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WE SOON will have wending their way through this and the adjoining city, the street cars. Work on the streets commenced June 30th.

BRO ISAAC ERRETT, after an absence of five months in the East, reached his home, Cincinnati, on Tuesday morning, 7 a. m. The trip seems to have done him good.

THE presence of Bros. MacDonald and MacLeod at the P. E. Island meeting, notice of which is given under Church News, will, without doubt, add much to the interest of the meeting.

WE ARE sorry to see that Brother and Sister Gates have been called to part with one of their little ones. These brethren know the source from whence cometh all needful blessing and have in mind and heart the consolation of the Gospel.

GEORGE T. SMITH, known to many of our readers, is spending a few months in the States, before returning to his field of labor in Japan. It may be that he will come this way to view the home of his departed wife.

THE Churches that have neglected sending their usual amount of support to Home Mission would do well not to defer the matter any longer, as it is desirable to have all accounts settled up by our Annual.

THE *Christian Evangelist* has an item that will be of interest to our P. E. I. brethren:

"H. A. MacDonald, President of West Kentucky College, delivers an alumni address at Kentucky University, June 8th. He expects to visit New York and probably Prince Edward Island during the summer."

IF THE orthodoxy of any system is to be judged by the number of its adherents, then the Pagans carry the day—numbering as they do, 850,000,000; then comes the Roman Catholics, claiming 275,000,000; Mohammedans, 170,000,000; Protestants, 116,000,000, and the Jews, 8,000,000.

THE progress of christianity among the heathen is one of the marvels of this century. Something over a hundred years ago Voltaire declared in a room in Geneva, "that before the 19th century christianity would have disappeared from the earth." And now this very room is being used for a Bible repository.

FROM the Coburg Street notes it is seen that the Annual Meeting of our Brethren in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be held in St. John. The meeting commences the Friday before the first Lord's-day in September. As to rates and routes of travel full particulars will be given in the August CHRISTIAN.

SOMETHING worth telling—an example worthy of all imitation. A brother in the States, after enumerating the cost of the various papers coming to his address, and feeling that retrenchment was necessary, writes, "and then the secular papers foot up quite an item. But I have concluded not to begin retrenching with the religious papers, so I enclose one dollar."

IN THE House of Commons, a motion to repeal the Canada Temperance Act was defeated; 37 for repeal, and 145 against it—nearly four to one in favor of the Act. An effort was made to amend the Act so as to permit the sale of wine and beer, but this too was defeated—48 for the amendment and 136 against it. The question of Prohibition then came up for discussion, and the vote being taken, it was lost—70 supporting Prohibition, and 112 against it.

IN two or three of our exchanges we find the statement of the following fact. We need not remind our readers that such acts are few and far between, or, in other words, they are not of daily occurrence!

"A merchant, once asked by a clergyman for help, gave him a check for £10. The post immediately brought news that one of his large vessels had gone down with her costly cargo. Telling the poor clergyman of his loss, he added: 'I must ask you to give back that check.' The poor man ruefully handed it back, when the merchant cancelled it and immediately gave him another for £50, adding, 'I must give you while I can, for God is warning me that some day I may not have it to give.' That merchant was Mr. Thornton, the first Treasurer of the Church Missionary Society."

MORGAN MORGANS writing to the *Christian Standard*, presents in the following extract a fact or two worthy of being remembered.

"I took the B & O. at Washington, crossing the Potomac River at Harper's Ferry. While crossing this beautiful, serpentine river, rushing along the foot of the green clad mountains of the 'old Dominion,' I thought, here in the Jordan of America, George Washington, 'the father of our country,' was buried in baptism. Though brought up in the faith of the church of the mother country, when he learned his duty, in the presence of hundreds of his soldiers he willingly and cheerfully complied with it. There is a remarkable similarity between the dying words of Washington and Garfield. The former said, 'I cannot last long, doctor, but I am not afraid to go; of the latter when assassinated, 'tell me the worst, doctor, for I am not afraid to die.'"

THE 19th, 20th and 21st of June have come and gone, and St. John has celebrated the Queen's Jubilee, and she did it well. The weather was perfect, the number of visitors immense, and, as the crowds eager to witness the various sights, surged this way and that way, the people unceremoniously pushed, jostled, and bumped against each other, and at times trod upon each others corns, still every one seemed to be in a good humor and accepted everything as part of, or necessarily connected with the Jubilee. The programme prepared

by the various committees was to all intents and purposes—all things to all men: Sunday—Religious services of various kinds; Monday—Boat racing, children's procession, music on the squares and on the streets, oratorical and musical festival in the evening; Tuesday—Polymorphian procession, military parade, unveiling of bust of Queen Victoria, base-ball match, grand illumination and fireworks in the evening.

The whole affair passed off in first-class style, and the people of St. John have every reason to feel proud of their effort to honor the Queen.

THE Mayor of our city seems determined that only one door to bars or taverns in the city shall be permitted. The bar keepers have been notified to close up the second door. Some of them not complying with the demand were summoned before the Police Magistrate to answer for their conduct. These violators of the law, promising to comply with the demand, were given a few days to fulfill their promises.

A POSTAL from Evansville, Indiana, dated June 21st, says:

"Dear Bro. Capp,—I start (D. V.) for home (P. E. I.) next Monday. If I go by way of St. John I hope to see you. It will be a sad and lonely trip for me, but I feel it is a duty to go and see the folks at home. * * * *

Very truly your Bro.

NEIL McLEOD."

Something like seven years ago Bro. McLeod, with his wife, paid a visit to the Island. But death has recently taken from him his beloved wife—reference to which has already been made in the columns of the CHRISTIAN.

THE resolution of Bro. Freeman to give himself to the work of the Lord will be received with delight by the brethren throughout these Provinces. We have two young men in St. John that have made the same resolution. Now let us do all we can to encourage these young men in their work of faith and labor of love. Let us pray that they may be kept from falling; that they may have that wisdom that cometh down from above; that utterance be given unto them that they may open their mouths boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. Now, the Mission Board proposes to help these young men, not only by prayer and words of encouragement, but financially. And if the brethren would carry out practically the suggestion made by Bro. Messervey in the last CHRISTIAN—"that each brother and sister send at least \$1.00 to the Board," a good work could and would be done. Brethren and friends, let us hear from you in this matter. Send to T. H. Capp, box 106, St. John, N. B., and credit will be given in the August issue of the CHRISTIAN.

N. B. AND N. S. MISSION.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT.

Church, Lords Cove, D. I.,	\$15 98
Church, Leonardville, "	6 50
Mrs. Annie Cook, "	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Leonard, "	1 00
Mr. Geo. Leonard, "	2 00
Mrs. H. Leonard, "	1 00

Total, \$27 48

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