

Sunday Reading.

CHURCH NEWS.

Roman Catholic.
The Rev. Eugene O'Growney, professor of Gaelic in Maymounth college, Dublin, says, "It is by no means true that the Irish is a dead language. There are today in Ireland 80,000 persons who speak no other tongue, and 250,000 who speak both English and Irish."

A late despatch from Rome intimates that the Pope, while not looking for an early conversion of a large section of the British people, is looking for an increase of converts from the ranks of the Ritualists. A petition is being circulated in Ottawa asking for the establishment of Roman Catholic schools in Manitoba.

Christopher Columbus is about to be canonized.

There are in Great Britain 23 bishops and archbishops, with 2,977 priests serving in 1,763 churches, chapels and mission stations. The college of cardinals in Rome now numbers 62, with eight vacancies to be filled.

Church of England.

A chapter of the brotherhood of St. Andrew's has been formed in connection with St. Luke's church, Woodstock.

Rev. A. J. Gollmer, for some time curate of Trinity church in this city, was recently inducted rector of Cambridge, Queen's county.

The established church in England does not provide sitting accommodation for one quarter of the population.

The Rev. Mr. Etough, curate of Trinity church in this city, is about to make an extended visit to the West Indies for the benefit of his health.

The case of the Rev. Mr. Little is to be tried in the courts. In the meantime the friends of the Rev. gentleman in and around Sussex are furnishing him with substantial proofs of their sympathy.

Bishop Newham, of Mooseonee, occupied the pulpit of St. John's and Trinity churches on Sabbath last and gave deeply interesting accounts of his work among the Indians of the north. His diocese, which extends from Labrador to Winnipeg, is 1900 miles one way and 800 the other, has a population of about 100 whites, from 300 to 400 half-breeds, and some 10,000 Indians, of whom about 1000 were communicants in the church of England. Many of them could read and write, and were pious and devoted, not a few could lead in prayer in the services, and some of them were able to preach very acceptably. Graphic descriptions were given of the hardships experienced by the Indians because of the rapid destruction of game, and touching stories were told of their patience in suffering and their confidence in God in the hour of death. The object of the visit of the bishop is to awaken greater interest in the work in which he is engaged.

Canon Farrar's "Christ in Art" is a remarkable book, and will be read with great interest by all classes everywhere. Excluding music and architecture and saying little about sculpture, he confines himself to painting and shows that for five centuries after the Ascension no one ever dared to paint a crucifixion. The popular conception of Christ in the early church was the strong, the joyous youth of eternal growth, of immortal grace, as majestic, triumphant, beardless, beautiful. Never in those early ages was the crucifix deemed the appropriate symbol of Christianity; that was the work of a later age and never is the effort made to stimulate piety by a portrayal of the agonies of the gardens and of the cross. The book throws a good deal of side light upon current controversies and is written in Dr. Farrar's usual felicitous style.

Presbyterian.

A Christian Endeavor society has been organized at Sussex in connection with the Presbyterian church of that place. Rev. John McNeill is expected to begin a revival campaign in Calcutta, India, early in February.

As the result of his missionary tour round the world Dr. Paton of the New Hebrides, has handed to the foreign mission board of Victoria, the sum of \$125,000.

Baptist.

Five persons were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Corey in the Fairville church on the evening of the 20th ult.

The Rev. S. W. Shaw died at Hartland on the 22nd ult. The deceased was a well known minister of the F. C. Baptist body, and for a number of years had been in active service for some time.

Methodist.

Rev. W. C. Matthews of Petitoedac is confined to his house through illness.

Rev. J. B. Howard of the Marsh bridge Mission has been compelled to desert from active service for a time on account of illness.

"What the Earth Tells of its History" was the subject discussed by Rev. Mr. Paisley in the Queen square church on the evening

of the 24th ult. A number of very interesting chemical experiments were shown.

The death is announced of the Rev. F. W. Groves, an English Wesleyan minister of some fifty years standing, and well known throughout Great Britain as a man of much ability.

Rev. Dr. Nithron, of Toronto, is organizing another tour through Europe and the east during the coming summer.

Canadians will be interested to learn that in the Stephenson Children's Home in London and its branches, and one of these is in Ontario, there are now 900 little ones, and from these 2250 have been trained and sent out to situations. There are seven shelters, three hospitals, six schools, three chapels, two mission halls, one convalescent home, an emigration home, three training farms, and 27 houses filled with orphans and outcast children.

During 1895 the Methodist Episcopal church built seven churches and four parsonages every week, and costing per week over \$100,000. The increase was a weekly average in church members of over 8000.

"The Sons of the Parsonage" is the name of an organization in Toronto, the members of which are the sons of Methodist ministers residing in that city and vicinity. At the last annual meeting there were present 250, many of them occupying eminent positions in the various walks of life. The anniversary of the society will be held in February and is being looked forward to with much interest.

"Is a general union of the churches either possible or desirable?" was the theme discussed in Zion church on Sabbath last, by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, and after a very careful consideration of the arguments for and against the question was answered in the negative. Such at least was the opinion of the preacher.

General Religious.
The London Missionary society has over 60,000 church members and about 250,000 adherents in Madagascar.

During the past 100 years while Romanism has doubled its members, protestantism has increased fourfold.

The Old Testament is made up of 39 books, 929 chapters, 33,214 verses, 692,439 words, and 2,738,100 letters. The New Testament has 11 books, 270 chapters, 7,667 verses, 132,253 words, and 933,380 letters. The shortest chapter in the bible, which is also the middle one, is Psalm 117, the middle verse is Psalm 118 and the shortest verse in the Old Testament is 1 Chron. 1:25, in the New Testament John 11:35. The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of the book of Esther is the longest in the bible. There are nine books referred to in the bible and one Psalm not now in existence—Jasher, Iddo, Ahijah, Nathan, Jehu, Themiaiah, Ezechiel, Solomon's Natural History, and The Wars of the Lord.

The Lutheran ministers in the United States preach in twelve different languages.

Two-thirds of the ministers of the Evangelical churches owe their conversion to revivalist efforts.

The Roman cathedral in the city of Mexico was 91 years in building, cost \$2,000,000, one statue of gold cost \$1,000,000, a lamp that cost \$70,000, and on one occasion cost \$1000 to clean it.

New York has a Hebrew population of some 250,000 souls.

There are now about 1,000,000 of converts to Christianity in Polynesia where less than an hundred years ago the people were all heathens.

In the first Unitarian church in Philadelphia last Sunday the venerable Rev. Dr. William Henry Furness, aged 94, observed the seventieth anniversary of his ordination as a minister of the gospel by delivering a retrospective address, in which he dealt upon the changes that have taken place in every direction since he began to preach. The fact that Dr. Furness, beside being one of the oldest Unitarian divines, is also the oldest living graduate of Harvard college, lends additional interest to this event in the venerable man's career. His address, which is published in the Philadelphia papers, shows that he is still in the full vigor of his intellectual powers.

Chicago has 626 churches in all; of these the Methodist have 105, the Roman Catholics 101, the congregationalists 84, the baptists 72, the Lutherans 64, the presbyterians 56, the episcopals 44, other denominations 100.

A century of missionary effort shows the following results: 280 missionary societies have been organized, 9000 missionaries with 44,532 native assistants are at work, 7800 churches have been organized into which nearly 1,000,000 converts have been gathered, and 7000 schools with more than 1,000,000 scholars, and for all purposes during the last year nearly \$15,000,000 have been given.

Rev. Lydia Saxon, who died in Seattle, Wash., a few days ago, at the age of ninety-five years, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and preached for fifty years. She was a cousin of Bishop Matthew Simpson, and her grandfather was Marquis Anthony Cozzat, famous in early history of the colonies. He owned a grant of land which included the whole Mississippi Valley, from the Gulf to the source of the river. He abandoned it because he said it would cost more to keep than it would come so.

Rev. Dr. Talmage was 68 years of age on Jan. 7th. He says he was never sick a moment in his life, and in his Brooklyn

pastorate of 25 years he only missed one Sabbath, and that on account of hoarseness.

Religious Reminiscence.

A Presbyterian elder, attending a Methodist revival, complained that it was too noisy for his liking. "Could you not carry on these meetings with less noise?" adding that Solomon's temple was built without any sound, not even of a hammer. The Methodist brother replied: "We are not building a temple; we are blasting rocks."

This little story has a sting in it for a good many public speakers. A young minister, unexpectedly called upon to address a Sunday-school, asked, to gain time, "Children, what shall I speak about?" A little girl on the front seat, who had herself committed to memory several declamations, held up her hand, and in a shrill voice inquired, "What do you know?"

"What do you preach for?" said a universalist preacher to a Methodist to which this answer was given, "To keep people out of hell." "And I preach," said the universalist, "to keep hell out of the people."

The New York Observer is responsible for this. The following notice was recently given from a suburban pulpit. "The pastor will preach his last sermon this evening prior to his vacation, and the choir has arranged a special praise service for the occasion."

Messages of Help for the Week.
"Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and had walked in my ways! I should have subdued their enemies. . . . and fed them with the finest of wheat." Psalm 81: 13-16.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90: 12.

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Isaiah 66: 12.

"I have spoken unto thee in a book." Jeremiah 30: 2.

"The word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." John 1: 14.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Timothy 1: 15.

"Will thou not from this time cry unto me, my father, thou who art the guide of my youth?" Jeremiah 3: 4.

"PRAYING FOR FAPA."
An Affecting Little Scene From the Platform of an Elevated Train.

"Did you see that, mister?" said an elevator railroad guard to a man who stood with him on the rear platform of the first car the other night.

"Yes."

"Well, then," added the guard, "you saw my three little children. They were kneeling at a trunk in front of the window of that house we passed. Over them stood their mother. She was about sending them, to bed, but before they go she wishes 'em to pray for me. Yes, and she brings 'em there so I can see 'em."

"And," he added, with a manly attempt to stifle a sob that welled up in his throat, "she has told me what she tells 'em to say."

"What is it?" inquired the auditor.

"I hope you won't think me foolish, sir, but, as I guess you are a married man and a father you may care to hear it. You see, it is this way. The kids—they go to bed at nine. That's about the time my train goes by the house. It's right on the line. So, just about that moment, she brings the little 'uns up to the trunk in their night gowns and makes 'em kneel down with their hands clasped on their faces. And then they pray and pray—"

"For you?" was the interruption.

"Yes, you're right. They pray that papa will be good and kind and keep sober, and bring home all his money and—"

"The big guard's voice trembled. But he continued after an effort:

"I'm rough, tough and all that, but I love my wife and I love my children. They are the only ones on earth that keep me straight."

"Bless-e-e-e! Good night, sir!" and the train proceeded, leaving at least one man with tears in his eyes.

Life in the West Indies.

Henrik Cavling is one of Denmark's brightest writers belonging to the modern school. Last summer he was ordered by his doctor to take a long sea voyage, and he chose the West India islands belong to Denmark as his "point de voyage." His observations and experiences have now been published in a book entitled "Det Danske Vestindien," and some of the chapters are most entertaining. In his introduction Mr. Cavling remarks now, since the fall of sugar and the liberation of the negroes, it costs Denmark about \$125,000 a year to keep the governor and other officials on the islands, whose use none but they themselves understand. Without negroes it would look black for the officials, and if the negroes should one day turn white or emigrate to Puerto, Heaven knows what would become of the officials. When entering the harbor of St. Thomas a gentleman in a most gorgeous uniform, whom the author thought was the governor, boarded the steamer. This was only the harbor pilot, and the first of a long procession of uniformed and bedecked officials.

"The Frozen Pirates" Author.
Mr. Clark Russell, the novelist, is a New Yorker by birth. But he came to England at a very early age, and there is nothing in his appearance to indicate his American origin. His father apprenticed him to the sea, but before the term expired he abandoned it in disgust. It was his misfortune to meet with a very objectionable specimen of the master mariner, and the years which have enabled him to write such charming stories of the sea were, at the time, years of great unhappiness. Mr. Clark Russell was successively clerk in a bank and in a stockbroker's office before literature claimed him for her own.

Distinction by Means.

Russian girls try to ascertain their prospective matrimony in the following manner. A number of them take off their rings and conceal them in a basket of corn; a hen is then brought in and invited to partake of the corn. The owner of the first ring uncovered will be the first to enter matrimony.

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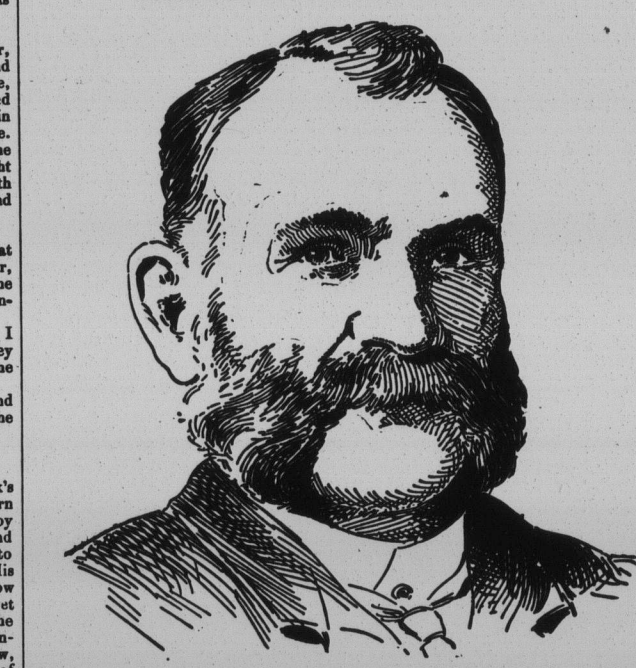
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PROBATE COURT.

City and County of Saint John, Province of New Brunswick.

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable of the said City and County Greeting:
Whereas, William B. Russell, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John aforesaid, Testator, of the age of fifty-six years, the executor named in the last Will and Testament of John Logan, late of the said City of Saint John, Carpenter, deceased, and, a legatee under said last Will and Testament, hath by his petitions dated the eighteenth of June, A. D. 1894, and the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1894, and presented to this Court, and now filed with the Registrar of this Court, prayed that the said last Will and Testament may be proved in solemn form; and an order of this Court having been made that such prayer be complied with, YOU ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED to cite the following next of kin of the said John Logan, deceased, namely:—

William Duncan, aged 58 years, Car Inspector, resident in the City of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick. Mary Ann Duncan, aged 51 years, Spinster, now resident in the said City of Saint John. Charles E. Duncan, aged 35 years, Clerk, resident in the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America. Hunter Duncan, aged 35 years, Medical Doctor, resident in the said City of New York. Walford Duncan, aged 28 years, Cleric, man, resident in the said City of New York. Susan Duncan, aged 30 years, Spinster, resident in the said City of New York. Robert Hunter, aged 30 years, Laborer, resident in the said City of Saint John. Sophia McManus, aged 62 years, wife of Charles McManus, resident in the said City of Saint John. Mary Hunter, aged 65 years, Spinster, resident in the Parish of Simonds, in the City and County of Saint John, in the said Province of New Brunswick. Lillie Mand Arnett, infant, aged 14 years, Spinster, resident in the Parish of Simonds, aforesaid. Laura Louise Arnett, infant, aged 11 years, Spinster, resident in the said City of Saint John. Frederick John Arnett, infant, aged 3 years, resident in said Parish of Simonds. Leonard Hunter Moon, aged 27 years, Moulder, resident in the said City of Saint John. John B. Moore, aged 24 years, Laborer, resident in the said City of Saint John. Robert Moore, aged 21 years, Machinist, resident in the said City of Saint John. Elizabeth McConnell, aged 56 years, Widow, Housekeeper, resident at Charlottetown in the State of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America. Jane Lahey, aged 49 years, wife of George Lahey, resident in the Parish of Lancaster, in the said City and County of Saint John. Dora Boyd Grant, aged 47 years, wife of Frank Grant, resident at Calais, in the State of Maine, one of the United States of America. George Henry Hunter Eaton, aged 31 years, Hostler, resident at Calais, in the State of Maine. Eva Maud Eaton, aged 17 years, Housekeeper, resident at Calais, in the State of Maine. Samuel Osborn, aged 73 years, widow of Samuel Osborn, resident in said City of St. John. Sarah Howarth, aged 30 years, widow, resident in the City of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, one of the United States of America. Margaret Rosborough, aged 28 years, widow of Jasper Rosborough, resident in the City of Boston, in the said State of Massachusetts. Elsiebeth Lynch, aged 26 years, widow of James Lynch, resident in the said City of Boston. William Burke, aged 28 years, Farmer, resident at Souris, in the Province of Prince Edward Island. Maida McKensie, aged 26 years, wife of Archibald McKensie, Farmer, resident at San Diego, in the State of California, one of the United States of America. James Burke, aged 24 years, a Member of the Mounted Police, in the Northwest Territories, in the Dominion of Canada, a very old man, aged 82 years, Spinster, resident at Bay Fortune, in said Province of Prince Edward Island. Martha Davison, aged 20 years, wife of John Davison, Farmer, of Bay Fortune aforesaid. Frederick Burke, aged 27 years, Life Insurance agent, resident in said City of New York. Elizabeth Burke, aged 25 years, Spinster, resident at Bay Fortune, aforesaid. Alfred Burke, aged 23 years, Farmer, resident at Bay Fortune, aforesaid. Mary Jane Gigg, aged 55 years, wife of William Gigg, resident at Long Beach, in the Province of New Brunswick. Ship Carpenter, James Rodgers, aged 54 years, Spinster, resident at Cambridgeport, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Margaret Spear, aged 52 years, wife of Freeman Spear, Spinster, resident at Campbellton, in said Province of New Brunswick. Sarah Ann Salinger, aged 50 years, wife of John Salinger, Car Builder, resident in the City of Boston, in the said State of Massachusetts. Alexander Gers, aged 47 years, Farmer, resident at Eribe Landing, in the said Province of New Brunswick. David Rodgers, aged 43 years, farmer, resident at Cranville's Landing, Baileys, aforesaid. Clara Halse, aged 41 years, wife of Alexander Halse, brass moulder, resident at Reading, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Hannah LeCain, aged 39 years, wife of Geo. LeCain, baker, resident at East Lexington, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. George Howard, aged 49 years, painter, resident at Stoneham, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Edwin G. Hunter, aged 48 years, Fireman, resident of E. tolt, in the State of Wisconsin, one of the United States of America. Augusta E. Wheaton, aged 34 years, wife of L. B. Wheaton, of Kingston, in the county of Kings, in said Province of New Brunswick. John T. Hunter, aged 32 years, barber, resident at St. Martins, in the city and county of Saint John, aforesaid. George A. Wheaton, aged 29 years, wife of Gordon Wheaton, of Kingston, aforesaid. James H. Hunter, aged 25 years, married, of said province of New Brunswick, aforesaid. Amand Hunter, aged 20 years, Spinster, resident of Kingston, aforesaid. John W. Hunter, aged 18 years, carpenter, resident at Somerville, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid. Herman G. Hunter, aged 22 years, Master Mariner, resident at the City of Saint John, aforesaid. Ernest Hunter, aged 25 years, carpenter, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Maggie M. Hunter, aged 28 years, Spinster, seamstress, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Louise Hunter, aged 27 years, Spinster, Dressmaker, resident at Somerville, aforesaid. Annie F. Worden, aged 31 years, wife of George A. Worden, Farmer, resident at Kingston, Kings County, in said Province of New Brunswick, and the following devisees and legatees of the said John Logan, deceased:—Mary Jane Ingham, aged 31 years, Spinster, devisee and legatee and the said William B. Russell, aged 56 years, Clothier, resident at the City of Saint John, aforesaid, and all other next of kin of the said John Logan, deceased, if any and all persons interested and all others whom it may concern, to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in the Equity and Probate Court Room in Pugsley's Buildings in the City of Saint John, and any for the said City and County of Saint John, on Monday, the Thirtieth day of May next, at the hour of two o'clock, in the afternoon, to attend and take such other part with regard to the proving of said last Will and Testament in solemn form as they may see fit with full power to oppose said last Will and Testament being so proved or otherwise as they and every of them may deem right. The said petitioner having made it appear to this Court that he has given the names, ages, occupations and places of residence of all of the said next of kin, heirs, devisees and legatees, so far as the same are in his power so to do. Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this third day of January, A. D. 1895.

ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN,
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