



The Family Treasury.

So Strange.

So strange it seems, my friend, so strange That you Who never forget Our favors small, should not remember evermore God's mercies unto these!

The Mistress of Flaxhill Farm.

BY MRS. J. D. CHAPLIN.

Flaxhill farm included more than a hundred acres of highly cultivated land, and stood so high that it overlooked half the country, as well as miles of the winding river which is the glory of that part of New England.

Now Miss Patty had really no religious convictions whatever, but she knew that Methodism was an innovation on time-honored views in that region, and so she stamped out its down. She fancied she could stamp out its burning fire with one stroke of her indignant foot.

hospitality, but the truth was, her poor, tired, over-worked nature was wearing her out, and she was longing for the rest which the humble preacher had offered the weary and unhappy, while she sat unnoticed by the wood-box in the school-house.

A native Polynesian preacher, referring to this in a sermon, said, "This hawk aptly typifies Satan, who is ever seeking to destroy unwary souls. But the believer is encircled by the good hand of God, resolved to secure his safety; and continually feeds on the divine promises."

For the Young Folk.

The Chicken's Mistake.

BY PHOENIX CARY.

A little downy chicken, one day Asked leave to go on the water. When she saw a duck with her brood at play, Swimming and splashing about her.

The Chapel of St. George's, Windsor.

BY MRS. OLIPHANT.

The Chapel of St. George's, Windsor, now stands perfect, in a later architectural style than that of Edward III's reign—the richer, if not so graceful, "perpendicular," which came to full maturity in the days of Henry VII., and which is the latest development of purely Gothic architecture in England.

The Little Culprit.

School had begun. The boys and girls were in their places, and the master was hearing them spell; when all at once there was a soft, low knock at the door.

The child burst into a flood of tears, and sobbing out, "I'd rather stand in the corner," went there instantly, and turned her dear little face to the wall.

How some Ships are Scrubbed.

It seems that in several places in the world there are volcanoes under the sea. Such volcanoes, of course, do not send up volumes of flame and smoke. Instead, they pour forth streams of sulphurous acid vapor that mingle with the seawater.

True Peace.

In order to have peace to my spirit, I must either forget God, or falsify his character, or be reconciled to Him through the blood of the Cross.

At Sunset.

BY ANNIE R. ANNAN.

There comes a night, O dear and true! Along the path that we pursue; Its shadow drinks the morning dew;

Close Questions.

Your tempers. How are they? Do you become impatient under trial; fretful, when chided or crossed; angry, revengeful when injured; vain, when flattered; proud, when prospered; complaining, when chastened; unbelieving, when seemingly forsaken; unkind, when neglected. Are you subject to discontent, to ambition, to selfishness? Are you worldly?

God's People Safe.

On the island of Lifu is a species of hawk called the utru, which is very destructive to tame poultry as well as to wild birds. The natives have at ingenious device for thinning their numbers.

The Minister's Wife.

The minister's wife ought to be selected by a committee of the Church. She should be warranted never to have headache or neuralgia; she should have nerves of wire and sinews of iron; she should never be tired nor sleepy, and should be everybody's careful drudge; she should be cheerful, intellectual, pious, and domesticated; she should be able to keep her husband's house, darn his stockings, make his shirts, cook his dinner, light his fire, and copy his sermons; she should keep up the style of a lady on the wages of a day-laborer, and be always at leisure for "good works," and ready to receive morning calls; she should be Secretary to the Band of Hope, the Dorcas Society, and the Home Mission; she should conduct Bible-classes and mothers' meetings; she should make clothing for the poor and girdle for the sick; and finally, she should be pleased with everybody and everything, and never desire any reward beyond the satisfaction of having done her own duty and other people's too.—London Baptist Magazine.

A large assortment of new Colored Shirts, just opened for FRANK'S Perfect Fitting Shirt, 55 King Street West, Toronto.

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Christian Guardian AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1876.

A QUESTION FOR MINISTERS.

In discussing the orthodoxy of a Presbyterian minister of this city, the question was prominently raised as to how far it was right for a Christian minister in his sermons to unsettle and perplex the minds of his hearers with the doubts and questionings that may be passing through his own mind.

No one, we suppose, will justify a preacher in withholding his real sentiments, and preaching as true what he does not believe. This would be untruthful and immoral. Neither will it be questioned, that the preaching that leads the hearer to think and study for himself is better, than that which assumes that everything is to be accepted on the authority of the preacher's word.

However plausible it may sound to say, "let every one form a creed for himself independently," it will not bear scrutiny. The great majority of the people are utterly unequal to the task of personally grappling with the problems of theology, and meeting the cavils and objections of disbelievers.

Hearing of the trouble, Mr. James A. Mathewson, of Montreal, and some other gentlemen, went to Oka, and from thence to St. Scholastique. Mr. Mathewson went security for Pierre Beauvais, and the trial was postponed till the 24th inst.

you do not believe; if you are careful only to discuss the points on which you are either undecided or out of harmony with other and more ordinary men, you will win for yourselves the criticism pronounced by Dr. Johnson on Priestley: "He unsettles everything and settles nothing."

MORE OUTRAGES AT OKA.

Oka has been the scene of another of those outrages against the Indians, with which the public have become so familiar. It must be borne in mind that the Indians have lived on this land for generations; that even, their enemies being judges, it was intended they should draw their support from the soil;

And what would our readers suppose was the ground for all this inhuman barbarity? An allegation that he had broken a pane of glass, and used threatening language, in the month of October, 1874!

On the Saturday following the Tuesday on which Pierre Beauvais was subjected, without just cause, to this inhuman treatment, his brother, Louis Beauvais, went to Vaudreuil to send some lacrosse to Toronto. Shortly after there followed bullies Mallette, Fautoux, Lefebvre, and seven others in a sleigh. They found Beauvais at Vaudreuil Station, arrested and tied him, and Fautoux and Lefebvre brought him in their sleigh to St. Scholastique.

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Have not the Indians the same right to get their fuel-wood, and their living from the soil, now that they had formerly? Did not the original grant intend this much at least? As a specimen of the treatment the Protestant Indians receive, the reporter of the Witness mentions the following characteristic circumstance:—Last spring the wife of an Indian, a farmer, commonly known as Simeon, died.

How long are these cowardly and ungodly outrages to continue? How long will the country tolerate them, and Protestant politicians apologize for them, for fear of losing the support of the priests of Rome?

Since writing the above we learn that on Wednesday Rev. Mr. Parent went to St. Andrews and obtained warrants against Fautoux and Mallette, on which they were arrested on a charge, it is believed, although the specific charge has not been stated, of being dangerous to the peace and welfare of the community; in shorter terms, a nuisance.

THE NEW TITLE.

The proposal of Mr. Disraeli in the English Parliament to add the title of "Empress of India" to the Queen's title has caused a good deal of discussion both in and out of Parliament. It was argued that the title of Emperor had been associated with despotic governments rather than constitutional monarchs; that the common designation of the English Sovereign had gathered around itself a dignity and prestige which could not be increased by any un-English title;

We do not think the majority of Canadians will give themselves much anxiety about the matter. If it pleases any one over there, it does not hurt us. It will not amount to much, except in official proclamations.

THE GOLDEN TEXT.

Though many think the selection of a golden text, conveying the central thought of each lesson, is a great help to both scholars and teachers, some of the Sunday School papers object to it. The chief objection is that the Committee are to select the lessons without note or comment; but that the golden text is often made the means of putting a special interpretation on the lesson.

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ing heresy and skepticism, the religious instruction of the young should prepare them to give a reason for their faith, and to intelligently reject the false teaching to which they may be exposed.

DEATH OF REV. GEORGE McDUGALL.

Our heroic missionary, George McDougall, is no more. His brave and brotherly heart lies cold and pulseless beneath the northern snows. He has braved his last storm, and delivered his last testimony for his Divine Master. Never more shall his voice proclaim the blest evangel of life to the perishing Indians of the Northwest, or soothe the irritation of their warlike and impetuous spirits with words of peace.

We have little to add to our statement of last week respecting this distressing occurrence. The young man from whose letters we learned the facts mentioned is a nephew of Mr. J. E. Pell, of this city, and was one of the company of mounted police who volunteered to go out in search of Mr. McDougall.

The manner of his death, though painful, was a fitting close to his self-denying life. If the world shoud the plaudits of the soldier, who falls in the battle "with his back to the field and his feet to the foe," should not all Christian hearts honor the memory of the undaunted missionary, who quailed at no storm, and recoiled from no danger, and who stood till death at his perilous post? No friends soothed his last hours, or gathered up the words of trustful prayer that fell from his dying lips.

This letter was accompanied by a letter from Mr. McDougall to Mr. Ferrier of the Sunday School. The last of three letters written by Mr. Pell's friend stated that all hopes had been given up, and spoke of the anguish and distress of Mrs. McDougall on learning that the search for her husband had been in vain.

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stones several times and rather severely hurt. "A large crowd gathered at the hotel, but Mr. Chiniqux had entered by the private door, stones being thrown after him as he went in; an empty bottle struck a young man, cutting him badly. Mr. Chiniqux at one o'clock last night was not suffering much, but complained of his head and arm, which were bruised. The police, no doubt, did the best they could, and probably but for their efforts the disturbance would have been greater.

THE MONTREAL "GAZETTE" ON THE ULTRAMONTANE CONTROVERSY.

The Montreal Gazette somewhat warmly replies to our strictures on Mr. White's pamphlet in reply to Sir Alexander Galt. We cannot allow the Gazette to drag us into the discussion of the question, in its relation to political parties. We have not the least idea of excusing or defending either party, for pandering to Ultramontanism. The Gazette is quite earnest in its apologies for Rome; but finds it easier to raise party issues and personal charges, than to fairly answer our objections to Mr. White's pamphlet.

As if conscious of the weakness of its position, in laboring to explain away unquestionable facts, our contemporary raises a side issue, and attempts to draw a herring across the trail, by making a gratuitous personal attack upon the Editor of the GUARDIAN, in respect to his political views.

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THE WORK OF GOD.

Tidings of spiritual success continue to pour in from our Circuits. It is a remarkable year—a year of the right hand of the Most High. Our record of last week reported over two hundred conversions at Florence, more than two hundred accessions at Woodslee, and almost equally cheering indications from other points. To-day we rejoice to be able to place very similar intelligence before our readers, which we take from the correspondence of the week.

From Sarnia the pastor writes: "Our special services have been brought to a close. The interest exhibited from the beginning was deep and unflagging. The power of the Lord was nightly present to heal. Many signal answers to prayer were given. Persons who had strong prejudices against such meetings, and could not persuade themselves that any lasting good came out of them, were made the subjects of prayer, and are now the subjects of grace. Mr. Ross and Mr. Fessant each took a night every week, and thus largely contributed to the victory, if Jacob's seven years for Rachel, and Moses' forty days in the Mount passed away swiftly, so did our eleven weeks of divine and social fellowship pass away like a dream, leaving behind them imperishable memorials of the efficacy of the blood of sprinkling.

From Brantford we learn that there have been accessions to the Wellington Street Church, whilst at Brant Avenue Church a reception service was conducted, on a late Sabbath evening, by Brother Keefer, at which the right of baptism was administered to several candidates, and forty-two persons were received into membership, making an increase to that society, during the past few weeks, of about eighty.

From Peterboro' we also have cheering intelligence. Revival services are in progress in the new church, with most gratifying results. A correspondent from that point says: "There have been over one hundred and fifty seekers, of whom at least one hundred and ten professed to find peace before the close of last week. The work is exceedingly thorough. The pastors, Messrs. Willoughby and Watson, labor earnestly to impart all necessary instruction to enquirers. Frequently the Bible Class room is crowded with anxious ones, with whom the pastors converse and pray long after the general congregation is dismissed. Some of the Christian young women of the church have led the singing for the past month. They are now receiving help from some of the best singers in the choir, who are giving their own hearts to Christ."

From St. Williams Rev. Jas. Whiting says:—"Abundant showers of blessing are descending upon us. The Church has been aroused, and many scores of sinners have been aroused, and many savingly converted. Within the last three weeks twenty-three of the converts have joined the Church, and others, we believe, will follow." At Dundas a work of grace has extended to the Institute under the care of Rev. E. B. Ryckman. A large number of the boys in attendance there have been brought to Christ. Some of the accounts received from these lads by their friends are full of tender and touching interest.



Correspondence.

A PROTEST FROM THE PULPIT.

Last Sabbath evening the Rev. W. J. Hunter preached in the Dominion Church, Ottawa, to a large congregation...

ded this College, which is strictly religious, but not sectarian, is so generally appreciated by a Christian public...

A LIFE OF NINETY YEARS.

Mr. Editor, - By a letter received concerning a near relative, who is in his ninety-third year...

There are from 445 bones in childhood to 208 in old age and each bone has forty distinct appendages...

OUR NORTH-WEST MISSIONS.

Mr. Editor, - To our mind Mrs. Harris, of Fingal, has hit on a happy expedient, by which every lady in the land can practically show her sympathy...

FROM A LITTLE GIRL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, - Three or four years ago, when I was told you would read my paper...

TOBACCO vs. LIBERALITY.

Not long since I received a letter from a person holding a very respectable position...

ENQUIRY.

DEAR SIR, - One of the subjects in the third year's course of study for Probationers is, 'An Exegesis of Romans, by Whedon and Wesley.'

TOTAL DEPRIVITY.

Your correspondent has nothing positive to aver on this generally received doctrine of the Christian Church...

Our Church Work.

THORNDALE.

After Conference, a number of my old friends had the honor to call on me...

When I came to Thorndale last June, I found seven or eight GUARDIANS coming to the different appointments...

WOOD-GREEN S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

The first S. S. Anniversary yet held in the above named church, took place on Sunday and Monday (March 6th and 7th)...

MARRIAGE AND PRESENTATION.

The next evening a quite unique in this locality occurred; the church was crowded...

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PRELIGHSBURG MISSION.

Mr. Editor, - Thinking that a few lines from this part of the work might be well received, I write to mention a few things...

BELLEVILLE-BLEECKER ST. CIRCUIT.

This circuit was constituted last June, by setting off the Bleecker St. Church with a membership of thirty persons...

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