

SPREAD THE GOOD TIDINGS.

Let all of our readers continue to spread the good news that an eight-page weekly paper is to be had for the small sum of fifty cents a year. Everyone in your neighborhood and all your friends, no matter where they are, should be told about the *Weekly Messenger*. If they do not know what good reading they can get for fifty cents, whose fault is it but that of the person who does not take the trouble to inform them? Anyone who wishes to have three sample copies of the paper sent to a friend has only got to write a post-card, addressed to the editor of this paper and we will send the copie for three weeks free. There is still more than two weeks in which to work for the prizes we have offered. Who says that they cannot do anything in that time? Two weeks is quite sufficient in which to roll up a large list of names without much trouble. Let everyone, then, make an effort to secure us subscribers to the end of the year at fifteen cents apiece.

Begin working now for no more lists will be counted after the 15th of October, shortly after which

THE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

We have determined to give the *Messenger* from now until the end of the year for FIFTEEN CENTS, so that everyone may have a chance to take it for a short time on trial. Speak to your neighbors at once, and if you cannot get them to take the *Messenger* for a year, ask them to take it on trial till the 1st of January, 1886. Every day that passes there is less chance of getting so many papers.

To the person who sends us the largest number of subscribers to the end of the year at fifteen cents each, we will give a prize of \$5 and our book of reprinted stories. To the one who sends us the second largest list of subscribers to the end of the year, we will give a prize of \$2.50, and to the next 15 most successful competitors, we will give our large story-book described elsewhere in this paper. There is a chance for everyone to obtain one or other of these

SEVENTEEN PRIZES, WORTH \$16.50 IN ALL, which will be awarded in the middle of October.

Clip this offer out and keep it in mind. Remember, too, our special offer in regard to yearly subscribers. In obtaining yearly subscribers to form clubs of five, you may either send \$2.00 for each five, keeping fifty cents for yourself, or you may send \$2.50 and obtain our story book. Young folks will find that they can spend a few hours very profitably in canvassing for this paper.

WE AGAIN INVITE our readers to write us letters on any subject which may interest them. A young lady has started an interesting subject of correspondence. We hope some others will state their difficulties and give their opinions on this subject.

WE WILL ALWAYS be happy to send sample copies of the *Messenger* to anyone asking for them. We will also supply back numbers in so far as it is within our power.

HERE IS ONE of the numerous letters we receive complimenting the *Messenger*:

Dear Sirs,—I have got these eight names for the *Messenger* till the first of the year and would like to get more but my time is limited. It is a work that my heart yearns to do, for the young need such a paper.

A. McP.

PAPERS SENT FREE.

If any of our subscribers wish any of their friends, no matter where they live, to have a chance of judging of the *Weekly Messenger* on its own merits, let them send a postal card addressed to the editor of this paper and we will send it to them free for three weeks. Be sure and address your postal card "to the editor of the *Weekly Messenger*" and write the name and address of the person you want it sent to very distinctly.

NOW IS THE TIME for those who are trying for our proffered prizes to add all the names they can to the lists already secured by them. If there is one person in your town to whom you have not spoken, who you think would like the *Messenger*, it were best to try and see if you cannot get that person on your list, as the competition will necessarily be close. Anyone who has not yet got subscribers has over two weeks before him in which he can redeem lost time and he stands almost as good a chance of getting something for his pains as those who began earlier. To do this, however, it is necessary not to lose a day or an hour that can be helped. Even if you can only get a few subscribers it would be doing yourself and your neighborhood good to speak to them about a paper which is found so acceptable a companion as the *Weekly Messenger*. If you once get them to take the paper they would thank you afterwards for bringing such a source of enjoyment to their notice.

THE WEEK.

ALFONSO, KING OF SPAIN, has been seriously ill.

THE YELLOW FEVER at Vera Cruz is becoming more destructive, and of a worse type.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES while in Copenhagen founded a new English church, members of the Russian, Danish and other royal families being present on the occasion.

A BICYCLIST of Springfield, Massachusetts has beaten the two-forty rate and the previous record. He made a mile in two minutes and thirty-five seconds.

THE MEXICANS have begun a warfare against polygamy and it is stated that President Diaz has been asked to take back the land granted to the Mormons. The Catholic church is at the head of the movement, and demands that the laws against polygamy be enforced.

LORD LANSDOWNE has visited those Indians and half-breeds who have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment at Stony Mountain, near Winnipeg, for participating in rebellion.

TWO PARISIAN GENTLEMEN have been successful in their efforts at balloon steering. A few days ago they gave an exhibition, and after showing how it was possible to move again, the wind descended at the starting point.

LORD TENNYSON'S latest poem deals with Home Rule in Ireland. The author is dramatizing a work for Mr. Henry Irving. The health of the Poet Laureate is breaking, and this is probably the last literary work he will undertake. The announcement of Lord Tennyson's writings no longer awakens much interest. His acceptance of knighthood did not please the people, and Lord Tennyson is not so popular as Alfred Tennyson would have been. Victor Hugo knew what he was doing when he refused all titles.

THE POPE has set apart October as a solemn month of prayer. The subjects mentioned in the letter as requiring the prayers of the faithful for their removal are the recent attacks upon the power and authority of the Church and the cholera pestilence in Spain and Italy, which his Holiness says may be taken as signs of the times.

WHILE ACTING in the play of "Romeo and Juliet" in Dublin, lately, Miss Anderson who appeared as "Juliet" accidentally inflicted a slight wound in her bosom in the stabbing scene. The incident created a sensation which was only allayed by Miss Anderson's appearance before the curtain assuring the audience the wound was only a trifling one.

HOP PICKERS who were employed on the estate of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, in the County of Kent, after finishing their work refused to take the pay offered them saying that it was not enough. The workmen made serious threats and were preparing to carry them out. The Duke became frightened at the demonstration and yielded to their demands.

THE TRIAL of the man suspected of the hotel murder in St. Louis has not yet come off. Mr. Samuel N. Brooks of London, Eng., believes, from the description given of the supposed murderer, that he is his son. He has, therefore, determined to come to America and see for himself if he is right. It is believed that Mr. Brooks will have some important evidence to give at the trial.

A BOY of a little more than nine years of age was sent to an industrial school in London, England. His father told of his numerous bad deeds and then related how he had punished him. He had treated his son to unlimited beatings; he had kept him locked up for days on bread and water; he had hung him up for hours at a time by the wrists; but as soon as he was released he renewed his thefts and his evil conduct.

AT ROUEN, France, the employees at one of the dockyards opened a number of casks of wine and became drunk. They then assaulted several Custom House officials wounding some of them severely. The police appeared and used their revolvers freely, but it was some time before the stubborn resistance of the rioters could be overcome. Ultimately two battalions of infantry succeeded in dispersing the mob at the point of the bayonet.

KING THEBAU of Burmah has been attempting to extort a large sum of money from a Bombay timber company. A few years ago King Thebau was a rascally young sot who drank more than any civilized person could do without being killed. While drunk the King used to perpetrate the most awful deeds of cruelty. On occasions he would have women and children thrown down a well and covered up with stones. Lately the King has been better behaved but seems to be returning to his old ways.

THE DETAILS of the terrible massacre of Catholic Christians in Annam are now stirring the religious world. The infuriated heathens respected neither age nor sex; the fact of the victims being Christians was a sufficient warrant for their death, administered according to the ingenuity and brutality of their assailants. Women, and even children, were as ruthlessly slaughtered as the men, and neither the vestments of the priest nor the garb of the nuns gave immunity from slaughter. The vast majority were brutally hacked to death. Hundreds of Christian men and women were tied together by their hands and feet and thrown into the sea.

A BOSTON PAPER publishes a five-column article giving some disclosures with regard to the use of opium in the city. The addresses of several opium resorts are given. These have been fitted up in the most luxurious manner possible and are situated on the most fashionable streets. The persons who patronize these gilded hells go to them in carriages and are recognized as belonging to the best circles of society.

A DISGUSTING DOG-FIGHT was witnessed a few miles south of Syracuse, N. Y., 1,300 "sporting" men, last Sunday. One six-year-old dog was pitted against a two-year-old bull dog. The fight lasted twenty minutes when the six-year-old dog refusing to face his antagonist was shot in the head by one of the men who was urging him on. People may well ask what we are coming to when such a savage performance is made a source of amusement to fill up the Sabbath hours.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION of London, England, furnishes a lengthy account of an alleged discovery whereby telephonic communications across the Atlantic is made possible. The inventor of the new instrument, it is said, is a native of Texas, and has no scientific reputation. He employs an instrument of enormous power. It is also alleged that a certain company has acquired the sole right to use the instrument, and that a well known millionaire has given the inventor, whose means are exhausted, *carte blanche* to perfect the invention, which will cost \$500,000. The new instrument, it is asserted, has been successfully experimented with in the Gulf of Mexico. The story lacks scientific data and has the appearance of being a hoax.

MR. MARK LATHROP, a wealthy farmer of Stoughton, Massachusetts has a yoke of bulls which he used in farmwork. A neighbor, Mrs. McCourt, went into the pasture where the animals were, when one of them, probably attracted by the bright color of her clothing, began pawing the earth and bellowing in a frightful manner. Mrs. Lathrop, who was near, went at once to her neighbor's rescue and attempted to drive the animal away. Without warning the bull turned upon her, and, throwing her to the ground, gored her with one of his horns—on which the farmer had neglected to place the customary brass ball—in the abdomen. The unfortunate woman was rescued as soon as possible and promptly removed to the house, where physicians were summoned and sewed up the terrible wound, which the doctors say cannot but result fatally.

THE LOT of an IRISH LANDLORD is not a happy one. It is not enough that he, or his agent, takes his life in his hand when he goes to collect his rents, but he very seldom finds any rents to collect. There are rumors afloat through the country that this winter the "no rent" campaign will be inaugurated with its attendant boycotting. To meet this the Irish landlords are arranging to send a deputation to the Marquis of Salisbury, urging that it is impossible to collect rents, and asking for protection. It is extremely doubtful whether Lord Salisbury will be able to do anything whatever in the matter. Speaking of boycotting, recent investigations by the committee of the National League have resulted in the discovery that a number of persons have been unjustly persecuted by the present system of boycotting by outsiders giving damaging information against neighbors through private spite. The Leaguers therefore intend to restrict boycotting to offenders against the League.