

Sunday Reading.

"IN CANADIAN CARS."

An Article by J. E. Budget Meakin, in the "Christian."

"Glad to see you show your colors so bravely." "Yes, we found it very helpful in our parish, but I thought of discontinuing it abroad."

The two speakers, wearers of blue-and-white ribbons on their coats, stood on the platform of a Canadian Pacific Railway car, enroute for Vancouver. Strangers no longer, their conversation soon drifted to topics that showed them to be linked by more than temperance principles, for both were children of the King. Fellow-Christians were soon discovered on board, including eight lady missionaries of different societies, bound for China, and some eastern farmers, going west to settle, as well as a Christian Jap. A still more pleasant surprise was the discovery of a dozen or more among 150 Chinamen on board who professed Christianity, and as many more who had been Sunday-school scholars in the United States.

No time was lost in making arrangements for meetings, during the week of the trip, and by the courtesy of the successive conductors, these were held regularly in the dining car—bible and prayer meetings for christians in the mornings, services of song for the Chinese, and public gospel meetings in the afternoon, while on one evening a costume lecture on the Moors was given by the writer. Altogether, the journey, which had been looked forward to with dread by many, judging only from experiences in our little island home, passed all too quickly, for we had blessed times. One needs, however, some idea of the geography of these luxurious American trains, on one of which I write, to understand the possibility of such experiences as we have had, and the enterprising Canadian Pacific line is well to the force with every improvement. The corridor system being universal, intercourse among the hundreds on board is unrestricted, and between meals the dining cars are always available for entertainment. It is a wonder that they are not more often requisitioned for gospel work by christian travellers; perhaps the experience here narrated may afford suggestions to others. Many saunter into the meetings out of curiosity, or to while away the time, whom it would be difficult to induce to attend a regular place of worship, and those who come cannot fail to be blessed. Many of the train employees said it was quite a treat for them, their opportunities of attending services were so scant. An American bishop recently described before an English audience the work accomplished in his cathedral, the smallest known, a specially built car, ninety feet by ten feet, followed by the one in which he lived.

As far as Winnipeg the party of Christians included the Rev. Louis Byrde, of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, who is addressing various American colleges on his way to take up mission work in Hawaii and the S. P. G. The Americans of the party were from Mr. Simpson's 'Christian Alliance,' in New York. Later on, an American Methodist missionary and his wife, returning to China, joined the party, and as several more are to meet at Vancouver to cross in the same vessel, a continuation of these good times is confidently expected.

Some most encouraging testimonies were contributed by passengers picked up en route, and several testified to blessing received. One old farmer told how "it wasn't no long sermons as brought me in, but just what I heard an old Methodist brother say in a prayer-meeting once, when I was a lad of seventeen. I knew times were bad for him, with a large family and what not, and when I heard him stand up there and say how good the Lord had been to him, and the tears running down his dear old wrinkles, and I knew he meant it, says I to myself, 'That's the summat like religion, an' there'll come a time when I shall be wantin' it too.' So I made sure of it there and then, by just taking God at his word. And I tell you what, boys, I ain't sorry for't yet, nor am't likely to be."

At the Sunday afternoon service, one of our fellow-passengers, a young man, gave his heart to God, but he was not the only one helped. At one point a German minister came on board, who joined in, in his mother tongue, and related how three years ago last August he had fallen in with another band of missionaries westward bound, in charge of a venerable gentleman, whose name he knew not, who had sung all day in the cars. God grant that many more such may follow in their footsteps. One old gentleman declared that he could never tell the good done to his own soul by contact with the young ladies who were leaving their happy homes to bear the gospel to the heathen; he had spent his days for the most part far away from Christians, and the time passed on that train would never be forgotten. Another, who returned with added zeal to his work, as a result of these times of refreshing, was a Baptist missionary to the Indians. None of us failed to enjoy and benefit from our somewhat novel experiences in a railway train.

The Chastening Rod.

"Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest." The judgment of man would hardly reach that conclusion. Was Job blessed as one messenger after another hurried into his house with evil tidings? 'No,' says the man of the world, 'he was miser-

able and much to be pitied.' But 'we have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.' The latter end of Job was better than the beginning. When men find trouble and sorrow, and their heart is brought down with labor it is a painful process; all the same they are blessed. For the Lord doth not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men; though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion to the greatness of his mecry.

CHURCH NEWS.

Roman Catholic.

The Roman Catholics of India number 1,500,000, or more than one half of all who bear the christian name.

The death of Father Dawson, a well known priest in the upper provinces, at the advanced age of 84 years, has been announced.

The Pope has instructed the bishops in Brazil to make provision for the better education of the clergy, whose ignorance, he declares, is causing many evils.

During the past year 109 persons have been baptized in St. Peter's church, North end, nine of these being converts. The individual communions numbered 15,710. There had been 27 deaths and 19 marriages.

The Christmas midnight mass in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, Charlottetown, was more than usually impressive. An immense audience, exceptionally fine music, an eloquent discourse suitable to the occasion, and devout and reverent attention were the distinguishing features of the service.

The funeral service of the Right Honorable Sir John D. Thompson, was, in the numbers in attendance, in the interest taken therein, in the respect shown to his memory by all classes and conditions, and in the impressive and solemn ceremonies connected therewith, the most imposing pageant ever witnessed in Canada. The homage thus paid to departed worth was sincere and general, and in his removal the public feeling was one of genuine regret.

Episcopalian.

Of 2,250,000 christians of India, 300,000, including 70,000 European soldiers, are reckoned as belonging to the church of England.

Archdeacon Farrar's first sermon was delivered on the day of his ordination, in the workhouse chapel at Salisbury, England, on December 25th, 1854.

Rev. Mr. McKeil of the church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, was made the happy possessor of a valuable set of furs from his parishioners as a Christmas gift.

The new Cathedral at Hamilton, Bermuda, was dedicated on the 21st ult., by the Archdeacon, Bishop Jones being unable to come from Newfoundland for that purpose. Twelve clergymen took part in the services. The commander of the forces, the admiral and their staffs, and representatives from the army and navy were present. The Cathedral is much admired.

During the past week the Rev. Mr. DeSoyres of this city was presented with a numerous signed address from the members of his church and congregation expressive of their high regard for him as a man, a christian, and a minister. The spirit of the address may be gathered from the following sentence—"We desire to express to you our deep appreciation of the services you have rendered us in unfolding to us the truths of God's Word, and maintaining in all their grandeur and simplicity the true principles of the church of England as established at the ever memorable Reformation." The reply was along the same lines and indicated a strong affection existing between the rector and his people.

Presbyterian.

The new church at Shediac to replace the one that was burnt is expected to be ready for occupancy in a month.

Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of the Sussex Presbyterian church, who was recently made the recipient of a fur lined coat by the male members of his congregation, was presented with a plush covered easy chair a few days ago by his lady friends.

Rev. Mr. MacFarland, who has been for some years the pastor of the reformed Presbyterian church in this city, has severed his connection therewith and with his family has removed to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. MacFarland were active workers in the temperance cause and other good causes and their removal is much regretted by their fellow laborers.

Baptist.

Rev. Mr. Weeks, who has been ill for some time at Sussex, has been removed to the General Hospital in this city.

Revival services at Jerusalem, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Foster, free Baptist minister, have resulted in the baptism of twelve persons and their reception into the church.

There is a rumor to the effect that Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, may be requested to run for York, in the conservative interest in the next election for the Dominion parliament.

The free Baptists of Lower Millstream, Kings Co., have built a parsonage on

grounds donated by Mr. Musgrove, in the vicinity of the church. It is now being occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. W. McLeod.

Methodist.

Bishop Thompson of the African M. E. Zion church died at Newbury, N. Y., on Dec. 21, aged seventy six years.

Rev. L. Gaetz, formerly of this province but for some years a resident of the North West, has been invited to the pastorate of the Brandon church after next conference.

Father Lambert, formerly a Roman Catholic priest, is now laboring with much success among the French in New York, under the direction of the Methodist church.

While the population of the United States was sixteen times larger in 1890 than it was one hundred years earlier, the communicants in the Methodist church had increased more than eighty-one times during that period.

"The Historical Geography of the Holy Land," is the title of a new work, of which 200 copies have been presented to that number of the ministers of the English primitive Methodist church. The donor is Mr. Hartley, one of their prominent laymen.

The children of the several Sabbath schools have been remembered during the past few weeks by their friends and teachers. Santa Claus has publicly appeared on a number of platforms, and has greatly delighted the little ones by his thoughtful attention to their needs and wishes.

"The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament," is the title of a new work on the poetic books of the bible, by the Rev. Dr. Davison, and is described as "eloquent, impressive and instructive, fascinating in style, and distinguished for sobriety of judgment and courageous loyalty to truth."

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church supports 145 missionaries, 624 bible readers and teachers, 435 schools and orphanages, 9 hospitals, and owns nearly \$500,000 worth of real estate. It carries on its work in India, Japan, Korea, Barmah, Bulgaria, South America and Mexico, and manages its business without a salaried officer.

The Methodists of this city are preparing for the revival campaign to be entered upon next month under the superintendence of the renowned evangelists, Revs. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley. While both are ministers of the Methodist church, the preaching is chiefly done by Mr. Hunter, Mr. Crossley paying special attention to the musical work, being a first class singer himself.

The Wesleyan Missionary society employs 320 ministers, of whom 190 are natives of the lands in which they labor. The chief centres from which they operate are Rome, Naples, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Benares, Hong Kong, Canton, Mandalay, Pretoria, Johannesburg and Salisbury. Catholics and Protestants, Hindoos, Buddhists, Mohammedans, devil worshippers and Pagans are being reached by them.

General Religious.

500 missionaries have gone into the Chinese empire during the last five years, and an appeal is now made for 500 more.

The late ex-Senator Fair's bequests to charities were as follows: \$200,000 to be divided among Catholic orphan asylums, \$50,000 to Protestant asylums and \$25,000 to Hebrew asylums, all in San Francisco.

For the first time on record the car of Juggernaut at Serampore failed this year so find devotees enough to drag it over the usual route. On three successive days attempts were made which ended in failure, despite the threats and persuasions of the Brahmins.

The leading Protestant missions in the Empire of Japan are: Presbyterian churches, 92, members, 11,126; American Board, churches, 65, members, 11,110; American Methodist Episcopal, churches, 59, members, 4,034; Canada Methodist, churches, 20, members, 1,987; American Protestant Episcopal, churches, 27, members, 1,529; Church Missionary Society, churches, 49, members, 2,652; Baptist Missionary Union, churches, 19, members, 1,547.

Figures show that the rapid growth of the Salvation Army has not yet received a check. The movement was inaugurated in 1877, and operates today 3,200 corps, or churches, with 10,788 officers. The chief strength of the army is in Great Britain, which has 1,210 corps, and the United States comes next in order with 539. It is stronger in Australia than in Canada, the former having 378 corps and the latter 240. The army, which has entrenched itself in nineteen countries, has an international staff of 1,159 officers. It is a vast organization, and is doing a great work for humanity.

The Epworth rectory, though of such interest to Methodists all over the world, is not now and never was owned by them. It belongs to the established church of England, as does also the old parish church of which John Wesley's father was rector. None of the Wesley children was born in the house now standing, though much of the early life of John and Charles was passed here. The former rectory was burned when John was 6 years of age. His thrilling rescue from an upper window

made an impression on his own mind, as well as upon that of his mother, which remained to the end of his long life. Visitors to the present house are usually pointed to a window on one end as the veritable scene of the occurrence, but this is an error, since that building was burned, and its foundations some short distance away have recently been discovered after having been long forgotten.

In every case the name which has been adopted by the young people's society of a denomination covers some interesting bit of history. United Society of Christian Endeavor declares the purpose of the Organization and serves as a constant reminder of the obligations of its members. Brotherhood of St Andrew is specially fitting as the title of a society whose members are pledged to hunt up the brother needing light and help and bring him to Christ. Young People's union will not only aid the Baptist young folks to remember their duty to each other, but expresses a fraternity with the young of other churches and also the unsaved. Epworth League is a name which will ever suggest to the world at large and Methodists in particular the importance of early religious training. Daily living after the New Testament pattern is its practical meaning.

Messages of Help for the Week.

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Psalm 87: 2.

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7: 12.

"He cried, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him." Matt. 14: 30, 31.

"The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness, and again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." 1 Cor. 3: 19, 20.

"Why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" 1 Cor. 15: 30.

"Have ye suffered so many things in vain." Galatians 3: 4.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Galatians 6: 1.

Emerson's Advice to a Daughter.

Finish every day and be done with it. For manners and for wise living it is a vice to remember. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day for all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the rotten yesterdays.

A Boot Service.

On a recent Monday a boot service was held in the Congregational Church, Watney street, Commercial road, London. E. in connection with the philanthropic work of the London Congregational Union. The service consisted of a gratuitous distribution of between 200 and 300 pairs of boots to needy children of the locality. The boots were of special manufacture, and the recipients of this practical benevolence were loud in their appreciation of such a welcome Christmas gift.

New Year's Resolutions.

One vow will not suffice the long year through. One prayer a twelve-month's needs may not ally; Crown every morn with pure resolve anew, And live each day as though 'twere New Year's Day.

AM DYEING.

I am dyeing, Edith, dyeing, Tints of crimson, bright and fast; Shades, too, dark as Pluto's regions, And they cannot help but last. Let me tell you how I do it, Let me whisper in your ear, Diamond Dyes is all my secret; You can do the same, my dear.

Though my clothes get worn and dingy And with stains are spotted o'er, Though they look as fit for nothing, I can make them good once more. Though I have not many dollars To expend on garments new, I can dress as well as any, And I know that you can, too.

Let not fashion's servile mimons Scorn the garments thus made o'er; 'Twas no dyer's hand that made them, I have done the same before. I who took my last year's dresses, Washed and dyed, and pressed and turned. Made them o'er for this year's wearing—Gowns for which the heart had yearned.

Yes, I'm dyeing, Edith, dyeing; No, you do not need to go; You've not hindered me a moment; 'Tis not hard to do, you know. Now, no more one needs to wonder How to make their dresses do; When with such a little trouble, "Diamond" makes them good as new.

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