

Bouth's Department.

Original and Selected. Bible Enigma.

No. 228.

An Acrostic.

- 1. This be Thine enemies for ever made, Before Thy throne cast down and lowly laid. 2. By this Thine own, made perfect in Thy sight...

The initials give a title of our Blessed Lord. F. M. E. Home Circle.

Curious Questions.

No. 73.

A Scotchman I was. I lived in the fourteenth century, heir to the throne of Scotland, then claimed by Edward, King of England.

No. 74. Form a word square of four words, each composed of the same four letters.

No. 75. Put a word into each space and form a good student's motto: — much — is — to — wisdom — gold — to — understanding — to — chosen — silver.

No. 76. From each sentence form a suitable word:

- 1. Lo! this is pity. 2. Reason going it calm. 3. I hurt me Sam. 4. Pointing to a cross.

No. 77. What is it supposed is the meaning of a dog's bark? Do they bark in a natural state?

Find answers to the above—write them down—and see how they agree with the answers to be given next week.

Answer to Bible Enigma.

No. 227.

- 1. K is s. Mark xiv. 44. [xxxvi. 5. 2. I dume a. Ezek. xxxv. 14, 15; 3. S all u. Neh. xii. 7. 4. Hiddeke l. Dan. x. 1-8.

KISH—SAUL.

Answers to Curious Questions.

- No. 66. Julius. No. 67. Philemon. No. 68. Patara. No. 69. Phoebe. No. 70. A spoon. No. 71. Completed Poetry.

No. 72. LOSE ONLY SLOE EYES

We must ever remember that there are three things from which we cannot escape—the eye of God, the voice of our conscience, and finally the stroke of death.

Norman Macleod tells a story of a rather gluttonous Presbyterian minister who used to look at the dinner before saying grace, and if it was a good one began, "Bountiful Jehovah," etc.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Paul Vindicated.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON ACTS XXI. 17-26.

(Continued.)

Canon Farrar's attempt, and especially that of Conybear and Howson, to clear 'poor Paul,' and at the same time condemn him, and the Apostle James and the mass of Jewish Christians at Jerusalem, is to my mind so unreasonable and idle, that I would hardly trust myself to comment.

And why, I again ask, are we called on to believe that Paul made even a mistake, when he did what James the apostle and all the elders at Jerusalem counselled and advised? Has he ever said so, or intimated any such thing? If he has, when was it? and where? Has any other inspired writer ever told us so? I know of no such case.

Then again we have the Epistle to the Galatians, in which the apostle energetically, lucidly, and successfully, opposes the doctrine of the Judaizing teachers, showing that the Jewish rites were not to be at all performed by Gentile converts.

Then there is the Epistle to the Hebrews. Evidently they were in danger of abandoning the Christian faith and of becoming content with their old ceremonial, if they still clung to it, or if going back to it, if they had already abandoned it.

And now the question recurs again: Is there any clear scriptural evidence that the Jews on becoming Christians, and being formed into Christian assemblies, were required to forsake Moses, and abolish circumcision and "the customs"?

Once more. When the elders at Jerusalem and the Apostle James, told Paul that they had heard that he had been teaching the Jews every where among the Gentiles, to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs, here was surely an opportunity for him to state the fact fully and explicitly, if only it had been true.

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ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." How comes it that he did not add, if it had been in reality the case, "But now at last, and right glad am I to be able to say so by divine authority, we have been permitted, nay, commanded, to throw off this galling yoke?"

And here I might rest the case, I conclude that there is positively not a particle of evidence that Paul "failed" or did wrong on the occasion referred to in Acts xxi: I deny in toto that the Jewish Christians were "required" to forsake Moses, and to neglect to circumcise their children, or that they were forbidden to offer the established sacrifices, and "walk after the customs."

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(Conclusion next week.)

For the Christian Messenger.

Religion in Schools.

The following is from a speech delivered in St. James's Hall, London, by Cardinal Archbishop Manning, June 27, 1882:

"There was a time when Christianity pervaded the whole of the day, pervaded the books that were read. Either explicitly or implicitly the whole of the instruction of the schools was pervaded with Christian faith; and the children who were taught, not only directly but indirectly, not only consciously but unconsciously, were being trained and taught and fashioned and framed as Christians.

The above remarks were intended for Britain and Ireland, and in the main were just and timely. A few of the expressions used would, however, need qualifying in order to be acceptable to some of the Evangelical Protestant denominations; but with such qualifications they will be endorsed by all who hold that children should be indoctrinated into the Christian faith simultaneously with being made acquainted with the truths of science.

Indigestion is a providential hint; dyspepsia is a providential kick; and colic is a providential grip.

be understood or interpreted adversely to the teachings of the Roman Catholic faith. And in the same way, though not in equal degree, the State Church of Britain has thought it necessary to guard itself against the Dissenters, and the Dissenters against the State Church. But all such fears and measures were unnecessary and childish, and fraught with evil.

Religion is thus divorced, and irrevocably so, from Common School Education; all that remains is to substitute denominationalism for it, and that is precisely what by certain churches is desired. The demand is for separate, that is denominational schools, in which schools the tenets of the several denominations shall be taught.

Wolfville, May 21, 1883.

Temperance.

An old man in an alm-house stated that for sixty years he had spent sixpence a day in drink, but had never been intoxicated. A gentleman who heard the statement made the following curious and suggestive calculation:— 365 sixpences in one year amount to..... £9 2 5 In sixty years it would be..... £547 10 0

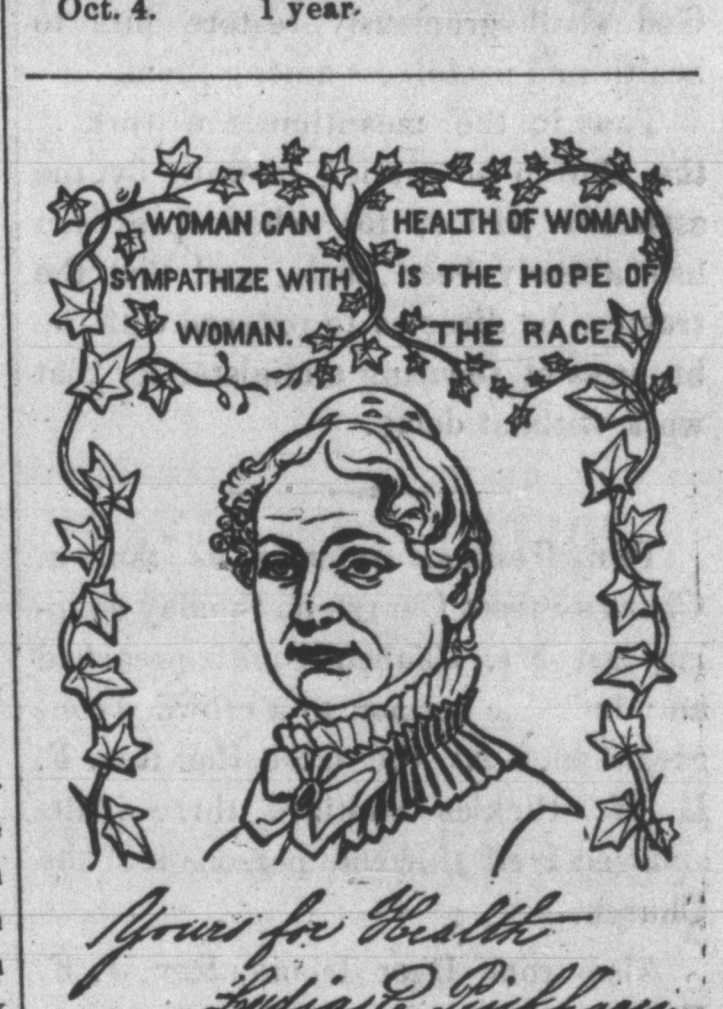
At the close of a five nights blue ribbon mission at Driffield, amongst several who came forward to sign the pledge was Mr. Thomas Raylor, grocer and wine merchant, who signed the pledge and donned the blue amidst deafening cheers. He said that he intended to put his remaining stock of wine "down the sink," as he was determined to have nothing further to do with the traffic in any form.

It is alleged that "a careful statistical investigation among the Good Templars of an entire county has proved the smoking teetotalers to be over five times more liable to break their pledges than those who abstain from tobacco; and as the temperance pledge requires the 'discountenancing of the practices and causes of intemperance,' it is felt by a growing section of teetotalers that consistency demands a 'thoroughgoing' badge to indicate their attitude towards this."

"Diogenes once spied a young man coming out of a tavern or place of entertainment, who, perceiving himself observed by the philosopher, with some confusion stepped back again, that he might, if possible, preserve his fame with that severe person. But Diogenes told him, Quanto magis intraveris tanto magis eris in caupona; "The more you go back, the longer you are in the place where you are ashamed to be seen."

He who reigns within himself and rules passions, desires, and fears, is more than a king.

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