

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Marquis of Lorne is said to have written the libretto of an opera, which Hamish MacCunn will set to music.

A bill providing for the payment of members of Parliament will be introduced by the Government at the next session.

Brazilian Bishops are advised by the Pope to establish charitable associations for laymen, and use their influence in politics.

The Hungarian Government will try to enforce the colonizing of gipsies, of whom there are said to be 270,000 in the country.

Enrico Lucchesi, the Anarchist who was arrested in Corsica three weeks ago, charged with the murder of Editor Giuseppe Bandi, of Leghorn, has confessed his guilt.

Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., Oct. 13th, '93.

Gentlemen,—I find your Acid Cure, but I do not find your pamphlet. I expect to use your Acid Cure extensively this winter, in practice.

DR. R. O. SPEAR.

COUTTS & SONS.

A wire message from New York to Auckland traverses a length of line of 19,123 miles, nearly three-fourths of which is submarine cable. It has to be repeated or rewritten fifteen times. The longest cable is between America and Europe, say 2,800 miles, and the longest land line is across Australia from Port Darwin to Adelaide, 2,150 miles.—Philadelphia Press.

The amount of railroad stock paying no dividends during the year was \$2,859,334.572, being 61.24 per cent of the total stock outstanding. Of stocks paying dividends, 5.25 per cent of the aggregate stock paid from 4 to 5 per cent, 11.62 per cent paid from 5 to 6 per cent, 5.24 per cent paid from 6 to 7 per cent, and 5.32 per cent paid from 7 to 8 cent. The total dividends paid was \$11,929,885.

The religious union of Christendom can never be established on dogma, nor can it be secured through liturgies or politics. These unite men to a certain extent, but just as surely divide them. The union which is most possible is that which is most desirable; namely, a union of spirit of ideal—a union seeking to embody Christianity as a life, as a spiritual force made manifest in different forms and organizations, but producing the same fruit.—Christian Register.

South Africa bids fair to hold second place among the world's gold producers this year. The May output of the Transvaal mines shows an output above that of the past year. The total output of the Witwatersrand mines for the five months ending with May was equivalent to 650,000 fine ounces of gold, indicating a possible production of about 1,600,000 fine ounces for the present year. Other mines are being opened up in new districts.—Age of Steel.

The exportation of beef has greatly enlarged in late years, although the total for 1893 was decidedly reduced in comparison with several years previously. In 1890 the total reached 389,000,000 pounds, the maximum recorded; for ten years ending with 1892 the annual average was 261,000,000 pounds; in 1893 it was 290,000,000 pounds, having a value of nearly \$25,000,000; the annual average exports for ten years ending with 1892 was \$21,000,000.—Cincinnati Price Current.

A GRATIFYING RESULT.

The ten-year investment policies of that thriving home institution, the North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, Ont., which have been maturing the past three years, have afforded the holders in every case abundant satisfaction. The following is but one of the many letters the company has received from holders of its matured investment policies:—

"Seattle, Wash., May 15, 1894.

"Wm. McCabe, Esq., Managing Director North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto.

"Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your check, No. 127, on the Union Bank of Canada, for the sum of \$300.52, being the cash value of matured ten-year investment policy No. 1887, issued on my life in 1884. The cash result of this policy is most pleasing and has equalled my expectation. I understand that the result of this policy, like those on your ten-year investment policies, which have been maturing for some years past, is in excess of what you are now holding out to intending insurers as probable results.

"The total amount that I have paid in premiums for the ten years is \$322.50, thus the cost to me, not considering interest of the \$1,000 insurance, has been but \$2.20 per year for each \$1,000. This I consider to be a very favorable result. Truly yours, P. J. Shannon."

Three thousand three hundred and forty-one ships, of 7,659,000 tons, passed through the Suez Canal in 1893, yielding \$68,000,000 in dues. Three thousand and eighty-two of the ships, or 92½ per cent, passed through by night. As to the nationality of the vessels, the English were 2,405, German 272, French 190, Dutch 178, Austro-Hungarian 71, Italian 67, Norwegian 50, Ottoman 34, Spanish 29, Russian 24, Portuguese 10, Egyptian 5, American 3, Belgian 1, Brazilian 1, Japanese 1.

CHILDREN WHO SUFFER

from scrofulous, skin or scalp diseases, ought to be given Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, for purifying the blood. For children who are puny, pale or weak, the "Discovery" is a tonic which builds up both flesh and strength. What is said of it for children applies equally to adults. As an appetizing, restorative tonic, it sets at work all the processes of digestion and nutrition, rouses every organ into natural action, and brings back health and strength. In recovering from "grippe," or in convalescence from pneumonia, fevers, and other wasting diseases, it speedily and surely invigorates and builds up the whole system.

For all diseases caused by a torpid liver or impure blood, as Dyspepsia and Biliousness, if it doesn't cure in every case, the money is returned.

From a commercial point of view the new South of to-day is a quarter of a century in advance of the South of ten years ago. Where ten years ago cottonseed went to waste, to-day 500 cottonseed mills are transforming this waste into a handsome income for the cotton planter. These mills exported during the year ending May 2, 1894, \$41,033,000 worth of cottonseed oil; \$6,084,200 worth of oil cake and meal, and \$5,203,675 worth of other grades of oil. This industry alone adds about \$53,000,000 annually to the wealth of the South.—Kansas City Times.

The mere power of saving what is already in our hands must be of easy acquisition to every mind; and as the example of Lord Bacon may show that the highest intellect cannot safely neglect it, a thousand instances every day prove that the humblest may practice it with success.—Dr. Johnson.

THE JUDGE'S STORY.

Hon. John M. Rice Tells How He Was Cured of Sciatica Rheumatism—Crippled for Six Years.

The Hon. John M. Rice, of Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, has for many years served his native county and state in the legislature at Frankfort and Washington, and until his retirement was a noted figure in political and judicial circles. A few days ago a Kentucky Post reporter called upon Judge Rice, who in the following words related the history of the causes that led to his retirement: "It is just about six years since I had an attack of rheumatism, slight at first, but soon developing into sciatica rheumatism, which began first with acute shooting pains in the hips, gradually extending downward to my feet. My condition became so bad that I eventually lost all power of my legs, and then the liver, kidneys and bladder, and in fact my whole system became deranged. I tried the treatment of many physicians, but receiving no lasting benefit from them, I went to Hot Springs, Ark. I was not much benefited by some months stay there, when I returned home. In 1891, I went to the Silurian Springs, Wakeshaw, Wis. I stayed there some time, but without improvement. Again I returned home, this time feeling no hopes of recovery. The muscles of my limbs were now reduced by atrophy to mere strings. Sciatica pains tortured me terribly, but it was the disordered condition of my liver that was I felt gradually wearing my life away. Doctors gave me up, all kinds of remedies had been tried without avail, and there was nothing more for me to do but resign myself to fate.

"I lingered on in this condition sustained almost entirely by stimulants until April, 1893. One day I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. This was something new, and as one more drug after so many others could do no harm, I was prevailed upon to try the Pink Pills. The effect of the pills was marvelous, and I could soon eat heartily, a thing I had not done for years. The liver began to perform its functions, and has done so ever since. Without doubt the pills saved my life, and while I do not crave notoriety I cannot refuse to testify to their worth."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post-paid, on receipt of price (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50) by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y.

When men have become heartily wearied of licentious anarchy, their eagerness has been proportionately great to embrace the opposite extreme of religious despotism.—Whateley.

As a man loves a gold, in that proportion he hates to be imposed upon by counterfeits, and in proportion as a man has regard for that which is above price and better than gold, he abhors that hypocrisy which is but its counterfeit.—Cecil.

"Never less idle than when idle," was the motto which the admirable Vittoria Colonna wrought upon her husband's dressing-gown. And may we not justly regard our appreciation of leisure as a test of improved character and growing resources?—Tuckerman.

At the recent annual meeting of the Flax Supply Association, held at Belfast, it was stated that out of the 1,134,813 flax spindles in the United Kingdom, 846,642 are in the North of Ireland, and all are fully employed. The spindles have decreased in England and Scotland from 566,854 in 1875 to 294,363 last year, while the number in Ulster has been maintained almost without diminution. The total exports of yarn last year realized £1,005,355, and of linen £4,778,996.—Boston Manufacturers' Gazette