

church. Perhaps he means both. We shall lose no time in asking Bishop Rollins for a deliverance on this point.

The *Christian Observer* has been instituting a comparison of the different branches of the Presbyterian Church—North, South and Canadian—with regard to the number of theological students in the seminaries connected with them. In the North there was last year 917 students with 243 graduates, in the South 160 students with 50 graduates; in Canada 235 students, with 75 graduates. Calculating the membership of the Northern Church as 850,000, the Southern 188,000 and the Canadian 180,000, it shows that in the North there is one student for every 926 of the membership; in Canada one in every 766, and in the South one in every 1,175. The graduates number one for every 2,500 of the membership in the North and in Canada, and in the South one in every 3,760. Looking into the investments at the North each student has the advantage of \$9,268; in Canada, \$4,687; and at the South, \$4,212. The *Observer* makes these statements the basis of an earnest appeal for Christian liberality and greater interest in the line of theological education, claiming that upon it depends very largely the power and success of the Church.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The smallest newspaper in the world is said to be *El Telegram*, published in Guadalajara, Mexico. It is four inches square.

The most expensive illustrated book yet made is said to be a Bible now owned by Theodore Irwin, of Oswego, N.Y. It is valued at \$10,000.

It is rather surprising to learn that the little Republic of Uruguay has more newspapers in proportion to its population than any other country in the world.

There are in existence, it is claimed, specimens of paper made from rags as early as the fourteenth century, the oldest extant being, it is reported, a letter from Joinville to Louis X., of France, dated A.D. 1315.

The woman journalist is not to obtain a footing in Japan. The Japanese House of Legislature has just decided that women are not fitted for the work of either editors or publishers, and has consequently passed a regulation to the effect that no one is to hold a post of this kind except a male over twenty-one years of age.

When Johnson, in 1755, sent the conclusion of his dictionary to Millar, the publisher, that gentleman sent him the final payment and expressed thanks to God that he had done with him. Whereupon Johnson made reply that he was glad to find that Millar had the grace to thank God for anything.

The rapid growth of the Y.M.C.A. in North America during the twenty-five years of its history is one of the marks of advancing civilization. From 100 Associations in 1866 the number has increased to 1,439, and the membership from 15,000 to 246,000. They hold annually over 28,000 biblical class sessions, and 63,009 religious meetings, besides furnishing secular instruction in their evening schools, and rendering assistance of many kinds to strangers and to needy young men.

M. Henrion, who flourished in the early part of last century, computed the height of Adam and Eve at 121 ft. 9 in. and 118 ft. 9 in. respectively (the precision as to the odd inches carries conviction!), but the fall of our first parents must have dwarfed their descendants in physical as well as moral stature, since the same authority gives Noah's height as only 27 ft., and that of Moses as a paltry 13 ft. Since then there has been, as the markets put it, a "rising tendency," the bones of the famous giant found at Lucerne 200 years ago giving him a height of 19 ft., while Maundeville records having seen "giants of xxviii. fote long."

The Scriptures were first written on skins, linen cloth or papyrus, and rolled up as we do engravings. The Old Testament was written in the old Hebrew character—an offshot of the Phœnician. It was a symbol language as written, and the vowel sound supplied by the voice. The words ran together in a continuous line. After the Hebrew became a dead language, vowels were supplied to preserve usage, which was passing away. After the Babylonish captivity, the written Hebrew was modified by the Aramaic, and schools of reading taught the accent and emphasis. Then came the separation of words from each other, then division into verses.

' SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADDRESSES.

The Sunday afternoon addresses seem to have incorporated themselves into the life of the University so that their continuance is now taken as a matter of course. The syndicate was reorganized early last Session and at once began to arrange for lecturers, determined that this series should in no way be inferior to that of former years. The programme is now complete and will best speak for itself. The inaugural address will be given by Rev. Thomas C. Hall, an eminent minister of Chicago, and son of Dr. John Hall. Below is a complete list:

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| Feb'y. | 11—Rev. Thomas C. Hall. |
| " | 18—Rev. Salem Bland. |
| " | 25—Prof. J. C. Workman. |
| March | 4—Rev. John Sharp, M.A. |
| " | 11—Rev. James Barclay, D.D., |
| " | 18—Principal Grant. |
| " | 25—Prof. R. J. Thomson. |
| April | 1—Prof. Clark, of Trinity. |
| " | 8—Dr. Mowat. |
| " | 15—Dr. Dyde. |