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THE annual vote lately taken in the cities of Massachusetts on the license or no license question appears to indicate a growing sentiment in the State toward the "no license" position.

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A BEAUTIFUL little book, entitled "Charles and His Lamb," has just been placed upon our table. The author is Miss Marshall Saunders, whose popular story, "Beautiful Joe," many of our readers have perused with deep interest.

ONE of the most abject villainies which man can perpetrate consists in the deliberate purpose, by an organized scheme, to defraud people of small means, of their hard won savings or the investments upon the interest of which they depend for a living.

Dr. Boardman's latest, and one of our own country, of India, of an insecular and sacrificial, well in strength of grasp, in clearness of meaning, in felicity of expression, and in exaltation of spirit, nothing to be desired in making his theme.

PASSING EVENTS.

THE sudden turn of affairs in the diplomatic relations between the governments of Great Britain and the United States has been for the past week the all-absorbing topic of discussion. Recent developments are certainly startling, and, though every Christian man must wish still to believe that war between these two nations is morally impossible, yet it must be confessed that our feelings of security in this respect have been most rudely shaken.

WHEREFORE then are the president and the Congress of the United States so profoundly disturbed? for what reason is this beligerent message of Mr. Cleveland, and why is it proposed forthwith to expend hundreds of millions of dollars in preparation for war with a nation which neither in its government nor in the hearts of its people has been cherishing other than the most friendly feelings toward the great American republic?

THE SITUATION INDICATED AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH.

IT is not a pleasant fact for us in Canada to contemplate that the appeal to Anti-British feeling and the virtual proposal to go to war with England, which President Cleveland's message contained, has found so wide an approval and so vociferous a response among our neighbors.

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ORDINATION.

An ecclesiastical council convened with the West Brook church, Cumberland county, on the 16th inst., at 4 o'clock, p. m., to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. W. H. McLeod, B. A., to the work of the gospel ministry.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

If there is one day in all the year in which our hearts should overflow with joy and gladness, is it not the adventary day of the birth of Christ the Lord, who came to bring peace on earth and goodwill to men?

W. B. M. U.

We are laboring together with God. For the work and workers of Bobbitt, that the darkness may be driven away from the hearts of the people, we are enquiring the way to find Christ and become good workers of the Holy Spirit.