TACT

It is a melancholy fact, Most people are devoid of tact; Or else their atom is so small We really think they've none at all. It's their misfortune more than sin, When sharp intriguers take them in. Fully intending to do right, They miss it by an oversight. As long as duty's in a groove, They're willing and know how to move, But when it calls for change or tact, They simply know not how to act. Great, cultured people, highly bred, With stores of knowledge in the head, Are apt to have an absent mind, Which with much tact is not combined. Of all whom we have known or read, For tact, Paul seems to be ahead. It's an attainment nowise small, To be all things and unto all. But his shrewd mind saw the outcome, By doing thus he could save some. We'd have more tact, both you and I, If we our whims would crucify.

For the Visitor.

RELIGIOUS For the Visitor. CHINA, IN 1840 AND 1880. CHANGES.

The civil and political history of the last forty years in China, has been characterized by extraordinary changes. Great as surpassed, by the progress made in miss-God and take courage.

hoping and praying that God would some our knees, for it is domiciled in our very police, surveying parties or settlers, the deday open the gates of China itself.

rulers neither knew nor cared anything earthy,—at the altar, in the purpit, in the you want to see the wheels go wound. about Jesus of Nazareth and his religion, pew, and filled with all worldly pride and save as they had learned to hate both selfishness in every affectation of being lege you have learned to look upon a log through the bad influence of Romanists.

thers. there are now, men and women, joy it more constantly than hitherto? dining-room has mother earth for a carpet, bout 500 missionaries in China. Their One chief safeguard is to entreat God because the table is made by driving stakes achievements have been remarkable. There are mission stations, hundreds and hundreds of them, scattered up and down the coast, and some of them far away in the inland provinces. There are hundreds and hundreds of native preachers occupying these stations, and itinerating from village to village preaching the Gospel. There are hundreds of Chris.

One chief safeguard is to entreat God because the table is made by driving stakes into the ground and nailing boards on them, because the walls are stone—gemmed sometimes with sparkling frost diamonds—to complain of these trifles never for a moment enters your mind. Did Solomon in all his glory feel a greater degree of satisfaction, when he moved into his ivory palace. But is not easy when looking at the gotten evening, when our sitting recommends and hundreds and hundreds of Chris. tian schools, of one kind and another, in goal of a long-nursed desire some antici- were finally set in order and we sank into

also noteworthy. Tens and hundreds of them to the Son of Man? If it be in a thousands of people have got some idea of what Christianity intends to do. The officials once considered Christianity intends to dence, instead of onsidering whith the subtle considering with the open considering with the open con

the way for public action to-morrow.

It will be seen that missionary progress good in His eves. in the last forty years, has among other things obtained a vantage ground of enor-mous prospective value. The missionary body occupies the position of a small but well disciplined army, equipped with need-ful facilities, occupying the best strategic positions, well organized in the relations of its various battalions, confident, resolute, cheered by marked success, and ready to advance upon a camp occupied with an almost countless host of opposers, but under no fixed human leadership, and to some extent disorganized.

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 missionary not a castle at all, but a substantial stone who would express what to him seems like- building, quite common-place looking, three ly to be true here in China in the year 1900 stories high, 28 by 34. It stands upon a would be charged with enthusiasm.

that Christians at home should be faithful, and carry on this work with energy.

W. ASHMORE.

"BE YE SEPARATE."

BY REV. T. VINCENT TYMMS.

separate from the world.

iam Mill, Dr. Medhurst and two or three it for a glory and defence, how can we en- ing. The idea of complaining because the

are hundreds and hundreds of Chris- back. But is not easy when looking at the gotten evening, when our sitting rooms which some of the elements of Christianity pate rest, or crown, or post of honor-as the rocking-chairs, and watched the fireare being taught. There are missionary Moses looked at Cannan, which he regard- light flicker on the carpet, on the bookevangelists who time and again have gone ed as the promised guerdon of a laborious shelves, on the organ, on the pictures. from one end of the Empire to the other, life. It was painful to ask even condition- "In a couple of weeks after our arrival distributing and selling portions of the ally to remain in the wilderness, yet the the sound of the hammer and the saw filled Word of God. Large printing establish servant of God did so, choosing rather to the waking hours. What are you making. ments have been set up and are exclusively miss the goel of all his hopes in this world now? 'A book-shelf.' 'Have you seen engaged in printing Christian books. Chris. than reach it to lament his Master's absence, M.'s desk?' 'No! is it finished?' Yes! it tian newspapers have been started. Theolo- and fail to win that still better country look's nice, I tell you.' 'What kind of a gical schools have been organized. Founda- where the fathers had been gathered. It bed are you going to have?' One that tions have been laid for first class Christian must be confessed that in this wisdom he folds up, I guess—it takes least room. C.'s will it be a means of grace, or a temptation and a snare?" When a poor man sees a chance of getting rich without actual sin, but perhaps at the cost of renouncing many religious privileges for himself and family, appear to be scarcely mitigated. But a belt of twilight stretches along the entire coast of China. As to the details of Christianity, the mass of the people, even along another has opened before him a prospect to which a general conception of the nature and aims of the Gospel has pervaded the better intelligence of the coast is also unterworthy. Tens and hundreds of man's power to attain his wish, he comtoned the coast of people have got some idea of man's power to attain his wish, he comtoned will show. The coming right to the point, and a snare?" When a poor man sees a chance of getting rich without actual sin, but perhaps at the cost of renouncing many respects, is a 'little faithful copy of his sire.' 'They do so at Woodstock.' When I was a member of the Adelphian, in we did so, are final: that settles the quee.

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Society, its paper, its choir, its debates, its meetings every. Friday evening, and last another has opened before him a prospect for him settles the quee.

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tion is of itself an advantage. For the con- from God, and it counsels us to make God's dried apple sauce as equal to nectar of the Rev. W. Ashmore D. D. says " We are sensus of public opinion of to-day prepares the way for public action to-morrow.

presence our first and last demand, leaving gods, not going to deny that sometimes we comparatively well. I am still suffering wish that the Jewish law, forbidding the use from my eyes. It has been a serious man

For the Visitor.

PRAIRIE COLLEGE.

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

The article is headed

"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 hill that slopes down to the Saskatchewan. The great requirement of the hour is and commands a fine view of Rapid City. This embryo metropolis contains 75 houses. 500 inhabitants, and 8 stores, most of the latter are general stores—that is, they keep everything, except just what you

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 waggon when the We often hear it said that a sharper line roads are muddy. I used to wonder, before they have been, they are equalled, if not of seperation between the Church and the leaving Ontario, why it was that so few world is the great need of our day. There who went to the North-West Territory. ionary work. Christians of the West who is much truth in the remark; but we err ever seemed anxious to return. I had no feel an interest in the latter, will, as they greatly if beguiled into a mere building of difficulty, however, in solving this problem look over the record of forty years, thank walls or digging of trenches. The cure for after we had been a couple of days on the worldliness is not in flight from the world's march. The country in which one would In 1840 a mere handful of missionaries, busy places, not in refusal to share its labors not be contented to remain, rather than all of whom could have been put in a small or to contend in its arenas for what is true make a second trip over these roads must wagon, were hovering about Canton, seek- and good. Still less can cure be found in indeed be a howling wilderness. The only ing an entrance. They had but few friends. an assumption of grave manners, sad cloth- really comfortable way in which this jour The Chinese did not want them any more ing, and peculiar modes of speech. All ney can be taken is in imagination or by than they wanted any other foreigners. these have been tried many times, but telescope, as Mark Twain ascended Mount The East India Company, then doing busi- never with success. If we could flee away Blanc. At first there is something delightness at Canton, discountenanced them. into the wilderness, the world is there. If fully romantic about it. The wide prairie. Robert Morrison, one of the older mission- we could shut ourselves in grated cells or the old Indian trail, from which the grass aries, managed to keep his place in Canton mountain caves, the world is there. If we was worn ages ago by the tread of moccasby acting as interpreter. The others were could renounce all work or recreation for ined feet, the long lines of Red River carts content to work in outlying regions, such meditation and prayer, the world would and waggons, camp-fires, with picturesque as Batavia, Singapore, Malacca, and Macao, beset us with our devotional books and on groups of half-breed freighters, mounted hearts. To be separate from the world we lightful excitement when a marshy place is In 1840 no marked progress had been must be delivered by Christ's presence from reached—all these combine to make the made. Something had been done at trans- that spirit which worketh in the children scene one of life and interest. It is said lating. A few helps to the study of the of disobedience, the spirit of selfishness that with culture the human voice can bro language had been prepared. A very few and unbelief, and filled with the spirit of duce as many as two thousand distinct had come to regard the Gospel with accept- faith and love, which is the power of obed- sounds. No one doubts this after once list ance, but with an exception or two, dared lence to the children of God. Having Him tening to a party of North-West travellers not avow themselves lest they should lose with us, we may go forth into the wilder- encourage their horses to cross a "shie," their heads. But no impression had been ness without dismay to be tempted there, generally, however, the horses won't be enmade upon the minds of the people at large. or we may enter the thronged city to be couraged, and give it up as a bad case and No severe blows had been struck at the tempted there, without incurring defeat, lie down and take a rest. Then one has reigning forms of paganism. Not only had Under His shadow, and for His sake, we time for meditation, while poles are being Protestant Missions not achieved success, may go into the vilest haunts of wicked- got at the nearest bash-generally a couple but they had given no evidence of the ag- ness and be untinged. No flames can kin- of miles off-to pry up the the waggon. gressive power they had evinced elsewhere dle upon, and no smoke can begrime, those This is all quite enjoyable at first, but after The nature of Christianity was utterly who are accompanied by the Son of God, it is repeated, say a hundred times, it loses unknown. Even the best informed of the but without Him we shall be of the earth its charm somewhat. Like Helen's Babies, "By the time you arrive at Prairie Col-

house, with one room, a garret, and a fire, Here now we are in the year of our Lord But some will ask, How may we have as the height of luxury; so that a stone 1880. Instead of Robert Morrison, Wil- this presence? Confessing that we need edifice of three stories strikes you as impos-

of bacon, had never been repealed. I'm ter but I now fondly hope my forced seclanot going to say that we'd just as soon get sion is almost at an end. The changes the Daily Globe, when it is ten days old which have taken place in China in as when it is one, &c., &c. 'I cannot tell the last twenty-five years are little short of a lie, father.'-There was once a boy called the marvelous. Formerly changes were George Washing-, but perhaps you have slow; now they are becoming rapid and heard the story.

"However, even a dark lantern has its

brighth side, and so has life at Prairie profitably and cheerfully, and there is, if we in the future. In this "great lone land"a land destined (in spite of the syndicate) to become the happy home of millions-Prairie College is already a power. Who ways and means have been provided for of 205. carrying thus far into execution, a scheme From Bro. Erik Magnus Nilsson comes which was at first looked upon as romantic the following: "From the 1st of October and impossible. Can such an one having nutil the present day I have been travelling at heart the interest of that Master, who and walking round the country from parish said: 'Go ye into all the world and preach to parish, and from village to village the gospel,' still hold himself aloof from preaching the gospel to sinners. Although

students all at home after the preaching work of the Lord goes forward mightily. and Sunday School work of the day some The churches have increased in number, of them have walked five, seven, or ten and new doors are continually being opened miles to fill their appointments, and the for the preaching of the words hold a prayer meeting in one of the rooms up stairs. Listen to the fervent prayers for divine blessing on the day's work. Listen to such reports as this from one and another congregations to-day at our field, 25. There seems to be more interest in spiritual things than before. We have appointed a meeting for next week to see what can be least two thousand. done toward getting the people to put up a school-house, which can be used for religious purposes as well as day school. Listen as the strains of such hymns as, Stand Conference reports : Members 1.686; Proup, stand up for Jesus, Work for the bationers, 1.778; adults baptized during night is coming, fill the building, and float the year 190. day schools 231; scholars out on the frosty air over the the wide, 7.838; Sunday Schools, 222, scholars, 8. wide prairie. Can you listen to all this 952. and still doubt whether Prairie College is accomplishing anything, or likely to accomplish anything in the cause so dear to every Christian heart ?"

The final examinations for the year are taking place. Four of the students are just going out to preach during the Summer months. Three are going to cultivate their own homesteads, and the remainder are to work on the college farm. All these will, (D. V.,) reassemble in the fall, to resume their studies for six months, before VALLEY STREAM, QUEENS Co., LONG ISLAND, N. Y. which we hope to enlarge and improve our college buildings. This will depend, however, upon the amount of funds received for this important, object.

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JNO. CRAWFORD.

Missionary Column,

heathen. The trip from which I have just returned was a very satisfactory one in that it gave me a view of a part of the field I never before visited. Four persons from a neighboring village have asked to be baptized, and we hope and pray that more not far hence will be found in whom the Lord's spirit has taken up his abode."
Bro Webster further says that at Maulmain the work of the mission is crowding and needs more workers. I hope to see more natives to work at once and should be glad to see more Americans in the field.

There are lamentably few and growing the spirits both few months from the time I commenced the use of the Vegetine, the Cancer came out almost bodily.

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MR. H. R. STEVENS:—

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radical. You do well to strengthen your China Missions."

At a recent examination in Pekin, College. These little drawbacks-I have Chinese boy performed the almost incred by no means given an exhaustive list-are lible task feat, of repeating the whole New only spots upon the sun. Time here passes Testament without missing a single word.

The proclamation of the legality of Chrismistake not, a grand promise of brightness tianity has been given full and satisfactory currency in the District about Pekin.

Rev. A. Wiberg says : We are continual. can estimate its influence as the years glide ly cheered with an even and steady proon? That it will be a financial success is gress at Stockholm. Sowing and Reaping not questioned for a moment by the people are going hand in hand. South Church out here, and they perhaps are the best has, even during the last year, been grownfitted to judge of this point. Does any ed with the signal blessings of the Lord. Ontario Baptist, who has watched the pro- 52 believers have during the year, been gress of this enterprise from the beginning, baptized and added to the church, making who has seen how almost miraculously a total membership at the close of the year

this work, and have no sympathy with it? the devil and the world have done all they "Sunday evening at Prairie College—the could to throw obsticles in the way, the

ITALY.

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. The Archbishop closed the doors of the church against the "heretics." who numbered at

GENERAL.

The North India Methodist Episcopal

In Siam, the veteran, Dr. Dean, baptized 21 disciples on a Sunday morning in December last.

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Physicians.

for over six months, and have tried most everything; was given up to die, and did not expect to live from day to day, and no physician could touch my case. I saw your Vegetine recommended to cure Dyspepsia. I commenced using it, and I continued doing so, and am now a well women and restored to perfect health. All who are afflicted with this terrible disease, I would kindly recommend to try it for the benefit of their health, and it is excellent as a blood burifier.

BURMAH.

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 heather to be beautiful to be be beautiful to be be beautiful to be excellent as a By Dr. T. B. Forbes, M. D., for MRS. WM. H. FORBES.

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