



The Family Treasury.

Thanksgiving.

I bless Thee, gracious Father, meekly kneeling Before Thee, while the daylight softly dies, In this calm hour mine inmost soul revealing To Thy most holy eyes.

The Cobbler of Hamburg.

BY JOHN WAUGH.

On a fine summer evening in the City of Hamburg, a shoemaker sat at work beneath an awning in front of his shop-window. Crowds of artisans were passing in the street, and above his head was a starling, which seemed to keep up a busy talk with its kind owner; for while it sang and chattered, he would sing one of the fine old German psalm tunes.

Christ's sake, to forgive us our sins. May He, also, make us more watchful over our words, that nothing proceed out of our mouth but that which is good to the use of edifying.

Selling His Soul.

A preacher was once down in a part of England where the greatest ignorance prevailed, along with a belief in witchcraft. One morning he got up early and met a laborer going to his work, and, after a variety of questions, he asked him if he had ever prayed to God.

The Clergyman and the Peddler.

BY FLETCHER BATES.

A clergyman who longed to trace Amid his flock a work of grace, And mourned because he knew not why You fleece kept wet while his kept dry.

Idle Words.

A Christian should be on the watch that in the daily discourse of life, and in its hours of relaxation, all do not run to waste and emptiness, but that there be ever a mixture of words wherewith one may edify another, and of sound speech that cannot be condemned.

An Eccentric Preacher.

Mr. Spurgeon, in his lecture on "Eccentric Preachers," gives the following account of Billy Dawson:—"On one occasion he was preaching about Noah's ark. He was boxed up in a pulpit, and, as he warmed to his subject, he found he had no room to suit action to his words and feelings, so he said, 'This won't do? so he opened the door and came down to the foot of the building, and, as if he had been actually at work on the building of the ark, he began to lay about him, cutting down free, and sawing up planks, and then began hammering away until he had made the ark, and then, warning the people that the flood was coming, he entreated them to come into the ark. He next lighted a fire, took an imaginary cauldron of pitch, and to complete his work, pitched it thoroughly all over, and then ascended the pulpit, banged the door to, and then, looking at his audience, said, in a solemn voice, 'And the Lord shut him in.' Mr. Paxton Hood, who told him the story, said that the people seemed positively alarmed, whilst Billy Dawson went on shouting, 'It's too late, now! It's too late, now! The flood's come, and you are lost.' And then he set to, and, basing his discourse on this scene, he preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified, with an earnestness which brought many a penitent sinner to the footstool of divine grace. God had given him the bump of dramatizing, and he could not help using it to a good purpose, too. On another occasion he was preach-

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For the Young Folk.

"How Much" and "How Many?"

"How much was he worth when he died?" "A couple of millions clear. Plenty of railway stock beside. And a part of a mine, I hear; There's few could follow where he did lead: He died a very rich man indeed!"

The Stranger's Story.

"That boy will break my heart!" was the passionate exclamation of a respectable-looking woman, as, with an appealing look, she addressed a strange gentleman who passed by at the time. A large, overgrown boy, of more than fifteen years, had leaped over a fence the moment before, and now, feeling himself beyond her reach, stood laughing defiantly at his mother, who had undertaken to reprove him for some mean conduct.

Reading the Bible.

"Oh, Mother!" said Willie, "I have read five chapters this morning." A look of pride flashed on his bright countenance as he closed his Bible, and uttering these words looked up in his mother's face. He felt he had done something great, and expected commendation; for the little boy loved praise, as many boys do.

Sister Jo.

Please don't get married, sister Jo! I want you home; I love you so! Think how lonely the hours will be, When you are gone, for little me!

Unto All.

There is something inexpressibly beautiful in the thought that God's Spirit is imparted unto all. The rock is hard; but its hardness cannot prevent the warm beam from falling upon it. The heart may be hard; but the Spirit's influence, shot like a ray from the orb of God's mercy, falls lovingly upon it, and no hardness can turn it back.

tions, and prevented me from even occupying others. I next saw that if I ever expected to do well, I must govern my temper, suppress my insufferable pride, which had developed by this time into impudence, and practise obedience and respectfulness to my superiors. The disgrace of having been turned out of several situations, to the certain knowledge of my acquaintances, mortified me. To friends I explained, when opportunity afforded, that it was not my fault, but that of tyrannical masters; but no use; they had their own opinion, which was the correct one. My ill-fortune had its good effect upon me. After the exercise of patience and practise of self-culture for a long time, I succeeded in obtaining another situation. When entering upon it, I made up my mind to try better conduct, and be as respectful as possible to all around me. I was able to keep my place this time, and learned that steadiness, honesty, and respectfulness to superiors, were indispensable to a young man's success.

"Young man," he continued, "if you wish ever to prosper in the world, you must begin by obeying the Fifth Commandment, which is, 'Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.' If you neglect this, take care that you come not under the curse which declares that 'The eye that mocketh at his father and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.'"

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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

The Pope and His Visitors. The N. Y. Christian Advocate says the Pope is playing a heavy game with foreign pilgrims of late.

Methodism in Switzerland. The Rev. Dr. Johnson, in a letter from Switzerland to the Notices, says:—I have been greatly surprised with the favorable and promising position which Methodism already holds in Germany.

The Formed Wine Controversy. Our Irish Wesleyan friends have taken up the question of the use of fermented or unfermented wine, with undue seriousness.

Westeyan Missions. At the recent Missionary Anniversary for the London District, held in Exeter Hall, Mr. H. H. Fowler presided.

The report stated that the income, in all, had been £190,000 the last year, including special contributions.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Canadian Monthly for November opens with an article on British Columbia and its relation to the Dominion.

Miscellaneous Old and New. By John Cotton Smith, D.D. Second edition. New York: T. Whitaker, publisher.

OUR ADVERTISEMENTS.—All our business readers should know that the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN is an excellent medium for advertising.

We are glad to learn that the mission work in Montreal is making most encouraging progress.

More than a year ago we gave a favorable notice in the GUARDIAN of the Rev. L. N. Beaudry's book, entitled, "Spiritual Struggles of a Roman Catholic."

We regret to learn that Rev. L. B. Howard, of Dundas, has been laid aside from his work for several weeks, through ill-health.

Rev. L. N. Beaudry, Montreal, acknowledges the receipt, during week ending Nov. 11th, of Thanksgiving service collection, Three Rivers, P.Q., per Rev. A. Dremann, \$6.50 for Poor Fund.

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—Dawson Brothers, of Montreal, are publishing a quarto work, with thirty photographic plates, on "Our Birds of Prey; or, the Eagles, Hawks, and Owls of Canada," by Henry S. Vennor, of the Canadian Geological Survey.

—An English paper announces that Gen. Schenck is about to write a book on his "London Experiences," in which he is expected to hold up the mirror to English people and their habits.

—The "Speaker's Commentary" has hardly been completed before it seems likely to be superseded. Messrs. Cassell has just concluded an arrangement for the publication of a new Commentary on the whole Bible.

PERSONAL.

—Hon. Alex. McKenzie has returned from the Centennial Exhibition.

—It is rumored that Queen Victoria has written a letter to the Czar deprecating war most earnestly.

—Cardinal Antonelli was buried on Tuesday night, 7th inst., in his family mausoleum, in the cemetery of San Lorenzo.

—Mr. Lefflamme, M.P., for Jacques Cartier, was sworn in as Minister of Inland Revenue last Thursday.

—Principal Dawson delivered the inaugural lecture of the session of McGill University last Thursday night. His subject was "Student Life in Canada."

—The Rev. Geo. H. Cornish, we regret to hear, has been laid up since Oct. 31st. He has suffered at times intense pain, but the doctor pronounces his case progressing favorably.

—The Hon. A. A. Dorion, Chief Justice of the Province, was sworn in at Government House, at three o'clock last Thursday afternoon.

—The African explorer, Gordon, intends to continue his explorations in consequence of having discovered a branch of the White Nile, which may possibly enable him to avoid the rapids which hitherto barred his progress.

—Dr. Jeffers, President of the Toronto Conference, lectured on "Our New Dominion," on the 30th ult., in Renfrew.

—On the evening of the 19th inst., Mr. Thomas Foster and wife, who are about to leave the North neighborhood, were invited to the residence of Mr. Orr, along with a number of friends.

—Bishop Jones was so devoted to his work, and such was his sense of duty, says the New York Advocate, that "twelve times he passed within the sound of the roar of Niagara before he saw it, and then he preached. He rode clear by the Yosemite, and did not stop to look at its gorge; went near the great trees, and never beheld them."

NOTICE.

ME. EDITOR.—Will you permit me, through the GUARDIAN, to say to the brethren who so cheerfully gave their names to the college agent last June for \$25 each to assist in the erection of a Hall of Science, in connection with Victoria College, that one-half of the subscription was due on the first of this month; therefore, as treasurer of the Building Fund, I would be glad to have it sent to me as soon as possible.

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

The Quarterly Meeting at Newburgh, a week ago last Sunday, was one of great spiritual profit.

A gracious revival of religion is in progress at the Clark's Mills' appointment, Newburgh Circuit. About forty have professed conversion, and some are still seeking.

The venerable Richard Phelps preached at the Grimby Quarterly Meeting a week ago last Sunday. The sermon is spoken of as sound, practical, and profitable.

The Lord is graciously reviving His work at the Stockdale appointment, on the Frankfort Circuit. The meeting has been going on fifteen nights, and over forty have presented themselves as seekers of salvation.

The work on the new Methodist Church in Kincardine is rapidly approaching completion. The plastering is nearly finished.

Rev. John Webster writes: The Stayner Quarterly Meeting was held on the 5th inst. The presence of the Lord was manifest, and we had an excellent meeting.

Revival services have been in progress during some weeks past in the Methodist Church, Galt, with encouraging results.

Rev. W. Rylance, of North Augusta Circuit, writes:—Our hearts have been cheered by the Divine recognition, in the revival of His work.

We are pleased to learn that there are encouraging signs of revival and progress on the Peterboro' District.

Three tea-meetings have recently been held on the Watford Circuit, one in the village of Watford, and one on the Second Line of Warwick.

The special services at the Belmore appointment, on the Howick Circuit, have closed.

Bro. W. Henderson, Woodlee, says:—Our circuit is still favored with times of refreshing.

The ministers of our Church stationed in Hamilton have organized a "Preachers' Meeting," its sittings to be held on the first Monday in each month.

Rev. J. Philp, of St. Mary's, writes:—We have completed the enlargement of our lecture-room, at a cost of \$500.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, having recently made a tour of visitation, expresses himself as generally satisfied with the spirit of harmony and zeal prevailing in the Church of England.

The Anglican Bishopric of Calcutta, after having been in the market a long time, has finally been taken by Dr. Johnson, the Archdeacon of Chester, who is classed as a High, but not Advanced Churchman.

The Paris Gaulois says that 180 Christians have been massacred at Jambali, a small town in Roumelia, near Adrianople, containing about 5,000 souls.

The latest estimate of the number of people in the world and their division into religions is thus tabulated:—Protestants, \$9,000,000; Roman Catholics, 170,000,000; Greek Church, 76,000,000; Jews, 5,000,000; Mohammedans, 160,000,000; heathen, 788,000,000—total, 1,288,000,000.

The American Church Missionary Society (Low Church Protestant Episcopal) held its seven-seventh anniversary recently at Philadelphia.

The Commission of the Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops, on the "Church of Jesus" in Mexico, has appointed a committee to co-operate with Dr. Riley, bishop-elect of the Mexican Church.

The number of Church members in the Methodist California Chinese Mission is 38; probationers, 10; assistant preachers, 2.

For their Centennial Fund the Baltimore Baptists have raised \$10,400. As a feature of special note, the debt to be cancelled is that of \$37,000 on the Leadenhall Colored Church.

The American Bible Society has modified the administration of its Home Department by a considerable reduction in the number of State agents.

A Wesleyan missionary, writing from Ceylon, says:—A short time since, a Buddhist priest renounced the Priesthood, and sought Christian baptism of the Church Missionary Society's missionaries.

The New York City Mission has under its care thirty missionaries, who make 60,000 visits every year, carrying blessings to 20,000 families.

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CURRENT NEWS.

The Dunkin Bill has been carried in the county of Frontenac.

Chief Justice Waite has decided that women cannot practise as lawyers in U. S. courts.

The Austrian Government has declined to take any part in the Paris Exposition of 1878.

The second session of the third Parliament of the Province of Quebec was opened last Friday afternoon.

Advices from Lima report the defeat in a three hours' engagement of the rebel chief Pizarro and his flight to Bolivia with five followers.

Cardinal Simeoni, recently Papal Nuncio at Madrid, has been appointed to succeed the late Cardinal Antonelli as Secretary of State to the Pope.

The Recorder of Dublin, at the recent licensing sessions, regretted that Dublin "was fast becoming a sink of intoxication, reeking up to heaven every night."

Reports from Quebec are to the effect that the dullness in the square timber trade continues, and the prospects are unfavorable for heavy operations in the woods.

Two hundred and fifty cars, loaded with freight, leave Point Levis every week for stations on the Intercolonial Railway, and the traffic west is daily increasing.

The correspondent of the London Times writes that ten per cent. of the Spanish recruits are either dead or in hospital within a month of their taking the field in Cuba.

Steps have been taken to prevent the famine impending in the Shalopore district, India. Relief works have been established, grain has been stored in the district, and 45,000 of the inhabitants have been given employment.

The Victoria Railway was opened last Thursday, from Lindsay to Kimmuat, a distance of thirty-three miles, over which the train passed in little more than an hour.

It is estimated that the demand for cotton in Europe next year will exceed the supply.

A telegram from Japan, dated Nov. 6, says a Japanese naval and military force attacked the insurgents that day at Hagri, in the Province of Nagato, when the insurgents were beaten and fled.

A despatch from Cairo to the Daily News announces that Freeman, who was exploring Central Africa with Lucas, died October 5th, and his body will be brought to Cairo.

Work on the Canada Pacific is rapidly progressing, and the contractors intend forwarding it as much as possible during the winter.

The Bishop of Manchester has been asked to act as arbitrator in the dispute between the masters and men in the Ashton district with regard to the late reduction in wages, and it is probable that a meeting of the representatives on either side will be held.

The Polish citizens of Posen recently petitioned the Emperor William that Polish might be retained as the official language in that province concurrently with German.

Dr. Allen Thomson, at the recent meeting of the British Association, exhibited and described two skulls from the Andaman Isles, and referred to the custom the natives had of preserving portions of their friends' skeletons and wearing them as ornaments.

Mr. C. D. Tivoli informs the Times that the formation of a gigantic company for working all the railways of the kingdom is contemplated in Italy. It would have a capital of some £24,000,000 and would be composed of a group of capitalists, headed by the Duke of Galliera, and composed of French and Italian capitalists.





