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THE MONTH.

Thanksgiving Day has been fixed for Thursday, November 25th.

The international convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met in Buffalo on the 14th inst.

Rev. Elias Kierstead, father of Prof. E. M. Kierstead, D. D., of Acadia University, died at Collina, N. B., on the 10th inst.

The World's W. C. T. U. convention, of which Miss Frances E. Willard is President, assembled at Toronto on the 25th inst.

Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, of Vancouver, brother of President Trotter of Acadia University, was married to Miss Myra J., daughter of Hon. T. R. Black, of Amherst, on the 20th inst.

Hon. A. P. Blair, Minister of Railways, was banqueted at the Mechanics' Institute, St. John, N. B., on the evening of the 13th inst. The chief visible result has been the usual prolonged newspaper wrangle between the party organs over what the minister said and what he didn't say.

The final refusal of Great Britain on the 22nd inst. to open her mints to the free coinage of silver in accordance with the proposal of the American monetary commission which waited upon the government in the interests of international bimetalism in July last, has dealt the latter a severe blow and shattered the sanguine hopes of its advocates. It looks decidedly now as if "free silver" were doomed.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen have received a royal welcome in all the places visited on their tour through the provinces.

Rev. J. E. Goucher preached at Spa Springs on Sunday morning, the 24th inst., and in the Middleton Baptist church in the evening of the same day.

Great Britain is in the midst of a great engineering strike, which is seriously impeding improvements to the British navy for which Parliament since the year began has voted £7,000,000.

The New Brunswick S. S. Convention opened its 14th annual session in Centenary Methodist church, St. John, on the 19th inst. The meetings were largely attended and much interest manifested throughout.

A bloody fight took place at Samana on the 20th inst., between British troops under General Sir Yeatman Biggs and the rebellious tribesmen. The Gordon Highlanders and 3rd Sikh regiment made a brilliant charge under a withering fire, which dropped half of their numbers, and relieved the Ghoorka regiment which had been fighting for some time from a covered position. In twenty minutes the enemy was dislodged and victory won. Native troops still continue to prove themselves worthy fighting companions of the best British regulars.

The death of Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, removes from the field of American journalism one of the most conspicuous figures. For many years Mr. Dana has been to many an unsolved enigma. With fine literary tastes, kindly disposition, gentle manners, broad sympathies and rich culture, he nevertheless arrayed the forces of his paper in every struggle of humanity upon the side of vice and ignorance, appealing to the lowest elements in the race. His fierce and bitter antagonism to all that was British has largely prevented Canadians from appreciating the worth of his better qualities.

Geo. H. Pullman, the millionaire inventor of the sleeping car, died at Chicago on the 19th inst., of angina-pectoris, aged 69 years.

M. Maertens, of the Russian foreign office and professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, has been chosen to umpire the arbitration of difficulties between Great Britain and Venezuela.

The Baptists of Windsor are among the heaviest sufferers from the great fire disaster. Besides losing their church valued at \$10,000 and Hall worth \$4 000, they have 103 destitute families out of a total of 500 in the entire town.

Rev. E. O. Taylor, who is making a tour of the Provinces under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., has lectured with much acceptance in many of our neighboring towns. There is a prospect of obtaining him for Aylesford a little later.

W. Hughes, correspondent of Black & White, London, Eng., starved to death recently in the streets of Havana, after having been robbed of everything including his passport, by a party of Spanish guerillas in broad daylight in the presence of Spanish officers. The case has been reported to the British consul at Havana and doubtless Spain will be asked to explain. Hughes had won an excellent reputation as war correspondent in Africa at the time of the Soudan expedition.

At the annual convention of the Dominion W. C. T. U., in Toronto on the 19th inst., the Secretary's report showed 445 Unions with 10,101 members, of whom 786 were in Nova Scotia. New Brunswick won the banner for the largest percentage of increase in membership during the year, and Nova Scotia the banner for the largest increase in "Y's". Nova Scotia's success was largely due to the activity of the Windsor branch, which is now sharing the common suffering of that town. Hereafter annual sessions will be replaced by biennial meetings.