

The Family Treasury.

Aberglaube.

Who has never lifted her veil?
Who has never looked on his face?
Her hand, on the shining temple,
Is warm, and cool, and pale...

A Wife's Influence.

The reader may be reminded of I Cor. vii. 14 and I Peter iii. 1, in reading the following.
The will of Commodore Vanderbilt has given rise to long litigation—a son (Cornelius) and a daughter contesting it on account of alleged "undue influence."

Religious Papers.

The Presbyterian offers a significant testimony on the value of religious papers:
"Some people spend their last days in stupid wonder as to why their children have all left the Presbyterian Church."

"We can tell, when we take church collections, who take the Church papers. They are those that give in proportion to ability, and those who are without do not give according to ability or enlightened gratitude."

The Edible Bird-Nests.

Some of the choicest delicacies of the Chinese kitchen are prepared from the so-called bird's nest, the nest of the Salangana, and more than 8,000,000 of these nests are annually imported to China, representing a value of about £300,000.

A Charming Incident.

In the City of Brotherly Love some kindly souls built, years ago, a hospital for little children. There the sick and deformed little ones are taken out of their wretched homes, and nursed with the tenderest and most skillful care.

Before They Call I Will Answer.

A Dutch preacher one evening held a meeting in a strange city. While he was preaching, and enforcing upon the hearts of his hearers the doctrine of the cross, a police-officer came into the room and forbade him to go on.

speaker said "Amen," he saw his prayer answered. Both fell on their knees, and together thanked the Lord, who is a hearer of prayer, and who never leaves nor forsakes his servants.—Christian Era.

The Two German Scholars.

There are so many parallels between George Henry Lewis and Bayard Taylor that their deaths, only a few days apart, can scarcely fail to be a remarkable circumstance.

Depth of American Lakes.

There is a mystery about the American lakes. Lake Erie is only 60 to 70 feet deep. But Lake Ontario is 592 feet deep, 230 feet below the tide level of the ocean.

Activity not Energy.

There are some men whose failure to succeed in life is a problem to others, as well as to themselves. They are industrious, prudent and economical; yet, after a long life of striving, old age finds them still poor.

A Saucy Dog in the Pulpit.

When Spurgeon was still almost a lad, says the London Echo, he was sent down to preach for an aged Baptist minister in the country.

Spirit Catching.

A smart man in Boston caught a "spirit" a few days ago, but it proved to have corsets on, and the ribs underneath were as sound as a fiddle.

ished into thin air. It was wonderful. Awe fell on the feeble minds of the credulous company. It was no longer possible to doubt. Had they not seen and heard, for these visitants from the other world conversed in their own celestial voices, and described the pleasures they enjoyed in that land where the wicked cease from troubling.

Hearts Overworked.

No organ in the heart is so liable to be overworked as the heart. When every other part of the body sleeps, it keeps on its perpetual motion. Every increased effort or action demands from the heart more force.

Children in Heaven.

Heaven is the children's home. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." They go out of this world by millions every year.

Good Words for the Young.

The Children.
The children in the children's land,
You innocent, joyous ones;
Your daughters, with souls of sunshine;
Your buoyant and laughing sons...

The Funniest General in all the World.

Ever so long ago there lived and fought in Germany a mighty general, and he was awfully funny. I think he was about the funniest general in all the world.

grows jolly and mellow, and his heart gets warm, and his sternness all melts away like a glacier in the spring sunshine. Send the children of the town out of the gates to him. Tell them to cling about his knees, and climb up into his lap, and when he begins to pity them, and grow fond of them, tell them to beg mercy for us, and the footless poor of Naumburg.

When Procopius saw them coming he seemed mightily pleased, and with large eyes and puffing lips he waddled out to meet them. The little girls seized him around his funny legs, and begged him tight, and the little boys all began to say:
"O, good Procopius, we've come to you to protect us."

What could Procopius do? He tried to be hard, but it was impossible. So he sat down under a big cherry-tree near by, and the boys and girls in a few minutes were running all over him like goats over a mountain.

Bad Wages.

"I have left my place, mother," said a poor boy when he returned from his work.
"Why have you left?" said the mother.
"Was your master unkind to you?"
"No, mother, he was kind enough," said the boy.

Aching Hearts.

At the monthly missionary meeting, held on a recent evening in Dr. Crosby's Church, in Fourth Avenue, New York, Ralph Wells closed his remarks with this little incident:
"Forty years ago," said Mr. Wells, "when I was a schoolboy in Boston, close by our school was the Asylum for the Blind, of which Laura Bridgman was an inmate."

Our Sunday School Work. Sabbath, January 26th, 1879. (FIRST QUARTER.) INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSON.—No. 4. THE BUILDERS INTERRUPTED; or, A Persistent Work.—Neh. iv. 7-18.

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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Coal and Gold in Africa. The Glasgow Herald quotes a letter from a member of the Free Church Mission at Livingstonia...

An Ancient City. The ancient city of Damascus, for so many ages the centre of a brisk market...

Have Foreign Missions Done Any Good? At a woman's missionary meeting held recently in London...

Deaths in the Royal Family. Her Majesty has had born to her no less than 26 grandchildren...

Estate of Napoleon III. The Civil Tribunal of the Seine commenced recently the hearing of the suit for some time past pending...

PERSONAL.

Rev. C. Hamilton, Berrie, some weeks ago was presented with whip and set of harness valued at \$30.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for January has been received from the Methodist Book Concern, New York...

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

Toronto Conference. A very successful reunion was held in the Town Hall by the Methodist Church on New Year's night.

was a magnificent tray containing a suitable inscription. It was richly deserved, as Mrs. Jones is not only an intelligent instructor...

London Conference. Rev. W. Henderson writes:—Some \$200 have been raised for the Sabbath-schools on the Blenheim Circuit...

The Rev. J. McCartney, of Parkhill (Sarnia District), was at the latter, and delivered an eloquent address. At a Sabbath-school entertainment in Thorndale...

Montreal Conference. A revival is in progress in this church, which is growing in interest and attendance.

Waterloo. Rev. J. Wilson, pastor. Over 300 scholars and their friends were entertained at the S. S. festival on New Year's eve.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

From five to ten thousand dollars are contributed yearly by the Friendly Island converts to the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

FROM THE MISSION ROOMS.

The treasurers acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—Wilton, per Conference Treasurer, 2nd remit. \$75 00

A SONG OF QUIBER.

Over the hill, the valley seen,
The air is heavy with snow's blast.
And I press, to my friends to-night,

SERMON.

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HELP FOR THOSE OFF TRACK.

When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.
I have thought in the midst of this series of sermons

Blessed be God there is a full loaf for every one that wants it. Bread enough and to spare.
This sermon was delivered at the Master Street Hospital, in Philadelphia, on Monday evening, the 11th inst.

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A VISIT TO EPWORTH.
I had not thought of seeing Epworth. It was not on my programme; but passing Owston Ferry, on the Trent, where the celebrated tombstone is erected which the English clergyman would not allow to be placed in the churchyard

Correspondence.

TORONTO CIRCUIT.
The missionary meetings in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada on the Jarvis Circuit were held on Sabbath, the 16th ult., and the four following evenings. Unusual interest was manifested by our Methodist friends

THE ITALIAN CLERGY.

The Italian Bishops are now, for the most part, mere creatures of the Jesuits. They are utterly destitute of personal initiative, and are seldom gifted with either talent or learning.
The inferior clergy are at once poor and ignorant.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

My letters for the last two years have, I believe, been principally concerning the work out west of this place; hence, I have thought that a word about home might not be amiss now.
First, in regard to the spiritual state of the people.

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PERTH CIRCUIT.

DEAR SIR.—Allow me to make a few remarks on the state of the good work in Perth, and in relation to our beloved pastor, Rev. Jacob Freshman.

so soothing and somnolent, that they glow...

A Cheap Ice-House.

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Do the papers who advertise them ever think of this, in reckoning up their profits? We do not speak of those who sell them, they are hopeless...

Cannot something be done?—Christian Weekly.

WELL TAKEN.—In answer to the objection so frequently made that "you cannot make men sober by Act of Parliament," an exchange well remarks:—We ask no law to make men sober...

Twelve months ago the Most Rev. Dr. Warren, the newly-appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Ferns, stood up in the Cathedral of Eniscorthy and solemnly vowed that, God helping him, he would never henceforth touch, taste, nor handle intoxicating liquors.

House and Farm.

Agricultural Education.

For a man to succeed in any industry he must have a thorough knowledge not only of the materials he works with and the best methods of using them, but he must know something of their relations with other matter.

Another short illness Father Fletcher departed this life September 26th, 1878, in the 69th year of his age, full of peace in God and hope of eternal rest.

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with triumphant faith and joyful expectation of the "eternal weight of glory" just beyond. The Lord Jesus was pleased to draw aside, in some measure, the veil from heavenly things...

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