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Lecture by Rev. Mr. Beers on the Present State of Religion in France.

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Rev. W. L. Beers delivered an interesting lecture before the Unity Club last evening, on The Present State of Religion in France.

The reverend gentleman's points were as follows:

The masses of the French people, embracing all classes, are Roman Catholic due to the existence of the Catholic church in France for seventeen centuries and its intimate connection with all the important events of national life, together with the peculiarities of the French temperament and character.

There is an exodus from the Catholic church both of the clery and laity due in a large part to the emphasis iaid upon financial demands of the church, its enormous accumulations of property, which evade taxation, the semi-military commanding spirit of many prelates, and the hostility of the church towards science and religion.

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It is estimated that at least 100 priests leave the church every year, many of whom engage in an active polemic against the old faith.

The reaction from Catholicism is largely in the direction of athelsm. But by the rapid development of Procestantism since 1896, a united force, this tendency is largely corrected.

A large factor operating in the present religious life of France is the tendency of republican democracy.

From 1878 to 1898, a bitter duel was fought between state and clorgy, but in 1891 republican principles proved their power by the crushing out of the Boulanger conspiracy, since when, until recently, the hostility of the church towards the republic has been inactive. The chief difficulty is created by the attitude of the monastic orders, the predominating spirit of which is held to be antagonistic to public interests.

To correct these orders' abuses, the Law of Associations was passed in July, 1901, which gives freedom of associations except to mixed organizations organizations with headquarters in foreign countries, organizations whose members live in common. It is not anti-clerical, but aims to give a much needed check to agitation and plotting against the government. As a result of this law, 2,500 Roman Catholic schools have been closed, turning out 6,000 teachers and 150,000 pupils, placing the government in the dilemma of enforcing the compulsory primary education laws which it has rendered impossible of fulfilment or ignoring their violation.

M. Combes, premier, by a tactless enforcement of the law, has incurred the hostility of many, both Catholics and Protestants. The old bitterness between church and state has broken out afresh and the present government is apparently anti-religious, Conflicting interests are developing hated controvers as such as all good Frenchmen regret and may lead to serious convecuences.

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A bill is up for enactment in the Virgina legislature which provides that no man shall kiss a woman and that no woman shall kiss a man unless he or she has a license to do so, or rather a certificate from a reputable physician that the would-be kisser is free from any infectious or contagious discase. Think of it: "Sir, or madame; wait till I put on my spectacles and examine your papers."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Cotton futures open of steady. Jan., 8.48; Feb., 8.34; March, 8.35 April, 8.36; May, 8.35; June, 8.38; July, 8.42 August, 8.25; September, offered, 8.63.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
S. S. State of Maine, from Boston.
S. S. Unison, from Sydney.
Co.Litwise.—Sich. Nelle Watters, 96, Bishop, from Parrishoro, with 142 tons coal. Sch. Blanch, 42, Stevens, from Hillsboro.
Str. Aurora, 182, Ingersol, from Campbello.

Cleared.
Schr. Otis Miller, 98, Miller, for Newport.
Schr Agnes May, 91, Kerigan, from Ports

ROYAL ARCANUM

The Royal Arcanum membership has

MONTREAL, Dec. 15—Word was received in the city today that Hon. S. N. Parent, premier of Quebec, has asked the premiers of the provinces throughout Canada to meet in Quebec on Thursday next to decide exactly what course the provinces would take in trying to secure from the federal parliament an increase in the subsidies granted to the provices.





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Not far from Mont Cerf, one of the
northern settlements, a little tragedy
of a warning to deer hunters. A young
French woman was standing at the
door of her little home, her fivemonths-old child in her arms, when
she suddenly felt a shock of some
kind, and her baby screamed, struggled violently, and, in a moment or
two, was dead. The father was near
came in as the mother sank to the floor
unconscious. Her long fainting fit was
overcome with difficulty. Then they
tried to account for the sudden death
of the child. It was not until the litthe body was stripped of its clothing
that the matter became clear to the
investigators.

Then a stain upon the inner garment, one tiny wound in the chest,
and one in the back, told the tale of a
builtet gone astray; the bullet itself
was found in the clothing of the mother, where it had lodged. It had
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autumn, a sawmill hand, standing on
a boom above the flume, suddenly
dropped his pikepole, reeded and fell
into the water, dead, with a steet bullet in his brain. No report was heard,
the force of the missile was evidently
almost spent, and the man who killed
his fellow was never discovered—perthe form of the country's most prominent
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I see not the brook—I hear it—
All of a summer long;
Under a brake of roses.
What is a brook but song?
A woman is she when wit me,
And sweet to my hear? desire:
But when she is absent from me,
She is spirit—and dream—and fire!
—Henry Harris, in the Century Magazine.

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(Montreal Witness.)

In establishing an old age pension system for its employees the Canadian Pacifico Raliway Company has given another proof that its reputation for business wisdom is not undeserved. Governments recognize that men who have served them long and faithfully are entitled to a provision for old age, and large concerns that employ thousands are now adopting the same policy as based on sound business principles. All men as they advance in years feel the need of provision for the future. This is the idea that underlies the whole vast fabric of insurance in its many forms and directors of big companies, wisely taking it into consideration, enlist it in their service. Thereby, as the president of the C. P. R. says in his circular, it builds up among the employees a feeling of permanency in their employment, and enlarged interest in the company's welfare and a desire to remain in and devote their best efforts and attention to the company's service. That these results will be obtained there can be no doubt, for the plan appeals to the strongest human motives, and unites the interests of all connected with the company by making every man in its employ feel that his welfare is part of its system. This is a service which can be rendered by a large institution like a great railway company whose permanency can to some extent be counted on but which should be done for private firms by meurance companies, which in this would seem to have open to them a vast, unworked field of enterprise.

A MEMORIAL CHURCH.

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PENETANGUISHENE, Ont., Dec. 12.

—St. Anne's Memorial church, built in
memory of Fathers Jean de Brebeuf
and Gabriel Lallemant, two Jesuit
missionaries, who were massacred by
Indians in the year 1625, was formally
opened and blessed yesterday by Archbishop O'Connor of Toronto, attended
by a number of priests, in the presence
of an immense concourse of people
from near and far. The Archbishop
afterwards gave an interesting account of the Jesuits' labors on behalf
of the Indians in the early years. The
building is of rock-faced stone with
trimmings of Credit Valley red, and
Nottawasaga white sandstone, and ocsupies a commanding position on one
of the highest elevations near the centre of the town. The interior dimensions are 137 feet long by 45 feet wide,
with a seating capacity of about one
thousand. The walls are finished in
water colors, pink-linted, and present
a beautiful entrance. A number of
handsome memorial windows, representative of scripture scenes, are in
place, and it is contemplated putting
in several more. The foundation stone
of this spiendid memorial was laid by
the late Archbishop Lynch, in Septemin several more. The foundation stone of this spiendid memorial was laid by the late Archbishop Lynch, in September, 1886, and its construction has been in progress ever since

DR. LYMAN ABBOTT

Says a Man Can be a Christian and Not a Church Member.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, edito of the Outlook, addressed the members ani students of the Princeton Theological Seminary on the subject, What Is It to Be a Christian? He said, in part:

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The first vice at which Jesus struck when He was speaking to the people of Nazareth was the vice of aristocracy, and the second was at the vice of democracy of popular prejudice. He allowed nothing to stand between Him and righteousness, not even friendship or education. He did not give Himself to the leaguing together to oppress the poor Himself for service. When he saw men leaguing together to oppress the poor He struck a hard blow against it, and He stood firmly against all evil. Can a man be a Christian and not be a member of a church? Yes, but he must be a very broad-minded man if there is not some church he can get into somewhere. To follow Christ is first of all to give yourself to the service of God by serving your fellow-men. This is more important than the question of the Trinity, of the atonement or of creeds.

WORSE THAN ST. JOHN.

Sec. Shax in Washington, Saturday, declined to say anything for publication as to the attitude of the treasury department in regard to the present money sringency in New York. There is reason to believe, however, that no action whatever is contemplated now, or at any time in the near future.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Livery Stables, etc. .

MORNING'S NEWS.

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Red Rose tea is good tea.

The stores of Manchester, Robertson & Allison will be open until 10 p. m. on the evenings of Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th insts.

23rd and 24th insts.

Str. Aurora, from Grand Manan, with a good freight and a lot of passeagers, reached port about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that Rev. W. C. Matthews, now pastor of the Methodist Church at Chatham, has been invited to the pastorate of the Exmouth Street, St. John, Church. Rev. Mr. Deinstadt has finished his four years' term.

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The I. C. R. expects to fit up the sheds on the ballast wharf within a few days so that cattle may be delivered from this side of the harbor. About 500 cattle will probably leave Montreal on Wednesday night for the Alcides.

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O. G. Irvine, of the mechanical department of the I. C. R., Moncton, has severed his connection with the railway and proposes to settle in this city. Josiah Fowler of this city had a narrow escape in the Victoria hotel fire at Quebec, Sunday afternoon. He was rescued from an upper window and lost all his effects, except the clothes he was wearing at the time.

Alics Dudridge of Lewiston, Me., and Seymour Sharpe of Westneld were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. J. A. Mortson. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage, No. 18 Queen square. The couple were unattended. They left on the evening train for Westfield, where they will reside.

The following charters are reported: Schooners Dominion, Edgewater to St. John, coal, \$2.50; this is the highest figure so far; Mauna Loa, do., to Yarmouth, coal, \$2.50; this is the highest figure so far; Mauna Loa, do., to Yarmouth, coal, \$2.50; this is the highest figure so far; Mauna Loa, do. to Yarmouth, coal, \$2.50; wm. Churchill, Port Reading to Boston, \$2.50 also highest yet paid; bark Athena, Philadelphia to Santiago, coal, \$2.25.

PROVINCIAL.

Real estate in Digby has advanced in price as a result of expectation that the government would provide a deep water terminus for steamers there.

Henry Olmstead and Miss Bessi Follett were married at Jemseg of December 10.

The cruiser Aberdeen will probably be sent to Sydney to give assistance to schooners wrecked along shore re-

GENERAL.

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The Allan liner Peruvian arrived at St. John's, Nild., yesterday, with two blades of her propellor gone.

The crews of two Newfoundland fishing schooners were taken off-last week by passing steamers and the schooners went down.

It has been decided to build a union railway station at Washington at a cost of \$4,000,000.

J. Wilfrid Blondin has been found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Chief Salmon, of the United States animal industry, believes the foot and mouth disease will soon be stamped out.

The Venezuelan question was brought up in the British house of commons yesterday, and brought out the remark from Lord Cranborne that no country has been more anxious than Great Britain to assist the American government in maintaining the Monroe doctrine. The question was brought up on a motion to adjourn, which, after discussion by the premier, the liberal leader, Harcourt and others was rejected without a division. Lord Lansdowne says that Irish home rule has receded farther into the background than at any time within his recollections. Venezuelan

RAILWAY PASSES.

The pass system, a high official of the Grand Trunk said to the Montreal Witness, was a necessary evil. No man had yet the temerity to say that three columns to an account for the it should be wiped out altogether. The thing could not be done. At the same time, the cvil could be minimized, and this the Grand Trunk tried to do all

this the Grand Trunk tried to do all the time.

Asked if it was not a lowering of the independence of the members of parliament to accept passes, the official said that of a man was so weak as to be influenced by the consideration that he had a pass in his pocket, he was obviously not the man to send to Ottawa.

"Is it not the fact, however, that men in the house have been influenced in their votes by the consideration that they have passes from the company whose application is before the house?"

"Well, I do not know of it, but certainly if the mere matter of a pass could influence the judgment of a member of parliament it is manifest that he should not be there."

"Well, would it not be better to abrogate the pass privilege in the case of members of parliament?"

"It might be, but how will you do it? A certain privilege has grown up, which has passed into usage. It is difficult to deal with this matter, which is one of great delicacy."

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OLDEST LIVING COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Amand LeBlanc of Amiro's Hill, Yarmouth Co., N. S., are probably the oldest living couple in Nova Scotla, Mr. LeBlanc will be 98 in province. Mr. LeBlanc will be 98 in May next and Mrs. LeBlanc is in her 96th year. As evidence of the activity of the aged husband we may state that he is still to be seen in his accustomed place in the parish church every fines Sunday and sat—summer was able to assist in the hay making. Mrs. LeBlanc is confined to her bed. They have no family. Their married life of 73 years has been a happy one.—Sissiboo Echo.

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