

TACT

It is a melancholy fact, Most people are devoid of tact; Or else their atom is so small...

For the Visitor.

CHINA, IN 1840 AND 1880. RELIGIOUS CHANGES.

The civil and political history of the last forty years in China, has been characterized by extraordinary changes.

In 1840 a mere handful of missionaries, all of whom could have been put in a small wagon, were hovering about Canton...

In 1840 no marked progress had been made. Something had been done at translating. A few helps to the study of the language had been prepared.

Here now we are in the year of our Lord 1880. Instead of Robert Morrison, William Mill, Dr. Medhurst and two or three others, there are now, men and women, about 500 missionaries in China.

More than 16,000 converts have been gathered. Many small native churches have been organized, some of which are already supporting their own pastors.

The above are tangible results. There are other results not less noteworthy. The ignorance and darkness that prevail may appear to be scarcely mitigated.

There is an unmeasured amount of scepticism about heathenism taking possession of the minds of multitudes. There is an unreckoned amount of musing and expectation among all classes, as to what will be the future of Christianity.

tion is of itself an advantage. For the consensus of public opinion of to-day prepares the way for public action to-morrow.

It will be seen that missionary progress in the last forty years has among other things obtained a vantage ground of enormous prospective value.

What will the remaining twenty years of the century develop? That the stride forward will surpass that of the last forty years is beyond all doubt.

The great requirement of the hour is that Christians at home should be faithful, and carry on this work with energy.

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"BE YE SEPARATE."

BY REV. T. VINCENT TYMMS.

We often hear it said that a sharper line of separation between the Church and the world is the great need of our day.

But some will ask, How may we have this presence? Confessing that we need it for a glory and defence, how can we enjoy it more constantly than hitherto?

One chief safeguard is to entreat God concerning every path and plan of life, as Moses did respecting Canaan.

Instances are scattered all around us of men to whom God has given their desire, but sent leanness into their souls; and there are not a few, who, to enjoy the Divine presence as of old, would gladly retrace their steps if time allowed of any going back.

from God, and it counsels us to make God's presence our first and last demand, leaving all else to be added or denied as may seem good in His eyes.

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PRAIRIE COLLEGE.

The following article, written by my daughter, a teacher in Prairie College, for the Canadian Baptist, may be interesting to your readers.

"LIFE AT PRAIRIE COLLEGE."

What kind of a place is Prairie College any how? It is something more than a castle in the air, it seems; what kind of a castle is it? Well, strictly speaking, it is not a castle at all, but a substantial stone building, quite common-place looking, three stories high, 28 by 34.

It is quite impossible to appreciate Prairie College, or indeed any North-West habitation, until one has taken the trip from Portage La Prairie in a wagon when the roads are muddy.

The final examinations for the year are taking place. Four of the students are just going out to preach during the Summer six months.

By the time you arrive at Prairie College you have learned to look upon a log house, with one room, a garret, and a fire, as the height of luxury; so that a stone edifice of three stories strikes you as imposing.

Rev. D. Webster writes; "I am very glad to say that our evangelistic work seems prosperous, and I shall make every effort to keep continually at work among the heathen.

Rev. H. Morrow says "We have returned from one of the most enjoyable associational gatherings we have ever attended.

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dried apple sauce as equal to nectar of the gods, not going to deny that sometimes we wish that the Jewish law, forbidding the use of bacon, had never been repealed.

However, even a dark lantern has its bright side, and so has life at Prairie College. These little drawbacks—I have by no means given an exhaustive list—are only spots upon the sun.

It is reported in the newspapers that the whole town of Berlotto, near Turin, expressed its disaffection for Rome, and sent to Turin for Protestant ministers.

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