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The eminent physician, Sir Andrew Clark, was worth a million dollars at his death. He started life without a penny. But this fact is of less value than is the knowledge that he won so high a fame in relieving the ills to which men are heirs.

There are few things in the whole field of administration and state-manage-ment more difficult than those connected with the contact of civilized and uncivilized nations.

Dr. McCosh, the ex-president of Princeton, has reached the good old age of eighty-two. It cannot be said that his natural force is not abated.

Sir Wilfred Lawson says: "In this world unfortunately, success is a test of approval as a rule. There was one in the House of Commons a Mr. Merry, who represented a Scotch constituency, who, on one occasion, when addressing his constituents was accused of having once run a horse in a race on a Sunday.

In how great a degree crime and the expense attendant upon its punishment are chargeable upon the liquor traffic is illustrated by the fact that, in the 1862 cases tried at the St. John police court during the past year, 1,333, or about four fifths, were cases of drunkenness or of violation of the liquor laws.

THE Louisiana Lottery, which ceased on January first to have any legal standing in that state, is supposed to be transferred to Honduras.

Granite Works

demoralising business all over the continent. It appears, too, that the removal of the lottery's headquarters from United States territory is more apparent than real.

THE case of Vallant, the anarchist who threw the bomb in the French Chamber of Deputies, has received fearless treatment at the hands of judge and jury, the man being promptly found guilty and sentenced to death.

PASSING EVENTS.

THE determination of Governor Mitchell, of Florida, to uphold the honor of his State by preventing the prize fight between Corbett and Mitchell, which has been announced to come off on Jan. 25th in Jacksonville or its vicinity, is worthy of the highest commendation.

IN the United States the condition of things continues to be somewhat less prosperous and encouraging than the good citizens of the great republic could desire. Speaking generally the present winter is for that country the most trying one that it has seen in a long time.

THE Toronto correspondent of the Montreal Witness, who is understood to be generally well-informed in reference to matters concerning which he writes, has given the readers of that paper some interesting information in reference to the manner in which the "Prohibition Test Case" is to be conducted.

an advocate of prohibition. In October last Sir John Thompson consented to the case going immediately before the Supreme Court of Canada, and the case was accordingly removed from the Ontario Court of Appeals to the higher court. The correspondent of the Witness has learned that the necessary steps have since been taken for the submission of the case to the Supreme Court at Ottawa next month.

SENTECE was pronounced on Thursday last in the case of three young Frenchmen, J. A. Pelland, Paul de Mastigny and Honoré Morder, who attempted some weeks ago to blow up with dynamite the Nelson monument in Montreal.

W. B. M. U. "Lord what will Thou have me to do." Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. Baker, 311 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

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Halifax Notes. A very enjoyable time was held at Pastor's Chutes on New Year's evening. Dr. Maider, on behalf of the First Baptist Young Peoples' Union, presented a very handsome set of Porties, making pastor and wife happy at the beginning of 1894.

The North Baptist Sunday-school held annual Mission Band exercises last Sunday afternoon in December, a full house assembled and the school rendered eight very fine Christmas selections of music. Primary classes were in excellent spirits and did their work to the entire satisfaction of parents and friends.

meeting and election of committees for the year. The church has been to large expense repairing the front of building, also raising funds to reduce mortgage. Some 70 persons were welcomed into the church by letter and baptism during the year, the church and pastor are encouraged.

Bro. March was out and on Sunday evening last preached and dispensed the communion at West End church. His connection with this church closed last of 98.

Bro. Johnson's wife has been very ill for four months, which has prevented his visitations to outside friends.

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There is general rejoicing among the Ontario workers in India, over the arrival of the six new missionaries, but it is probable that the joy of none is so great as the joy of the long tired missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. McLaurin, as they welcome one of the six, their eldest daughter. We are contrasting this scene with one we witnessed twelve years ago when Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin said good-bye to their two only children and turned their faces eastward to again take up work for Telugus. The anguish, the patience,

and the hope of these years have brought their reward and the parents now receive their child, not only as a daughter, but as co-worker in the vineyard of the Lord. "He doeth all things well."

It is surely the "faith that will not shrink" that has possession of the young missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bird, of Central Africa. Two years ago they left their home in Ontario, with no prospect of protection and no assurance of support, excepting in the promises of the Almighty, with no Foreign Mission Board to back them, and with no record of great achievements to spur them on, they went forth in the name of the Lord of Hosts to set up His banner. But God supplies all their needs. "Loaves" come in to them from Ontario, the United States, England and other points. Whatever they need is made a subject of prayer, and in every case the articles has been sent. Certainly their sufferings are great, sufferings from fevers, reptiles, savages, add the utter desolation around them.

Up to last April they had had no message from home since July, 1892, and with two exceptions, had not looked upon a white face for two years. But God is with them, and the wild field around them is being broken up ready for the sowing of the seed.

The monthly leaflet which was proposed at our last annual meeting has quite unconsciously taken to itself the name of "W. B. M. U. Tidings." This will, I am sure, supply a long felt need, and will increase the interest in all our W. B. M. U. meetings as well as keep each society informed as to the progress and needs of our mission field.

The January number must call forth gratitude to God and cause us to rejoice with the missionaries at Chicouche as they welcome from the ranks of high caste heathenism this Brahmin whom God has called into His service. How little that sister thought, when sending the little text book with an invitation enclosed to come to Christ, that she may have formed one of the links in the chain that drew this young man to the Saviour. The smallest act done for the Master is never lost. We may not be able to trace the result; but it cannot lose its reward. Mrs. Archibald writes later, "God's dealings are so wonderful, so gracious; and when His power is manifest it differs so from the power of man that we have no adequate words to magnify and bless His name. The heathen have said, 'Where is your God?' And we have prayed Him to honor His own Word, and His own name, and to let them know that there is a God in Israel He has done it. The people of Chicouche have said, 'you make Christians in small places among low caste people; you can do nothing here,' and right out from their midst comes a young educated Brahmin, and we are quite willing to stand still and see the salvation of God. Others have received strength to acknowledge themselves seekers, and we believe there are scores of such in this wicked town.

What about this self denial spoken of by Mr. Higgins? Shall we, who have so much more to be thankful for, be unwilling to deny ourselves in order that our mission may be relieved of debt and new missionaries sent forth in response to the importunate appeals of our brothers and sisters on the foreign field. We would recommend that the "Tidings" be read at Mission Bands and B. Y. P. U. meetings, so that all our children and young people may unite in prayer with us that this young Brahmin may be a consecrated, chosen vessel, fitted for the Master's use, and others quickly follow in his footsteps.

The "Tidings" is printed very cheaply, only costing one cent each and mailed free. Will each president see that twelve cents is sent to our treasurer, Mrs. Smith, with the next quarterly remittance so the actual cost may be defrayed? It is such a trifle for each one, but quite a sum if taken from the funds of the union. I fear some of the societies are not receiving the "Tidings." If this is correct, will you please send a post card to Mrs. Smith, Amherst, informing her, giving your name and post office address? S. J. MANFRO.

Literary Notes. The issue of "The Delineator" for March is the great "Spring Announcement Number," and in its artistic display of new styles and general attractiveness it is superior to any former number of this popular magazine. In addition to the usual entertaining reading there are several new features noticed this month, one being an original and decidedly fascinating Serial Drama that will be immensely popular. Another is the resumption of the articles on the Uses of Crepe and Tissue Papers, with illustrations; and a third in the first of the promised series of papers on Hygienic Living. The housekeeper is especially considered in some Dainty Cookery, Hints to House Housewives, and the article on Household Renovation which treats of the repairing and polishing of the woodwork of furniture; while the mother of marriageable daughters will find food for serious thought in the concluding chapter of Child Life.