During September the American Bible Society received for sale of Bibles \$20,047, and as donations \$8,444, making a total of \$28,491.

Prof. Dubs, of Zurich, an eminent author of political science, has declared in favor of the separation of Church and State, on the American principle.

The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated into Japanese. An edition of 1,000 copies will be printed. The theological schools of the American Presbyterian and the Reformed Church in Japan have been united into one.

The American and Scottish Presbyterian and the American Reformed Churches have formed a union in Japan, and combine their theological schools in seminary at Tokio. A building for the seminary, to cost \$3,000, is to be erected.

The Independent says:—"Methodists may expect to see in due time, as we predicted several weeks ago, a successor to the Methodist Missionary Advocate. If the Rev. J. T. Gracey is called to be its editor, he will make it worthy of the Church."

The Scotch Free Church has, after a two days' discussion in the case of the Rev. Dr. Marcus Dods, charged with heresy, merely decided that as the sermon of Dr. Dods, which led up to the charge, is open to grave objections, he be recommended to stop its further publication.

The Roman Catholic journals of Mexico are very violent against Diaz, and urge war with the United States. A journal called the Dandera Nacional denounces the Americans as enemies of God. The toleration of Protestantism by President Diaz is considered the highest of crimes by the Romanists.

It is said that Dean Stanley will shortly publish a pamphlet containing his opinions on the D establishment question in Scotland. He thinks that the Church in the Highlands should be disestablished and disendowed, and that a royal commission should be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of Scottish churches generally.

The American Bible Society has decided to make a still further change in its method of business in addition to that of last year. Hereafter its publications are to be sold to depositaries for cash only, and the sales of prices will be arranged so that booksellers can receive the publications on the same terms as the auxiliaries. It is also intended to extend the collector system.

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In the Baptist Preachers' Meeting, in Philadelphia, a couple of weeks since, during a discussion of the question, "Can Baptists consistently recognize the official acts of ministers of other denominations?" Dr. Mageon defined his position by giving an account of an ordination where he had preached the sermon, and a Presbyterian minister had taken part, and had joined in the laying-on of hands. Dr. Pendleton said "never heard of such an absurdity." He was "opposed to an exchange of pulpits with pedobaptist ministers, or to participating in pulpits services with them." Dr. Henson and Dr. Cahoon agreed in thinking that, in inviting pedobaptist ministers into the pulpit, Baptists do not necessarily recognize them as ministers, or recognize their ministerial acts.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Elihu Burritt is seriously ill; he has had several hemorrhages within the past few days. Rev. Hugh Johnston delivered a lecture on "Scotland and the Scotch" to a good audience in the Mechanics' Hall, Hamilton, a week ago Monday night. We understand that the governors of Sackville College have decided to offer to Rev. Howard Sprague, the presidency of that institution, recently vacated by the appointment of Dr. Allison to the office of Superintendent of Education. A few evenings ago, a number of the ladies connected with the St. George street Methodist Church St. Thomas, wishing to show their appreciation of the services of Mrs. Williams, their pastor's wife, planned a surprise party, which met in the basement of the church, to the number of nearly one hundred, when Mrs. Williams was presented with a splendid silk dress, valued at seventy-five dollars, and a purse accompanied with a cordial address on behalf of the congregation. Dr. Allison, the newly appointed Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, is a native of Newport in that Province. He was educated partly at the Sackville Wesleyan College and partly at the Methodist University in Middleton, Connecticut, where he graduated B.A., in 1859. After finishing for a short time the Principalship of Stanstead Academy, Quebec, he was appointed to the classical chair in Mount Allison College, Sackville, N.B., where he has remained ever since. In 1869 he succeeded Dr. Pickard as President, and in 1875 he received the degree of LL.D. from Victoria University. Rev. Albert Taylor Bedson, D.D., LL.D., a well known author and minister of the M. E. Church, South, died at his home in Alexandria, Va., a week ago last Sunday, after an illness of three weeks. The Central Christian Advocate says:—He was born in Kentucky about 1808; graduated at the military academy at West Point, in 1830; and served on the frontiers until 1833, when he was elected professor of mathematics in Kenyon College, Ohio. In 1840-48 he practiced law in Springfield, Ill., and was afterward professor in the University of Virginia. He was the author of "An Examination of Edwards on the Will;" "Theodicy;" and "Essay on Liberty and Slavery." Since the war he has been editor of the Southern Review.

CURRENT NEWS.

The rebellion in Ecuador has collapsed, owing to the defeat of the insurgents at Quito. The German Government is about to borrow \$37,500,000, to pay off the floating debt. The Imperial Parliament has been prorogued till January 17. Preparations are going on at the Vatican for the coming Conclave. The Snowdon iron mines are being connected by a track with the Victoria Railway at Llandys. A Law Students' Society has been formed in Guelph. The track on the Pembina Branch Railway is now laid nearly as far as Selkirk. Five hundred cotton operatives at Macleodfield are on strike. The German estimates for 1878 show a deficiency of \$9,000,000. The United States Senate adjourned on Saturday until the 10th of January. The Lerdist rebellion in the Mexican State of Tamaulipas has been crushed. The Pope has granted a dispensation authorizing the marriage of the King of Spain to his cousin. The Sheffield iron-workers have received notice of a reduction of wages to take effect after the holiday. The Quebec Government has contracted a loan with a Montreal bank for \$500,000 at seven per cent. interest. The United States Secretary of the Navy has asked for estimates for a fleet of flat-bottomed boats for the Rio Grande. Two hundred families have been rendered homeless by a great fire at Santander, on the north coast of Spain. The restrictions on the importation into the United States of cattle and hides from South America have been removed. Great distress prevails on the west coast of Newfoundland, owing to the failure of both the herring and the cod fisheries. The Government port inspector at Montreal states the inspection law is full of defects and requires revision. A new telegraph company has been formed under the laws of the State of New York, with a capital of ten million dollars. A fire at Newcastle, Ont., Thursday morning, destroyed nearly a whole block of buildings, the loss being estimated at \$20,000. Polling on the Toronto and Ottawa Railway by-law will take place in the county of Carleton on the 15th prox. A by-law for the repeal of the Dunkin by-law in Lennox passed its third reading in the County Council Friday. In the Court of Queen's Bench Friday, Mr. Justice Cameron obtained a rule nisi to quash the Dunkin by-law in Northumberland and Durham. Old Temple Bar on Fleet Street, London, Eng., is being taken away. The work of removing began on Wednesday. On Saturday Mr. Justice Morrison was sworn in at Osgoode Hall as a Puisne Judge of the Court of Appeal. The Government steamer Newfield sailed for Havre direct on Saturday with goods for the Paris Exhibition. The first locomotive passed over the St. Maurice bridge on Saturday. Railway communication between Three Rivers and Quebec is now complete. The Italian Ministry has virtually sustained a defeat in the Chamber of Deputies, carrying a vote of confidence by a merely nominal majority. Lord Derby had a narrow escape from death on Sunday. While he was out driving at Tonbridge Wells his horse ran away, throwing the coachman, who was instantly killed. The Washington House Committee on Indian Affairs has substantially agreed to report a Bill allowing the Indian tribes a delegate to the House. Mr. James Butler, a Halifax merchant, has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia. George Bartley, the alleged murderer of Sergeant Dore in Boston, has been extradited. He arrived in Montreal Wednesday in custody of two detectives, and was sent on to Quebec for trial. A migration of Sioux into Canadian territory is reported to be taking place, sixty lodges having slipped past the United States troops and joined Sitting Bull in the vicinity of Fort Walsh. The Portuguese are greatly delighted with the discoveries of Stanley, which will enable them to extend their African trade, and are showering compliments upon him. The Italian Government has agreed to accept the arbitration of Germany on the difficulties that have arisen from the seizure of Italian vessels in the Black Sea by a Turkish man-of-war. This year's grain crop in Southern Russia is said to be the largest for a quarter of a century. Immense quantities of grain have been purchased by speculators at a very low price, in depreciated currency, and will be put on the market on the cessation of hostilities. At a meeting of five thousand representative business men at Chicago Thursday, resolutions were passed denouncing the demonetization of silver, demanding the restoration of silver coinage, and asserting that Government bonds are legally payable in silver. A Bill has been introduced into the United States Senate providing that in all prosecutions for bigamy or polygamy in Utah the fact that a man is himself a bigamist or polygamist shall be sufficient to ensure his rejection from the list of jurors. Samples of calicoes woven in America are being offered, says the Liverpool Courier, to large drapery houses in London at rather lower prices than the Lancashire marks can be bought for. The quality is considered generally to be quite equal to the home-made calicoes. Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., has been entertained at a banquet at St. James' Hall, in recognition of his appointment as First Lord of the Admiralty and of his services to the Conservative Party. I acknowledge the toast of his health he said the navy was in a better condition than it had been in for many years. The Nova Scotian Cabinet has been reconstructed. Hon. R. Boak, M.L.C., becoming Provincial Treasurer; Dr. Farrell, M.P.P. for Halifax, taking the seat at the Council vacated by the late James Cochran; and Mr. Albert Gayton, M.P.P. for Yarmouth, assuming charge of the Department of Works and Mines, in the place of Hon. R. Robertson, resigned. The submission of the Dankin Act law in Ashburnham village was petitioned for by the liquor dealers in the hope of shutting out the county vote under a mistaken view of the Act. It is now pretty certain that by law will be carried in the village, although the vote must be taken again on the 9th of January, along with the other municipalities comprising the county.

gratitude, the saintly resignation, and radiant triumph are indelibly with them forever. The Rev. Mr. Davis, her pastor, being absent in Europe at the time of her sickness, the Rev. Mr. Clark of Plymouth, was called to administer the sacrament to her.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Wingham, improved the event of her funeral, by a sermon from the words "Arise and depart, for this is not your rest." After which a large concourse of friends and sorrowing ones followed her remains to the spot where they are laid, awaiting the resurrection of the dead.

Oh may I triumph so, When all my warfare's past, And my last foe Under my feet at last.

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Oh how happy are they, who the Saviour obey, And have laid up their treasures above. On the evening of Aug. 5th, 1877, her happy soul passed away to be forever with the Lord. Her life was brief but it closed— "As sets the morning star, which goes Not down behind the darkened West, nor hides Obscured among the tempests of the sky, But melts away into the light of heaven."

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