We're Coming, Brother Jonathan.

Dedicated to the British American League, by Robert Matheson, Editor of the Western British American.

What noise is that which rises
Like thunder on the gale?
'Tis the shout of British freemen
That will make the traitors quail!

What is that rushing sound
Like the bison's trampling horde?
'Tis the tread of British feet,
Which on the path of duty
Have never known retreat.
Hark, I seem to hear the hum
Of a myriad voices strong,
And clear above the swelling tide
I hear their lusty song.

We're coming, Brother Jonathan,
Full half a million strong
To reinforce your voting power
And help the right along;
To guard the glorious heritage
Bequeathed you by your sires,
To crush the viper's brood
And put out treason's fires.

We're coming, Brother Jonathan,
To help you to restore
Your noble founder's policy
As in the days of yore—
To live in peace and amity
With all the tribes of earth,
And put forth every energy
For the country of your birth.

From merry England's plains we come,
From Scotland's heathery moors,
From Wales's rugged mountains,
From Erin's verdant bowers,
As Clansmen of the Isles we come
O'er waters wild and cruel,
From Canada's broad lakes and streams,
Britannia's brightest jewel.

And though in our inmost being,
As within our holiest shrine,
Our love of native country
Shall never cease to shine,
With equal love and ardor
Shall we hold our New World home,
And no native-born sovereign
Shall sit on prouder throne.

The bulwark of our liberty,
The ark of freedom's rule,
The cradle of the coming Christ,
Rests on our public school.
From it shall rise salvation
With healing in its wings,
For it with glad hosannas
Our British ballot rings.

We're coming, brother Jonathan,
To keep this bulwark firm,
No sacrilegious foreigner
Shall dare to do it harm.
Like lightning's fateful stroke
Our ballots shall strike down
The hand of him who'd rend
America's fair crown.

Then hurrah, boys, hurrah,
For the dayspring's bright'ning beam
When the Lion's lordly roar
And the Eagle's piercing scream

is that the best be done under the given circumstances.

Spiritual idleness always generates excuses. It berates the injustice of penalties attached to sin. It says Christ is unreasonable in his requirements. It brings forth false and unrepenting hearts. It accuses the Christ of hardness, and thus pronounces its own sentence with a hardness that is inexorable. There is no instance of worse folly than to make false excuses. They condemn the sinner even as he utters them.

One of the rewards of labor is to receive interest without labor. It is cumulative because it is deserving. The penalty of slothfulness is to be denied credit for even a worse action. The trend of character carries with it its own rewards and punishments.

Sound Preaching.

Spectator.

The Rev. Hugh Pentecost, who has set up an independent religious establishment in New York, recently defined the creed of Pharisaeism to contain these five commandments:

1. Thou shalt not drink.
2. Thou shalt not smoke.
3. Thou shalt not play cards.
4. Thou shald not go to the theater.
5. Thou shalt not dance.

This creed or Pharisaeism, according to Mr. Pentecost, is of course a creed of cant and hypocrisy—a sort of "compounding for sins you are inclined to by damning those you have no mind to." "The man who rejects all this cant," says Mr. Pentecost, "and who lives naturally, soberly, industriously, and purely, will be happier for it, more acceptable to God and men, and never be looked upon as that most contemptible of the human species, a canting Pharisee." Mr. Pentecost is something of a preacher.

The Return of Israel.

Buffalo News.

Not much longer will it be true that London has more Jews than Jerusalem. The holy city is rapidly filling up with Israelites, their number having increased six-fold since 1880. The recent persecutions in Russia have led thousands of them to seek a home in their ancient city. The Turkish government forbids all Jews who are not resident of Jerusalem to remain longer than thirty days in the city, but the all-powerful "bakshish" enables them to live there as long as they wish without molestation.

Beak Young's Accounts to be Inspected at Last.

Globe.

It is therefore of importance to counties under the Scott Act, that all fines imposed should be collected, and the Government, fully recognising this, [illegible] of police magistrates a [illegible] and fines

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The Three Hottest Days in 1888.

In his article on 'Where to Spend the Summer,' in Scribner's for April, Gen. Greely, chief signal officer, makes a prophesy as to the hottest days in the year 1888. The Detroit Journal, taking the matter up, has offered a prize of $500 to the person guessing correctly, before June 1st, what the 3 days will be. Gen. Greely immediately telegraphed his guess to the paper, in accord with his reasons in Scribner's for April.

A wonderful interest has been shown [illegible] about the West in Prof. Jas. Bald[illegible] The Centre of the Re[illegible] azine for April. [illegible] the rise [illegible] and is heavy this [illegible]

Notes.—This parable is [illegible] additional reason for the *watch, therefore* and now it is viewed as a question of responsibility and labor. Study Luke xix, 12, on. Notice the resemblance in the leading thoughts and illustrations. It is evidently the same parable modified with another parable. Both undoubtedly are different forms of the same parable our Lord uttered to his disciples.——"*For it is as when a man.*"—Here is a case in which the first part of the condition is stated but not the final part. This is not uncommon in the New Testament. Notice Mark xiii. 34.——"*Going into another country.*"—As we would say *going abroad.*——"*His servants.*"—Who were his property. They may have had a standing in his household as many did in those days; but they were his own to do with as he pleased.——"*His goods.*"—His property, his substance, his means.——"*According to his several ability.*"—Not an arbitrary method of distributing money, nor one by lot; but by a careful process of selection, thoughtful and discriminating. A talent, by the way, is a little above $1,000 in value, equivalent to three thousand Jewish shekels.——"*Went away and digged in the earth.*"—Removed himself to a distance from the estate to sit in idleness unobstructed and unwatched. He made a hole in the earth. Thus much would he labor in order not to work, and no more.——"*Maketh, a reckoning.*"—Not a classic term in Greek; it means to settle accounts, cast them up.——"*Lord I knew thee,*" etc.—His whole harangue was an index of his own mean, insensible, avaricious and contemptible character. It was himself he knew, not his master. He was the ungenerous and unjust one, not his generous and confiding Lord.——"*Gathering where thou didst not scatter.*"—Is it not a tautological statement, but is a reference to the threshing-floor.——"*Gathering where you have not threshed.*"—His master proceeds to chastise his insolent servant with his own weapons.——"*Put my money to the bankers.*"—The Greek represents the action of one at least indifferently *casting down upon the table of the money-exchangers.* He could have done that any way without much expenditure of vital energy.——"*To him that hath.*"—By honestly acquiring and rightly using.——"*Hath not.*"—What he ought to have, because he has not improved his means and opportunities.

Instructions.—Though there are many minor lessons to be gained from this parable of the talents, it is the central truth that is of the greatest importance. Briefly stated, it is that all the varied endowments of the body, mind and soul are bestowed upon us according to our special capacities; that we are to use these gifts faithfully and do our best. The reward of fidelity is the happy participation in the joy of the Lord, and in the kingdom of the Messiah; whereas, persistent stubbornness and neglect will insure the casting of the sinful one into Gehenna.

It is an overwhelming thought that every possession intrusted to us is a means of grace. Each is a link in the chain that shall bind us to God. Whether the link be the faculty for making horse shoes, a natural aptitude to healing bodies, or teaching the secrets of the soul's growth, it must be forged in the furnace of work, that it may be accounted for in the day of reckoning.

No more is given to each than he can take care of, nor less either. The proportion has been exactly made by the Divine Chemist of man. He has calculated our capabilities to a nicety. By this principle of exact allotment of powers corresponding to each one's natural aptitude, he has highly individualized us. That shifts the responsibility to each one's own shoulders.

Independence is allowed every one in regard to the means of putting his talents to interest. Yet certain gifts in themselves presuppose certain definite lines of work. But these are not arbitrary. What is absolutely demanded

[illegible] and Pharmacology of [illegible] James Stewart. There are hospital reports by Drs. James Bell and T. J. Alloway, and reviews by Drs. Roberts Bartholemew, A. McLane Hamilton and R. W. Taylor. The proceedings of the Medico-chirurgical Society of Montreal are briefly reported, and the selections are as interesting as ever. The editorial articles are as follows: 'Guaiacol and Creosote in Phthisis,' and 'Mesmerism.' Printed and published by the Gazette Printing Co., Montreal, at $3 per annum in advance.

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Exquisite as an Easter lily, is the frontispiece of the April WIDE AWAKE; a drawing by W. L. Taylor of a lovely girl in white, with a joyous face and her arms filled with lilies. Miss Foulson's short poem, 'An Easter Text,' is a beautiful lesson for the holy season. Susan Coolidge follows with a delightful story, 'Two Girls—Two Parties.' 'Two Painters and Their Pets,' by Eleanor Lewis, gives some of the finest of the Landseer paintings. A story that reads like a chapter from the *Arabian Nights* is the Javanese tale 'The Prince of Bandong and His Son,' in which Olive Risley Seward describes an experience of Gov. Seward and herself in tobogganing in the tropics in company with the Prince Royal of Java. Lieut. Fremont of the western army, in his story for the boys, 'Chist-a-pahens,' writes an account of the Indian fight last fall at the Crow Agency, and shows the real cause of it. 'Prince' is a exciting story of two children and a menagerie lion, with a thrilling picture by Sandham. Mrs. Frances A. Humphrey's 'All Around an Old Meeting House' is an amusing and valuable chapter of life in the early days of the Old Colony. 'Seven Pumpkin Pies,' and the Smyrna Folk Tale of 'Little Pepper Corn' by E. Cavazza, and 'Master Shadow' by Grace Denio Litchfield, and 'April First' by Margaret Eytinge, will amuse the little folk. Edith M. Thomas contributes a characteristic poem, 'Signs of the Season.' Susan Archer Weiss has a very fine folk-lore paper on 'Old Ballads of London Bridge,' with a full page picture by Herbert Railton; also a short folk lore article on 'April Fool's Day.' Sidney Luska's serial, 'My Uncle Florimond,' is delightful reading, and describes a rather exciting experience of Gregory and his young legal adviser. In Mrs. Sherwood's serial, 'Those Cousins of Mabel's,' Phyllis and Mabel and Wilhelmina are in the Berkshire hills, and Wilhelmina goes to a little girl's lunch. There are other good things from Oscar Fay Adams, Miss Guiney, Joel Benton, H. R. Hudson, Clarissa Potter, Mrs. Lenowens, Susan Power, with rhymes, tangles, and pictures. Wide Awake is $2.40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston, Mass.

Two of the earliest elders in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Kingston, recently burned, were Hugh Macdonald and John Mowat, fathers respectively of the Dominion and Ontario Premiers

Well, what do [illegible] Perhaps a little of everything [illegible] stance, Camping in the Summer [illegible] Horse-back Riding; Home Culture; Fashions for Spring; What goes on in New York; How Lady Jane Grey's home looked; and a variety of other valuable information. These and many more are told about in GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for May, an unusually valuable issue. This ever welcome magazine is embellished with a more than usually acceptable quota of artistic illustrations. All of these, from the 'Reverie' frontispiece to the architectural picture at the end are both tasteful and valuable. We commend this old favorite magazine as one which ought to be in every house where there are ladies. It contains so much that is of permanent value that no lady should be without it. The young ladies who are just going into society, and the growing girls find in its pages much useful information about home management, dress, and culture. With a subscription price of only two dollars and many inducements to clubs and premium seekers it is not strange that the circulation of GODEY'S is largely on the increase. Write to the publishers and they will tell you all about what you can get for two dollars. Address, 1224 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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MR. GEORGE KENNAN will tell in the May CENTURY how he came to go to Siberia on the Century expedition. Mr. Kennan had spent some time in Siberia already in connection with the overland telegraph scheme, and in the summer of 1884 he made a preliminary excursion to St. Petersburg and Moscow for the purpose of collecting material, and ascertaining whether or not obstacles were likely to be thrown in his way by the Russian Government. He returned in October, fully satisfied that his scheme was a practical one. He therefore sailed from New York for Liverpool in May, 1885. He says: "All my prepossessions were favorable to the Russian Revolutionists." He adds that this partly explains the friendly attitude towards me which was taken by the Russian Government, the permission which was given me to inspect prisons and mines, and the comparative immunity from arrest, detention, and imprisonment which I enjoyed, even when my movements and associations were such as justly to render me an object of suspicion to the local Siberian authorities."

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for May, 1888, is one of the brightest, most varied and valuable numbers issued during the successful career of this time honored periodical. It opens with a full page engraving (by Cary), entitled 'A May Day Outing.' Among the Live Stock Portraits, for which the American Agriculturist has always been famous, are Horses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Poultry. Then there are plans of dwellings and outbuildings, new devices and labor-saving implements, flowers, useful and ornamental plants, etc. A. B. Allen, one of the founders of the American Agriculturist, treats on the proper feeding of horses; Joseph Harris contributes an article on the Culture of Beans; Seth Green, the New York State Fish Commissioner, gives farmers practical instruction in Fish Culture; Chester P. Dewey discusses the Adulteration of Milk, and the workings of the 'Milk Trust.' Mrs. Mary Treat continues her talks on Insect Enemies of Plants. Among the well-known writers in this number are Dr. A. G. Chase, W. W. Meech, Miss M. Morgan, John J. Willis, C. L. Allen, James K. Reeve, A. M. Clough, M. B. Faxon, Miss E. K. Winans, A. H. Duff, A. S. Fuller, Geo. A. Martin, Drs. Geo. Thurber and F. M. Hexamer, and many others. The Household, and Boys' and Girls' Departments are even more interesting and entertaining than usual, and every department of the periodical shows plainly that the publishers, as well as the editors, have set themselves to work to bring their publication to the highest degree of excellence. Price $1.50 per year, English or German; single numbers 15 cents. Address, American Agriculturist, 751 Broadway, New York.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Dillon was arrested on Tuesday and put in jail.

Ex-Senator Roscoe Conkling died on Tuesday morning.

The prohibition amendment passed the New York Senate by a vote of 18 to 10.

The King and Queen of Italy are to visit Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle in June.

Matthew Arnold, the celebrated writer, [illegible] of heart disease at Liverpool on Mon[illegible]

[illegible] yesterday the bill [illegible] with a deceased wife's sister was [illegible] ried by 239 to 182.

Alexander and Princess Victoria are pledged to each other with parental consent, and only out of deference to Bismarck is the ceremony postponed.

The latest returns show that Emperor Frederick has taken a decided turn for the worse, and the doctors regard his condition as very dangerous.

The petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Stanstead has been decided to be regular. The voting will take place about the middle of May.

Mr. D. J. Hall, Reeve, and Mr. Geo. Bell, Merrickville magistrates have been fined $80 and costs for neglecting to make returns to the county treasurer.

Mr. Bradlaugh has to pay £300 damages for his assertion that Lord Salisbury had given Mr. Peters £25 to promote a workingmen's meeting in Trafalgar square.

A swindler is going about among Ontario farmers buying cattle which he pays for with good cheques. He never calls for his cattle and the duped farmers soon find out that the receipts he signed are notes for many times the amount of the cheque.

The two Corsican ladies who, to settle a dispute, went into a field and fought a duel with knives, which resulted in the death of one of them, were probably distinguished figures in the women's rights party in Corsica.

High license has again proved a great success, this time in Pittsburg. The list of saloons last year footed up to 1,500. This year it shrank to 223. The fewer the places the less the drinking. High license melts the number down rather perceptibly.

The Brussels Budget says that "John Cameron, of Durham, who was always lecturing on temperance and never was supposed to do as foolishly as other men do, is bankrupt. Sympathy is wasted on such men, for they are invariably finding fault with others."

The April statistical returns to the United States Department of Agriculture show that the condition of winter wheat is 82 per cent. of an average crop, which is lower than in recent years, excepting only 1888 and 1885, when the averages were 80 and 75 respectively.

The female teacher is gradually crowding the male pedagogue out. While, during the last ten years, the number of lady teachers in the Ontario Public Schools has increased from 3,405 to 4,637, the number of male teachers has actually decreased, being now only 2,727, against 2,780 in 1886.

The Ontario Government has done a just and generous thing in granting $500 to Stafford Bottom, who lost one of his feet through having it frozen while carrying the Provincial election papers from Pelee Island to the main shore in December, 1886.—Detroit News.

Complaints respecting the conduct of members of the Winnipeg School of Infantry are loud and frequent. There are a number of rowdies enlisted, and their drunkenness, foul language and rowdyism have induced leading citizens to threaten to represent the disgraceful state of affairs to the Minister of Militia. Col. Taylor says the reports are grossly exaggerated, and he is asking the military authorities for an investigation.

REV. JOHN MAY has an article in the last number of the Dominion Churchman on the subject of the public school system of Ontario. Mr. May is not an ardent admirer of our school system. The principal defects are, in his estimation, that it makes no provision for instruction in manners, cleanliness, or religion, and that the school children are overtaxed by too many studies, and studies that are beyond their years.

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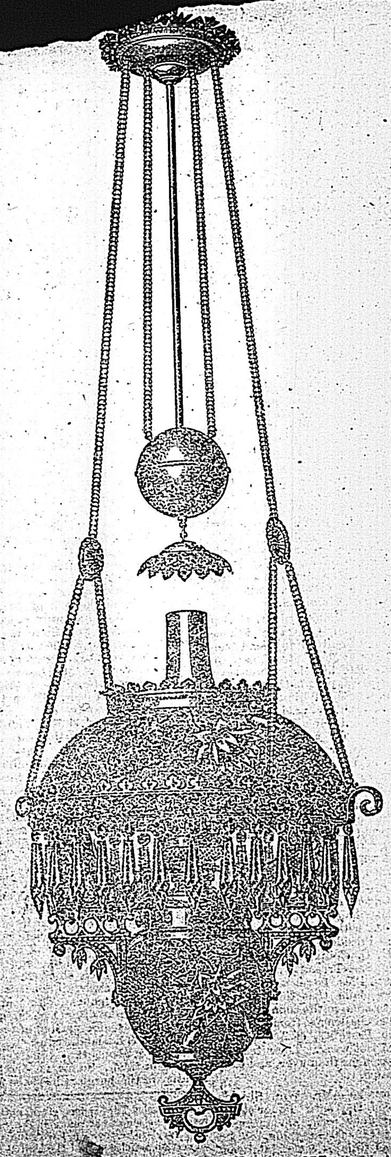

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