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Yarmouth, Feb. 20. G. E. DAVY.

A WINGED MESSENGER

In the Midwinter Century George Kennan has another of his Russian articles in which, after describing the means of intercommunication between political prisoners, he adds: "It would be thought that human ingenuity could go no further in the contrivance of schemes to relieve the monotony of solitary confinement by a secret interchange of ideas and emotions with other prisoners, but in the fortress there were occasionally practiced methods of intercommunication even more extraordinary than any of these."

"One afternoon in the summer of 1881," said Doctor Melnikoff to me, in the course of a conversation about his fortress life, "I was lying on the bed in my casemate, wondering how I should get through the rest of the day, when I saw first the cell through the open port-hole in the door a large blue-bottle fly. In the stillness and loneliness of one of those casemates any trifling sound is enough to attract a man's attention, and the occasional visit of a fly is an important event in one's life. I listened with pleasure to the buzz of his wings, and followed him with my eyes as he flew back and forth across the cell, until I suddenly noticed that there was something unusual in the appearance of his body. He seemed to have something attached to him. I arose from the bed in order to get nearer to him, and soon satisfied myself that there was a bit of paper fastened to his body. How to catch him and secure that paper without attracting the attention of the guard in the corridor I hardly knew, as he was flying most of the time in the upper part of the cell beyond my reach. For ten or fifteen minutes I watched him without being able to think of any way to capture him; but at last he came down nearer to the floor, and as he passed me I succeeded in catching him in the hollow of my hands without injuring him. Attached to his body by a fine human hair, I found a small folded scrap of thin cigarette paper, upon which a man's name had been written with the burnt end of a match. It was not the name of any one whom I knew; but as it was evident that some strictly guarded prisoner hoped by this means to let his friends in the bastion know either that he had been arrested or that he was still alive, I fastened the paper again to the fly as well as I could and put him out into the corridor through the port-hole, saying 'S'bogom!' ["With God," or "Go with God"—a Russian expression commonly used in bidding a friend good-bye-]

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Intercolonial Railway. 87. WINTER ARRANGEMENT '18. GRAND AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1917, the Trains of this Railway will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

Trains will leave St. John's. Day Express, Accommodation, Express for Halifax and Quebec, Sleepers for Halifax and Quebec, Day Express, 1.30, 1.50, 1.50, 1.50, 1.50.

Trains will arrive at St. John's. Express from Halifax and Quebec, 7.0, Express from Quebec, 8.5, Accommodation, 10.5, Day Express, 10.5.

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THE CHRISTIAN VOICE VOL. IV.

Acute. "It is... consciousness, so much possesses man, search our consciences, science is over us, conscience. While seems to be separate, not quite before us. When we wish more often lifts up her voice, ever asserts herself, control us. She makes us upon her and upon us."

The Right Way. Lished life of Rev. J. minister, says: "He every sinner out of every sinner out of what all of us should joyously insist on neglect to declare the."

VITAL STATISTICS. WALES.—The B-riest for these countries for births and 500,000 for emigration there is increase of half a mill. The whole population. There were 200,000 average age of the population of the brides 26. Group young as they did registers, and had to death rate is lower in than in any of the the Norwegians and 1 per thousand, while 26.2, in Italy 28.3, There was a decline in which average less than preceding 10 years; the born to 1,000 males; 1,039 females to 1,000.

PERMISSION. A proprietor of the pills name gave about \$4000 for women a doctored fees that it should be was especially solicited becoming a Church of is found, however, the assuming control of the institution. It was Commissioners to a governors. They appallions, with the Arch at the head. One of foundation deed was an Episcopal lady and divinity has the curriculum, contrary founder. The Freeman inference that the large the Church of Englan already obtained, in the instances, by like or ions of right and j to the greater redun thinks the time for reo.

Tratt. —One of a country where there is in the people being great monopolies. The States are beginning to due to their protective The manufacturers and lines have united together a "trust." All the united in one great om mon management. market and can there they please on the art where foreign competi instance, in the United sugar trust, with a or How prices have be monopolies can be seen from the New York T been advanced from gallon; school sites 1 Oil from 38 to 86 cents to \$40 per ton; steel 1 300 per cent; oil cot on. We are beg pressure of monopolie is very much above r fliers are reaping ex extra price we hav end of this will be it italis are on the me secure the control o modified, do which p the United States, br a smaller rather th the protection behind gather, may have to g put up to make the greater at the expres not a wonder if they burk some day.

How it works. —The West are under pr Washington, the east United States and