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Of the maps it is difficult to convey any adequate idea in words. We have here the Dominion of Canada on a double page less than 8 inches square, yet so clearly defined and coloured, and so scientifically arranged that it is preferable as a reference to most of the large maps we have seen. The map of Newfoundland is the best, decidedly, we have seen anywhere, while those of the other Provinces and Counties are admirable. This wonder of modern art and literary enterprise sells at 40 cents! It is difficult to see how this can be exceeded in future exigency or cheapness.

From the Religious Newspaper Agency, 24 Barclay St., New York, we have three excellent publications this week:—

1. *The Lectures of Joseph Cook*, 90 pages, octavo, paper binding, price 40cts., containing in full the five lectures:—1. Certainties of Religion; 2. The Atonement; 3. God in Natural Law; 4. New England Skepticism; 5. Trinity and Trinitarianism.

The 1st, 3d and 4th of these lectures have just been delivered at the Chautauqua Assembly. They are all most wonderful productions, and should be carefully read by every Christian. These five have been selected from the many lectures delivered by this preacher. They fairly represent his great gifts. Spurgeon declares the lectures of Cook to be the ablest defence of Christianity in modern times.

2. *The Homilist*, David Thomas, B. D., vol. 12, editor's series (complete in itself), 368 pages, 12mo., an exact reprint of the English volume, price \$1.60.

This work has been before the public so long that its commendation has been secured by its own real merit. As a suggestive book, its equal is seldom found. It provokes thought even when it fails to fill out its own outlines. The editor is a man of great mental vigour.

3. *The Metropolitan Pulpit*, vol. 1, heavily bound in cloth, royal octavo, 206 pages, fine print, double column, contains, in condensed form, nearly 200 of the leading sermons preached in New York and Brooklyn during the past year. A large portion of these condensations have been prepared especially for this publication by the preachers themselves.

There is a wealth of original matter in this volume, invaluable to preachers. Public speakers can no longer afford to leave unstudied the arts of eloquence and instruction employed by great men.

THE ABOVE MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE BOOK ROOM.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

A great work has to be done in Halifax on behalf of suffering and neglected infancy. The Committee of the Infants' Home feel constrained by the urgent necessities of the case to lay facts before the public, and to solicit that generous aid and support without which little can be done.

The Infants' Home was opened in February 1875. Since that time over 130 babies have been under our care.—The number would have been much larger had there been more house room and more money. More destitute ones than we can accommodate are constantly needing our care. Whenever we have been able to secure suitable accommodation outside of the Home we have availed ourselves of it.

The best proof perhaps of the management of the Home is that though we have been visited with cholera infantum, whooping cough, mumps, diphtheria, scarlet fever and other infantile complaints, the number of deaths is still below the average.

We have done what we could—we are doing what we can—for the little children and their mothers; and we have by the blessing of God, saved not a few mothers and children from what appeared inevitable destruction. Sixteen babies have already been adopted into excellent homes in various parts of the country, and we are fully warranted in saying that with the exception of two or three these would have perished of neglect had not the Home been open to them; and any that have might escaped an early death would have grown up vagrants and outcasts.

We need a suitable building with accommodation for a Hospital. Hitherto we have been unable properly to isolate the sick, and this causes loss of life as well great inconvenience. We need \$10,000 to provide a comfortable and spacious Home.

We need \$3,000—THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS—a year to meet current expenses. At the present moment we have over Forty Babies, and the necessary staff of nurses to care for them.

It is our earnest desire and our endeavor day and night to put a stop to the grim horrors of Baby-Farming in Halifax. It is well known that in the hands of Baby-Farmers from ninety to ninety-five out of every hundred babies die miserably of hunger and filth or drugs administered to hush their moans and cries. Scores of little ones have perished of slow starvation and neglect in Halifax! Baby-Farmers try to make a living out of the agonies of helpless outcast babies who "have no language but a cry" to make known the dreadful fate to which they have been consigned. Is this to go on beside our churches and our Sunday-schools, and almost within hearing of our comfortable dwelling houses?

The Infants' Home has already prevented an incalculable amount of misery and crime. That it has not done more is due to the fact that the support accorded to it is inadequate. Last year when we had 25 in the Home we asked the Legislature for a grant, and we received \$500. This year when we have our numbers over 40 we asked for more, but the Legislature reduced all the charitable grants—bringing ours down to \$300.

Are we to shut our doors in the faces of twenty or thirty babies that need to be rescued from death? Must we reduce our "Family" by full one-half? To do so will be an unspeakable grief to us. Many in this city have already responded generously to our appeal for aid. Since the first of January we have received upwards of \$1,800. But we need about \$1,200 more for our current expenses. We need a building; but current expenses are still more urgent.

Our appeal now is to every man who has a man's heart in his bosom,—to every loving mother who knows the preciousness of infant life and the woes of infant suffering,—to every boy and girl who wishes to do a Christlike deed. We ask immediate aid,—as liberal as you can give. The call is loud; it is the cry of neglected murdered innocence; it is the cry of blood. Pharaoh's daughter had compassion on the tears of the weeping babe she saved; will christian ladies be less compassionate? It is not the will of our Heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish. In the name of that Father we ask you to help to save those that are ready to perish near our very

doors. Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward. Christ who took the little ones in his arms and laid his hands on them and blessed them will reward an hundred fold the sacrifices you make in this Christ-like work.

On behalf of the Committee,
A. NORDBECK, Treasurer.
M. HUTTON, Secretary.

Donations may be sent to Miss Nordbeck, 61 Victoria Road, or to Mrs. J. Scott Hutton, Gottingen Street, or to any of the following members of the Committee:—Mrs. W. J. BLACK, Gottingen St.; Mrs. E. M. SAUNDERS, Queen Street; Mrs. HEARTZ, Parsonsage, Dresden Row; Mrs. THOMAS DUNCAN, St. Andrew's, Manse; Mrs. RONNE, 14 Annandale Street; Mrs. ALLISON SMITH, Park Street; Mrs. ACKHURST, 59 Victoria Road.

Articles of clothing for women and children are always welcome, also country produce of all kinds.

There are several children now in the Home at an age suitable for adoption. Applications are earnestly solicited.

CENTRAL CITY MISSION.

Several years ago a "Mission Church" was erected and set apart for the special benefit of the district which lies between Sackville and Jacob Streets. The "Barrack Street City Mission" was established in connection with this church, and for some years it was liberally supported by the free-will offerings of Christian people of all denominations. A committee has just been formed of persons of various evangelical denominations for the reviving of City Missionary work in this district, and the Committee are happy to announce that they have secured the services of Mr. John Grierson, who has already had many years experience in the field. There are a great many families in this district that attend no place of worship. It is the aim of the Central City Mission to bring the Gospel to bear upon these people at their own homes, and as far as possible to bring them under the influence of the public ordinances of religion.

The Mission is to be supported in the same manner as the old Barrack Street Mission—namely, no subscription list, but entire dependence under God, upon the voluntary gifts of the Christian public.

In connection with the Mission Church, a Mission Sabbath school has been in existence for several years; and every Sabbath evening for the past year a Gospel Meeting has been held for the benefit of those who do not go to any other church. It is hoped that the usefulness of these agencies will be greatly enhanced through the labor of the new Missionary.

Contributions in aid of the Central City Mission may be handed to S. H. Black, Esq., Treasurer, Halifax Bank, or to any member of Committee.

Ed. Jost, Chairman. Isaac Creighton, S. H. Black, Treas. Rev. R. Murray, D. McGregor, Sec'y. Edward Lloyd, W. C. Calder, H. N. Beckwith, Joseph Bell, J. H. Philip, J. W. Whitman, Dr. Slayter.

The ministers of the churches connected with the Mission are ex officio members of the Committee.
Mission Church, South Brunswick St.,
Sept. 17, 1877.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of \$50 from the Mission School Teachers.

The Tea-meeting at Falmouth (Hantsport Circuit) on Thursday of last week was highly successful. The day was very fine. The people were present in large numbers, and the receipts were satisfactory to the friends interested. It is proposed to finish the basement of the church, to put some needed repairs upon the roof, and, if possible, to procure an organ, the need of which is felt.

The Missionary meeting at Hantsport on the 21st inst. was very successful. The night being unfavourable, many were doubtless hindered from being present, still there was a very fair attendance. The pulpit presented a rich floral display, indicating the taste and thoughtfulness of some lady friend. J. B. North, Esq., M.P.F., president. The pastor gave an encouraging report of the operations of the society during the past year. Rev. Messrs. Hennigar and Brecken gave interesting addresses. The choir, under the efficient leadership of Miss McMurray, furnished suitable music. The receipts of the evening were in excess of last year.

A Methodist Minister who left our Province, and is now in British Columbia, writes:—

"The weekly visits of the WESLEYAN to our home in this distant part of our dominion, are welcomed with a heartiness which old and valued friends only receive. Work on the Pacific Coast requires earnest toil and mighty faith. Our hearts grow weary at times, but 'Jehovah giveth' is our trust."

THE GOOD WORK GOING ON.

A correspondent writing from Chatham under date of yesterday sends us the following: I am glad to inform you that our union meetings are still continued. Last Friday night we had a most interesting time in the Reformed Episcopal Church. A goodly number of young persons lately converted, made a brief statement of their faith and hope in Christ. On last Sabbath evening, St. Andrews was filled with a large congregation composed of persons from all our churches. A solemn and serious spirit seem to rest on all present.

Last night we met again at the Methodist chapel, when a praise meeting was conducted by two of our ministers. Several members of the churches spoke of the rich blessing of grace they themselves had recently enjoyed, and testified to the great moral work pervading our town. All seem to unite in declaring that never in the history of Chatham had such a blessing from the Holy Ghost been poured out upon our people. May the good work go on till it shall extend not only over the whole of our city, but be extended to the villages around us, till the songs of joy and thanksgiving shall ascend to heaven from thousands of tongues to praise our Redeemer.—*Newcastle Advocate.*

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The fifth session of this institution was formally opened yesterday afternoon in the Dorchester street Methodist Church. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. George Douglas, LL. D., he addressed the students on the importance of their work and the spirit with which it should be conducted. He urged them first of all to see to it that they cherished a warm, vital piety, and that they should not allow the constant intellectual strain to which they would be subject to interfere with the activity of earnest religious emotion. He also charged them to cultivate a high sense of honor in their mutual associations, and to be most guarded in their conduct everywhere, so as to bring no dishonour upon the sacred calling for which they were being prepared.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, B. A., Professor of Classics and Bible Criticism, made a few remarks upon the ideal the students should have of a true minister, both as a Christian gentleman and a man of spiritual power. He referred to the heavy work that was before them, which they could successfully accomplish only by earnest plodding, active thought and severe taxing of memory.

Principal Douglas has charge of the departments of theology, history, apologetics and homiletics, and Prof Shaw that of languages and Bible criticism and church polity. For classes in metaphysics and natural sciences, the students attend McGill University.

An increased number of students have registered for this session. It is noticeable that a large proportion are from the Western conferences, indicating the growing influence of the institution.—*Mont. Witness.*

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. M. C. A. of Binghamton, N. Y., holds a Gospel Meeting every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Erie Depot for railroad men. At the same time a Bible reading is given at the rooms, preceded by a service of song. On Sunday morning a prayer and praise meeting is held, especially for young men.

The R. R. Branch Y. M. C. A. of Columbus, Ohio, tenders the following report for August.

Attendance of readers	3712
" " at Sunday services	324
Number of registered visitors	385
No. papers and magazines distrib'd	296
" " " filed	450

A new Association has been formed at Clifton Springs, N. Y.

The Chinese Y. M. C. A. of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, is doing a fine work. Mr. Sitemour, the President is an excellent Christian worker, and in his capacity of colporteur has visited most of his countrymen on the different islands of the group. The Association has sent to it regularly papers published in China and San Francisco, which are for use in the weekly meetings, and have a tendency to draw the members together. The society has accumulated a fund of over \$700, and have recently purchased several lots in the cemetery for the burial of their deceased countrymen.

A series of interesting meetings have been held during the past season under the auspices of the Providence Y. M. C. A. M. E. D. Ingersoll, the agent of the Executive Committee among R. R. men, held meetings at Providence recently in behalf of this class. It is probable that steps will soon be taken to organize a Railroad Branch.

The first Dominion Convention of the Y. M. C. A. opened in the National School Hall, Quebec, Sept. 13th. Besides the delegates there were present a large number of prominent citizens who desired to share in the privileges of the Convention. The Assembly was called to order by the Hon. Senator Vidal, of Sarnia. The Chairman explained that it had been thought best to open this Convention as the tenth Annual Convention of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. When the business of that Assembly was completed they would proceed with that of the Dominion Convention. Many prominent gentlemen were present, and the Convention was a very successful one.

The Convention of the 20th District of the State of Pennsylvania, met at Girard, Sept. 8th and 9th, to arrange the work for Fall and Winter. A new District Executive Committee was elected. The State work was presented and pledges secured for its support. A systematic plan of intervisitation was discussed. Two new Associations were represented; both have been organized since the last Convention held at North East. March 1st and 2nd. Arrangements were made to visit the weak Associations in the district, and also to organize new societies where practicable.

The Y. M. C. A. of Louisville, Ky., held open air meetings every night except Wednesday for the week ending Sept. 15. Railroad men and their families were especially invited to be present. The Report of the Devotional Committee of the Association for August, showed 68 meetings held in different parts of the city with a total attendance of 4,032 persons. About fifty members are regularly engaged in the work. The Committee is soon to be a few workers' meeting for Bible study.

The Y. M. C. A. of Buffalo, N. Y., published a very neat and convenient little pocket guide, which is distributed to strangers coming to the city, and contains information relative to the principal points in the city as well as to the various places of business. An invitation to come to the rooms of the Association is also found on its pages. It is a valuable little pamphlet.

The General Assembly of the Y. M. C. A. of the Rhenish Westphalian Provinces of Germany was held at the rooms of the Association at Elberfeld, commencing Aug. 11. Full accounts of the proceedings have not reached us as yet, we will publish as they arrive.

A HINT TO DYSPYPTICS.

Change your diet and manner of living; drink neither tea nor coffee; never drink at meal times; after every meal, or during the meal, dissolve half a teaspoonful or more of cayenne pepper in half a glassful of milk, and drink it. Eat plain food; never taste pastry of any kind. If you are troubled with sleepless nights, do not try to promote sleep by taking stimulants or opiates; they do more harm than good. Take a sponge bath just before retiring; and if you are unable to do it yourself, get some one to rub you well with a coarse towel. If you wake in the night and can not get to sleep again, get up at once, and not lie until you "get nervous thinking about it." Take a foot bath; rub your limbs well, to get up a circulation; drink a glass of cold water. Do not expect to cure yourself in one week's time. Have patience, and try one month.