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If it's a sunshiny day,
Hot or cold, I never mind itThat's my time fer makin' hay; If it's rainin', fills my wishMakes the lakes jest right fer fish; When the snow falls white as foam, Then I track the rabbits home. Spring or winter, summer, fall, I'm jest thankful fer' 'em all!
-Demorest's Magazine.

## A Scholar in Disguise

A correspondent of the "Canada Presbyterian," who was a student in Scotland in 1865, tells a story of the late Professor John Stuart Blackie which well illustrates the way in which this famous teacher, who could sometimes be very severe, could also be cordial when he came in contact with serious students.

The correspondent was preparing for his degree in classics, and was spending a little time at Braemar. He had gone up to a great rock called the Lion's Face, and was lying beside a path reading the third book of Virgil's "Eneid" aloud. Suddenly he felt the touch of a stick on his shoulder, and, turning about, saw a man by his side.
It was a tall, lean man, with a shepherd's plaid thrown loosely around his shoulders. In his right hand he held a shepherd's crook, and on his head was a "wide-awake" hat, almost as wide of brim as the cowboy hat of the American plains.
" Ye're reading Virgil, laddie," said the man. "Yes, sir."
"Let me hear ye translate this," he continued; and in a wonderful way he rolled off a dozen lines of the poet, chosen at random.
The young man did his best to render it into English, and then parsed and scanned the lines, in a faulty way he thought. But the unknown man in the guise of a shepherd was pleased to commend the student's effort.
Then the two walked together down to Castleton, the stranger talking eloquently and most instructively of the writings of the Greeks and Romans. When their ways parted the man said:
"I suppose you don't know who I am ?"
"No, sir," answered the student
"Well, I am Professor Blackie, of Edinburgh. I dare say you have heard of me."
"Oh, very often indeed."
"Aye, aye", said the Professor, slowly and thoughtfully. "And I dare say ye've heard that many folk think I'm a wee bit cracked," tapping his forehead with his finger; " but never
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That's an extreme case, but it will serve for an illustration. Don't you see how the Latin is a protection and a safeguard to the patient? Prescriptions in Latin he can't read, and consequently does not try to remember.
Now for a final reason. Latin is a language that is used by scientific men the world over, and no other language is. You can get a Latin prescription filled in any country on the face of the earth where there is a drug-store.
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Calcutta. What good would an English prescription be in St. Petersburg?

The man that sings the loudest in church throws his head so far back that he can't see the collection-basket when it comes along. Some folks are so fond of trouble they can't enjoy honey for thinking of what might have happened if the bee had stung'em. The road to heaven is so narrow that some people have about decided there is not room for two at a time. When you hear a man saying that this is a hard world, ten to one but he's broken his leg trying to fly when he should have been walking.-Atlanta Constitution.

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## The Uses of Poetry

Poetry, as at present practiced in this country, has several important functions that are not put down in the books. It is very good gymnastics for a young writer, giving him exercise in the choice of words with precision, and in their melodic value and significance. This is invaluable at a time when the young writer has few ideas but abundant energy. Moreover, poetry is a very safe outlet for youthful sentiment. You can say almost anything to a young woman in rhyme, without entangling yourself in a promise of matimony. It is as safe a present as a box of candy. Then, too, in the modern magazine, poetry is an indispensable gap-filler. It is just as useful as mud in filling up the chinks in a log house. But its most ornamental office of recent years is to furnish material for pretty little books to young publishers, who of course desire to make a good showing on a small investment. Nothing has been discovered that will so handsomely adorn two ounces of hand-made paper and an eccentric book-cover as a sprinkling of verse here and there. Even a pastel does not balance on a page quite so artistically. Chicago has been the leader in what might be called the Deckle-Edge Renascence.
An examination of many of these recent books of poetry shows that hexameters and iambic pentameters are very much out of style. The lines are too long, and eliminate or curtail the wide margins that are the chief delight in book-making. To all young poets who want to be published we say most earnestly, do not make your lines over four feet, and taper them down to a single explosive syllable. Then give them a crescendo ending with a large cap line and three!!! We used to hear of the poetic ear; it has been superseded by the typographic eye.-" Droch" in "Life."

## Two Phases of Home Mission Work in a New Territory

## To the Editors of The Outlook:

The story of the beginnings of missionary work by Christian ministers in Oklahoma is one of the most stirring of the many astonishing things which occurred at the successive "openings" in which thousands of men frantically sought and found homes in which claims were made for almost every 160 acres of land over thousands of square miles of prairie literally in a day. Among the first to come to almost every projected town-site were ministers of the Gospel. In very many cases there were preaching services within a day or two after settlers were permitted to enter the territory. Very soon church organizations were established, church buildings erected, and missionaries began regular, persistent, and energetic work. Most of the funds for the erection of the buildings and for the support of the ministry were supplied by Christian people in other parts of the country. One missionary told me he received only fifty cents "from the field" during his first year of work.
This work was not that of any one denomination. Most Protestant denominations actively participated. Fach of the leading denominations has spent paney and effort froely, Many thousands of dollars money and end this year by each of several such will be expended this year by each of several such denominations. Much good has been done and is
being done. The missionary spirit is not dead. Bebeing done. The missionary spirit is not dead. Be heractice is not abated among the membership of our charches.
That more good could have been done, that there would be more effective work now and a better prospect for the future, if there had been and were now a pect for the future, if there had been and were now a Christian forces in a community, seems evident.
For eight months I have lived in a pleasant county
Fown of twelve to fifteen hundred population, these mainly white, English-speaking Protestants. The town is six years old. It has five church buildings belonging to orthodox Protestant dencinin ings, belonging to orthodox Protestant denominations; anouilding. It is said there ise prepanyg to erect a bullus. It is said here are many more religious denominations maintaining distinct organzations and holdngoccasional services. Two of the denominations with church buildings or regularly, holding services have the same name-one North," one "South." Two others are so nearly alike that ministers freely pass from one to the other. Two have "special peculiarities" which tend to keep them separate from other Christians. The total active resident membership is perhaps two hundred. Probably not a larger number have attended all the
churches at any one time in months. The six so-
cieties do not feel able to give more than $\$ 1,000$ per year for the support of the ministry.
The condition in this town is not unlike that in thers in the Territory, except that there is here a college endowed by the United States. The writer feels a special responsibility for the moral and relig. ious training of the students of this college. Neither for them, for the few Christian people, nor for the rreligious mass of the population does the present condition seem a fortunate one. An effort has been made to secure a consolidation of two of the churches This has been strongly opposed by the membership f one. It has been sugrested that the responsibility on not rest alone on the Christian people here but does not rest alone on the Christian people here, but nations, and especially on those who apportion and distribute the money contributed for home mission distribute the money contor in the Territory mission work. "A thoughtful pastor in the Territory recently no other Church to preach the Gospel in Ollahoma" Is there anything to be done?
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