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Will all of our Subscribers look at their direction label and see if they owe us anything, and if they do, to send us the money at once. Some may think 50c is a small amount and neglect to send it, but when two or three hundred are of the same opinion it makes quite a difference in our receipts. Next month we send our annual report to the Missionary Board, and we do not want to have many delinquent subscribers to report. Address your letters, J. E. EDWARDS, P. O. Box 106, St. John, N. B., Canada.

Bro. T. S. K. Freeman, of Paris, Texas, is now on a visit to his friends in Milton, N. S.

Our Annual Meeting will be held with the Church at Milton, Queen's County, N. S., commencing the Friday before the first Lord's day in September.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that there was a mistake in the obituary notice of sister Aenes McKay's death. Instead of "in her 71st year," it should have been in her 40th year.

We learn that Bro. Gates is now laboring with the brethren at Letete and Back Bay. This is as it should be. We are glad to know that our brother is again buckling on his armor for active work in the cause of the Lord.

Bro. MURRAY intimates that the coming Annual will surpass in excellence any of its predecessors. We hope it may. Our increasing love for the cause of Christ, and our enlarged experience, should better fit us for the conducting of such meetings.

It is expected that Bro. and Sister Darat of Boston will be at our coming Annual. We are acquainted with these friends, not by reputation simply, but from personal experience, and can testify that their presence will add greatly to the interest of the meeting; for they are indefatigable workers in the cause of the Master, and, wherever known are loved for their work's sake—whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the church.

HORACE MANN, when advocating at a public meeting in Boston the erection of a building and

the formation of a society in the interest of unfortunate boys, said, that if only one boy was saved the outlay would be justified. After the meeting two gentlemen were walking together, arm in arm, when one said to the other: Don't you think that Horace Mann's statement was an exaggeration? The other replied: *No, not if that boy was my boy.*

The article on page 2, taken from the *New York Sun*, presents one of the evils of sectarianism, and unmistakably points out one of the barriers to christianizing the heathen world. The possibility, the importance and the desirableness on God's part of union among God's people, are clearly set forth in Christ's prayer,—“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

From letters received we judge that the Annual meeting at 48 was indeed a good one. The correspondents refer to the fine weather, the large number of visitors, the good feeling pervading the meeting, and the royal manner in which the brethren of 48 received and entertained the delegates and friends from other parts of the Island. The *Weekly Patriot* of Charlottetown corroborates the statements of our correspondents, and gives some additional items which will be of interest to our readers.

REMEMBER cheap rates of travel to our Annual have been secured. For particulars read Bro. Murray's letter on page 4. The Bay of Fundy Steamship Company will return free of charge those who in going paid it full fare, and upon returning present to the purser a certificate of attendance signed by the secretary of the meeting. We have the assurance, too, that the International Steamship Company will favor with reduced rates those coming from Eastport to St. John. The brethren and friends of Deer Island, Back Bay, Lotete and Lubec should not lose this opportunity of being at our Annual.

At a religious gathering in Tremont Temple—which was crowded to overflowing—one of the speakers requested that all present who were converted, over seventy years of age, to stand up. No one stood up. He then graded the age downward. Between sixty and seventy years of age one man arose. Between fifty and sixty, five stood up. Between forty and fifty the number standing was increased; and between thirty and forty, people stood up all over the church. When he called for those between twenty and thirty years nearly the entire congregation arose.

THE necessary capital has been obtained for the construction of a railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem, a distance of something like forty miles. The work, indeed, has been commenced, and will be pushed to completion. Jaffa (known in the Bible as Joppa) was the place where Hiram lauded the cedars of Lebanon for Solomon's temple (2 Chro. ii., 15); where Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish (Jon. i., 3); the home of Dorcas, the friend of the widows and orphans (Act ix., 36); the city where lived Simon the tanner, at whose house Peter had the view of the great sheet let down from heaven; the place to which the angel directed Cornelius to send for Simon, and from which Peter

with his companions started to preach for the first time the gospel to the Gentiles (Act x., 1).

At the National Temperance Congress recently held at Broadway, New York, Dr. Huntington, of Grace Episcopal Church, gave what he conceived to be the antidote to the spread of drunkenness, thus:

“1. Personal influence. 2. Public opinion. 3. A substitute for the saloons. 4. Improved dwellings for the poor. 5. The introduction of the useful knowledge of cooking in the common schools. 6. A common warfare against the four distilled spirits that are answerable for the most of the drunkenness. Under the fourth head Dr. Huntington said, ‘Dismal homes are caused by drunkenness, but also is drunkenness caused by dismal homes. The great need of the United States is a revival of the home idea, the reinstatement of the family in its old place of honor. But what sort of family life is possible in many portions of our great cities? My adjective “dismal” is not half strong enough—“hellish” would be none too strong.’”

THE recent utterances of Gladstone, the great English statesman, concerning the gospel and its acceptance by the leading minds of the day, are worthy of the wide circulation given them by the press. They deserve, as an exchange expresses it, to be engraved in letters of adamant and burnished with gold. Here are his words:

“The older I grow the more confirmed I am in my faith and religion. Talk about the question of the day, there is but one question, and that is the Gospel. That can and will protect everything. Agnosticism?—I am profoundly thankful that none of my children or kindred have been blasted by it. I am glad to say that about all the men at the top in Great Britain are Christians. I have been in public life fifty-eight years, and forty-seven years in the Cabinet of the British Government, and during those forty-seven years I have been associated with sixty of the master minds of the century, and all but five of the sixty were Christians.”

The weather during the past few days has been very warm. The following show how intense was the heat in Boston, New York and Brooklyn.

New York Herald:

At half-past three o'clock the mercury recorded 98 degrees, which has been exceeded but once during the season—on July 8, when the thermometer registered 100 degrees. In point of fatality and discomfort yesterday far outranks the day of higher temperature. (Then follows a long list of deaths and prostrations from the heat.)

The ambulance surgeons in Brooklyn were kept pretty busy attending to persons who had succumbed to the heat. There were fifteen or twenty cases in all, and eight of them were serious.

Boston Herald:

At 8 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Quicksilver started at the 80 degree point. Up, up he soared, until at 2 o'clock he came to a halt, just at the 95 degree notch, and there he hung for at least two mortal hours.

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