

eral water is produced. An ounce of citrate renders a half-pint of water drinkable. Seven ounces would furnish a shipwrecked man with water for a week.

THINGS SOMETIMES GET MIXED.—The N. Y. *Independent* lately said, a comparison of the growth of different denominations in England shows that the Church of Scotland, with a membership of 612,411, reports an increase of 7,427, etc. Probably Great Britain was meant: but as that island is not at all recently discovered, and has become somewhat well known to the outside world, it should be more accurately designated.

THE BIBLE AND THE POPE.—The Pope's recent encyclical, recommending the study of the Bible is not well understood. It is a long document, and skilfully put together. While Professors, students and ecclesiastics generally are urged to more study of God's word, not a word exists in it about families reading it in their homes, or parents teaching it to their children! Bible-study at home, and Romanism, cannot exist together.—they contradict one another.

BUSH FIRES.—The long drought of July and August promoted "bush fires" in many newer parts of Canada and the United States. In some of the Western States heart-rending occurrences took place; scores and even hundreds of lives being lost. The unwise forest-annihilation of the last half-century has much to do with these things. Millions of acres of bare unproductive hill-sides in Canada, ought to have been waving in woods; feeding springs, and exhaling moisture to be returned as rain.

PROVINCIAL C. E. CONVENTION.—The Provincial Christian Endeavor Convention for this year will be held at Kingston, beginning Wednesday, October 10th; the working meetings in the First Congregational Church. We hope every Society in our churches will be represented. The meeting last year, in St. Catharines, was inspiring and instructive. Delegates should send their names to either Miss H. L. Chown, 220 Johnston St. or to Miss F. Montgomery, 225 Princess St. Kingston.

"AN ENGLISH VISITOR."—The Rev. J. Howard Fry, of Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, England, who gave us in three recent issues of the IN-

DEPENDENT his impressions of a number of the churches visited by him, is so taken with our country, that he thinks of coming thither. Men with growing families, like our English friend, often find what we once heard a speaker call "more room for scope," in Canada. Some vacant church might do well to note the above address, and encourage a wide-awake and rising man to look their way.

THE CHILDLESS MOTHER:—

Man's way is hard and sore beset;
Many may fall, but few can win.
Thanks, dear Shepherd! My lamb is safe,
Safe from sorrow, and safe from sin.

Nevertheless, the way is long,
And tears leap up in the sight of the sun.
I'd give my world for a cradle song,
And a kiss from my baby—only one!

Mary Clemmer.

THE ENEMY TAKING ALARM.—The Hindus are entering into leagues to banish the missionaries from their zenanas. A Calcutta native newspaper says it has long seen that something serious is the matter with woman-kind in India, and has been able, at length, to locate and define the root of the evil and peril. It says: "It is the lady of the Zenana Mission, inoffensive in appearance, who introduces herself into the apartments of our women to turn their heads upside down. The mistresses of zenanas receive them with eagerness. If these missionaries succeed, it is over with Hinduism."

THE YEAR-BOOK.—The 22nd annual volume is out, and is now being ordered among the churches. It is in every respect equal to the volumes which have preceded it. The now historic picture of "The Union of 1868," is given as a frontispiece—with a "key" for identification. Several other portraits, etc., are given. The price, as before, is 15cts. per copy, postage or express pre-paid. Will our brethren of the churches order their supply of copies immediately. The value of the book is much more than it will be six months hence: and it is furnished at one-half the actual cost. Address Rev. W. W. Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.

LEGISLATION WANTED.—The following is part of a Petition to the Government, from the liquor dealers; as published in the *Montreal Herald* in September:—The undersigned