

siastical and secular, and the curriculum will be taught. There will be corresponding examinations and a circulating library. Prizes will be given to the most successful students.

Dr. Ziemann, the representative in Serbia of the Manchester Evangelical Committee, who has acted as almoner of the money, blankets, clothing and food contrabuted for the relief of the suffering refugees, and who has decided to remain for some months longer and to engage in evangelistic work, sends a sad picture of the state of the country, which he says is "frightful." He appeals to the English public to fund in aid of his Orphans' Home.

Sir Titus Salt has passed away. His name was "familiar as a household word," not only as a successful manufacturer, but as a great social reformer and philanthropist. The model town of Saltaire is his monument, while it remains a permanent lesson to those who perplex themselves with the knotty question of "how to raise the masses." It is a practical exemplification of the superiority of individual effort to the wild and visionary schemes of such men as Ferguson O'Connor, and other men of the times in which Saltaire was founded. Where communistic theories failed, Titus Salt succeeded, and lived many years to see himself surrounded by a happy, healthy, sober, intelligent, and prosperous community. Though a strong and unwavering supporter of Congregationalism, he was free from the narrowness of sectarianism, and won the respect of many outside the pale of his own church. His funeral took place on January 5 and it was computed that over 160,000 spectators assembled on the route to the mausoleum at the Congregational Church at Saltaire, where his remains were deposited.

Another ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference has passed away to his rest—Dr. Stamp, whose success in circuit and district work was recognised and rewarded by the Conference of 1890, when he was elected to the presidential chair. His genial and spiritually nature endeared him to all who knew him, and though afflicted with heart disease for the last fifteen years of his life, he evidently enjoyed a serene and happy old age, until he was suddenly called away on New Year's Day, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

The establishment by Messrs. McDougall and Downing, on behalf of the People's Café Company, of restaurants on strict temperance principles, while it will doubtless succeed in a commercial point of view, commends itself especially to those who desire to counteract the baneful influence of the public-houses and luncheon-bars, which allure so many of our young men. A third branch has been opened in St. Paul's-church-yard, and numerous others are contemplated, especially in those neighbourhoods in which the working-classes abound.

A pleasing feature of the times is the interest taken by employers in the well-being and comfort of their *employés*. Amongst the instances that might be given, is that of a recent gathering in one of the large show-rooms of Messrs. Ouzmann and Co., the well known house-furnishers, in Hamstead-road in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society and Literary establishment on the premises. The occasion was a lecture by the Rev. J. Jackson Wray, on the "Wisdom of Aesop," which was delivered to an audience of about 500. Noteworthy, also, are the efforts of Messrs. R. R. Williams and Co., of Lime-street, who have fitted up a dining and reading room, with all the accessories, and have established a bank for loans and deposits. The result is all that could be wished. The room is well attended; the literature provided is well read; there have been no absentees without leave; sobriety has been the rule; and with one exception, all the workmen have become depositors.

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