Healing of the Ean Born Blind-John 9: 1 11.

stranger? Woud he hesitate because of his life-long teaching that he must not wash the eyes medicinally on the Sabbath; must less at a pool of water? Would he now do what he could! Here came the practical test, proving his faith and obedience. Siloam—"A fountain under the walls of Jerusalem towards the cast, between the city and the brook Kidron. It is still to be seen, one of the few undisputed sites in Jerusalem." By interpretation, Sent—That is, "outlet of waters"; either because it was looked upon as a gift sent from God for the use of the city, or because its waters were directed or sent by canals or pipes into different quarters, for the same purpose. Some think there is an allusion to Gen. xlix., 10; that this fountain was a type of Shiloh, the Christ, the sent of God; and that it was to direct the man's mind to the accomplishment of that prophecy that Jesus sent him to the fountain.—Clarke. If the man know anything of prophecy, he might find encouragement of faith in this. The pool by its very name was a type of Christ. He went—He believed and obeyed. We frequently lose God's best gifts because we fail to act in time. Came seeing—The cure was instantaneous.

IV. Various discussions (vs. 8-11). 8 Commentary.-I. A man born blind (v. 1). I. As Jesus passed by— Jesus still lingered at Jerusalem, and in one of His walks, perhaps to or from a synagague, He came to this blind mand. He saw. Jesus took notice of his affliction; looked upon him with concern. He anticipated his need. That look meant is that the blind man A man He was sight to the blind man. A man—He was a beggar; it was his trade; but among all his petitions he did not ask for sight. Yet Jesus gave it. An illustration of free free grace.—Spurgeon. This man was was hopeless, helpless, poor. Blind from his birth—Of the six miracles connected with blindness which are recorded in the gospels, this is the only case des-cribed as blindnes from birth. In this thes its special characteristic, for "since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind" (v. 32.)—Ellicott. Blind-IV. Various discussions (vs. 8-11). 8. Is not this he—There was an immediate any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind" (v. 32.)—Ellicott. Blind-Palestine. In this country there were in 1870 one blind in 1,900-population, in Europe, one in 1,094 population, in China one in 400, and according to Geikie, in Egypt one in 100. "Blindness is common in Palestine to a degree which we in western lands can scarcely realize. There is probably no country in the world."

Is not this he—There was an immediate stir among the neighbors; they noticed the great change in the man. The same true when Christ gives spiritual eye. He must have been well known. 9—1 sight. Begged—This is the first mention of the fact that he was a beggar, am he—Jeeus had met and healed the man on Friday night, at the beginning of the Sabbath (McFarland), and the neighbors; am he—Jeeus had met and healed on man on Friday night, at the beginning of the Sabbath (McFarland), and the neigh-bors had not seen him go to the pool, so that on the next morning they were western lands can scarcely realize. There is probably no country in the world, except Egypt where this affection is so prevalent. At Gaza, for instance, it is said that one-third of the population have lost one or both eyes, and from my own observation in that city I should unhesitatingly say that the state-should unhesita neighbors gathered around him and ask-ed for an explanation. Many are anxi-ous to know how things are done, even though they have no faith. 11. He answered—He had never seen his neign-bore before, but now, looking right at them, he delivers this wonderful testiment is not exaggerated. But among these cases it is difficult to find any born blind. Congenital blindness is as rare in the east as in the west, and hence was certain to attract atention."

—Tristram. "The reason lies in the sand dust, the intense glare of a cloudless sun, and great and sudden changes."

cure was instantaneous.

ed Jesus, then as a prophet (v. 17), then as a man with whom God was (vs. 31-33), then he was the Son of God (vs. 35-

The neighbors finding the case involvi-

ed in mystery took the man to the Phar-isees, perhaps to the Sanhedrin, who pro-ceeded to investigate the miracle by

questioning the man and by calling his

They pretended to take great offense

38).—Penticost.

Peloubet.

II. Jesus explains the mystery of produce (v. 2-5). 2. Disciples asked —The first question that arose in their minds who blindness existed. Who did sin. Scripture teaches that all disease and even death, is the fruit of sin. The Jewish error consisted in besin. The Jewish error consists were lieving that all special afflictions were divine visitations for special sins. This error Jesus corrected.—Abbott. Mark the contrast between their thoughts and those of Jesus in reply. Repentance calls our own afflictions punishments; but love calls the afflictions of others trials.—Com. Com. This man—But how could the man sin before his birth? The doctrine of transmigration of souls, by which the same soul is sup-posed to inhabit different bodies, was quite general among the Greeks and Asiatics; "but there is no clear proof quite general among the Greeks and Asiatics; "but there is no clear proof that this doctrine was prevalent among these Jews."—Whedon. On the popular supposition that special calamities are a punishment for special sins, the disciples desire to know whose sin caused this man's suffering. Was it his parents sin or his own? If Jesus had replied, his own, they would have asked, How?

3. Neither—That is, so as to be the cause of the blindness. Our Lord does not deny the existence of sin, either in

cause of the blindness. Our Lord does not deny the existence of sin, either in this man or in his parents.—Godet. The disciples looked to the origin of the suffering; our Lord looked to its removal. They asked, "Who is to blame?" Jesus asked, "Who is to save?" Instead of looking to the dark abyss, out of which is a price of the dark abyss, out of which is save the dark abyss, out of which which which which will be a price of the control of the dark abyss. innocence.—Brodie. Works of God.... manifest—Not that this man was born blind for the sole purpose that a miracle might be wrought, but that his blindness furnished the occasion for Jesus to perform the divine work of healing him, and thus to show Himself to be God.—Binney. God is not responsible for sin and es, but both afford Him an opportunity to show His power and grace. "Sufferings are like the shavings and saw-dust and general disorder of the carpenter's workshop, which are necessary in the making of a needed article. It is to the finished work we must look, and not to the shavings, if we would un-derstand the actual state of things around us."—Exp. Bib. How were the works of God made manifest in this 1. In the restoration of his sight 2. In the enlightenment of his mind. 3: In the salvation of his soul. (4) In shedding light upon others. Not only were this man's neighbors benefited, but all who have read this account during the last eighteen hundred years have had their attention turned toward Christ. 4. We must work (R. V.)-By the plu

ral "we," as given in the R. V., Jesus associates His apostles with Him in the work. It is encouraging to think that "we." poor, weak men, can be "workers together with Christ." "To rid the world of evil, of wretchedness, lonely sorrow. destitution and disease is the work of God While it is day-The day repre sents opportunity, the night, opportunity past. The day of life's opportunity is rapidly passing; the night of death wil soon be here, and our work will be ended

What we do must be done quickly.

5. In the world—He would not be long
in the flesh, but He has never ceased to be the light of the world. Sin is dark ness. He is in bold contrast to sin. I am the light—Like the sun, it is my business to dispense light and heat every was altogether beyond human means but Jesus reminded His disciples that in Him were light and life. He still open "Christ guides us by the ligh (1) of His teaching, (2) of His example (3) of His Holy Spirit, (4) of His provi dence. (5) by His personal presence is by implanting a new heart and right mo tives, which clarify the vision."

III. The blind man healed (vs. 6, 7). 6. Made clay * * anointed Jesus anointed Jest shows his power by proceeding, in his own way, to heal the man. Notice, "I There is no commection between the means used and the effect produced. Christ came into physical contact to at tract attention and to stimulate faith where faith was in lively exercise, healed by his word, and at a distance 3. Christ appeals to two of the man's sense, his hearing and feeling, thereby archief faith." - Moorehead Christ cay

-Would be now prove his faith in

sin and misery originated, the Lord's heart looks to the glory of God, who by redemption exalts fallen man to even higher blessedness than that of creature

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because our Lord performed this act of mercy on the Sabbath day, and thus ig-nored their traditions. The parents feared the Jews and left the explanation feared the Jews and left the explanation of his healing with their son. The Jews then continued to question the man and he became very bold until finally he asked them to be Christ's disciples. This angered them greatly and they reviled him and spake harshly against Jesus. At this his courage arose still higher, and with great clearness he answered their false reasonings against "the man" who had healed him. They could stand no more, but cast him out of the synagogue. Jesus at once revealed himself to the man, who immediately became a to the man, who immediately became true worshipper. Courage to do right, and to speak boldly in defense of the truth will always bring heaven's bless-

FISCAL QUESTION

Premier Balfour Would Keep It in the Background.

London, March 6.—The political situa-tion is undergoing some rather interest-ing developments, and there are several indications of the intention of the Govrermment to sidetrack the fiscal controversy. An attempt was made on the part of the Chamberlain section of the mony to the power of Christ. It is short, clear, positive. A man—First be knew him only as "the man" (R. V.. call-Unionist party to compel Lord Hugh Cecil to resign the Parliamentary seat for Greenwich, but Cecil politely de-clined to quit, and in that determination received unexpectedly strong sup-port from Sir Alexander Ackland-Hood chief Government whrp, who, in a pub-lic letter declines to "act unfairly to wards a man who has rendered most parents to testify. The hypocritical rulers hated Jesus, and were continually trying to find something against him.

to all Conservative candidates complete freedom of action in fiscal affairs, is resented keenly by the Chamberlain group, whose irritation is increased by a letter from Premier Balfour to the Conservative candidate in Buteshire, in which, with reference to changes in fiscal policy, the Premier says: "Important as are the issues thus raised, we must not let them obscure the fundamental principle of the Unionist party. If I rightly read the signs of the times, the policy of Home Rule only awaits the advent of the Radical party to power to become active, militant and perilous."

This letter is interpreted as showing Mr. Balfour's resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen as a second of the control of the resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen as a second of the control of the resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen as a second of the control of the resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen as a second of the control of the resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen the control of the resolve to thrust fiscal reform into the background as an election can be seen to the control of the resolve to the second of the resolve to the resolve to the resolve the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve the resolve the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve the resolve the resolve the resolve to the resolve the resolve to the resolve the

reform into the background as an election cry, and keen curiosity is excited as to how the move will be met by Mr. Chamberlain. FORMULA VALUED AT \$25,000

Toronto Man Charged in Montreal With Having Stolen It.

Montreal, March 6.—James Howard Cummings, of Toronto, who was arrested here yesterday, was arraigned in court to-day, where he pleaded not guilty to a charge of having stolen goods in his possession. The case was adjourn-ed for a week, and Cummings was re-leased on bail. The accused came from Toronto about a month ago to work for Pine. Dawson

a month ago to work for Pine, Dawson & Company. It is alleged that he took with him a formula valued at \$25,000, and which the Henry K. Wampole Medicine Co., of Philadelphia, through their Toronto branch, claim is their property, for their exclusive use. Goods shipped from the warehouse of

warra a man who has rendered most valuable assistance to the party of which he is a brilliant member," simply because he does not support the Government on the fiscal question.

This letter, which virtually accords they intend to protect it.

237,445.23

33,670.00

2,280.98

2,376,425.99

218.857.00

207,781.12

76,500.95

23,597.01

681,292.71

320,126.80

1,550,420.09

358

6,274,834

HUSSIAN ARMY NOW RETIRING.

Battle Along the Whole Front is General.

One Russian Corps Lost Nearly 2,000 Men-

Fears That Kouropatkin May be Enveloped.

A London cable says: The moderate, unbiased view, based on the most reinble telegrams, is that Gen. Kouropatkin is still occupying with the greater portion of his troops his original positions, and that thus far he has shown no sign of falling back across the Hun River. The Russians are clearly defending their centre with traditional stubbornness, and they still hold the famous Putiloff Hill, despite the pounding of the terrible Howitzers from Port Arthur. Neve theless the danger to the Russian flanks is not lost sight of. It is remarked that the Japanese are adopting tacties that the British often had to oppose in their conflicts with the Zulus in Souta Africa, who advanced in the form of a crescent when they attempted to envelope their enemy. The danger to the Russians is, of course, lest the horns of the crescent meet either at Mukden or between Muk-den and Tieling. Doubtless the Japanese have achieved considerable success on the wings, but military experts here do not yet see suffcient ground for the inevita-ble, overwhelming debacle predicted in anti-Russian quarters.

FOUGHT CONTINUOUSLY.

Rennenkampff's Corps Lost 1,800 Men in One Night.

A Mukden cable: A ceaseless artiller fire is heard ten miles southward. The roar of the guns is becoming more dis-tinct every nour. The Russian losses during the last five days have been heavy. The wounded are streaming through Mukden northward, the hospital train service being infinitely better than at the time of the Battle of the

Great confusion prevails in the city, every means of transportation out Mukden being used.

Night attacks are again the feature of the Japanese tactics. During last night almost a corps of infantry was hurled against Gen. Bilderling's right flank, and for hours the men lought in darkness, the Japanese using hand gren-ades with terrible effect. The butchery on both sides was frightful. Gen. Rennenkampff's troops acquitted

Gen. Rennenkampti's troops acquitted themselves brilliantly, contesting the passes southeast for three days. They fought continuously, the Japanese pressing them on all sides, with heavy odds in favor of the Japanese. On Thursday night the corps lost about 1,800 men, of which number 14 were officers.

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The brunt of the fighting fell on Gen. Daniloff's division and Gen. Lubavin's division, which held the heights of Tomous Mountain. They were attacked last night, and the position twice changed hands, but morning found it still in possession of the Russians.

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Thus far Gen. Rennenkampff has sucbarred the way of Ken. Kuro-

JAPS REPULSE ATTACKS.

The Russian Assaults on Sha and Hun Rivers.

A Tokio cable: The following re-port has been received from the field headquarters of the Manchurian army: "The enemy in front of our forces in the direction of Singnehing appears to be gradually receiving reinforcements. "Our Bensihu force has captured the enemy's position in the eastern heights of Katao Pass and at Tungkou, which is two miles east of Tungkou Mountain. 'In the direction of the Sha River the enemy in front of our forces made a small night attack, which we re-

pulsed. "The enemy n the right bank of the Hun River made a counter attack on Chenchichpao and its western districts toward the river, but the attack was entirely reppulsed.

"We have driven the enemy from We have driven the enemy from Chingtao and Sugantai."

There is trustworthy information to the effect that the Jargnese have shelled the Russian positions along the whole line of the Sha River since yes-

terday.

It is reported at army headquarters here that the Russians are steadily reinforcing their right wing in the vicinity of Hsinching.

The Japanese right, in the direction of Pensihu, has captured important Russian positions on the eastern heights of the Kaotai Pass, in the direction of the Sha River, where Gen Linovitch is in command of the Rus sian forces.

LEFT WING LOST.

The Russians Frankly Admit the News is Bad.

A St. Petersburg cable says: In the correspondent of the Echo de Paris correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the news from the front is frankly bad. Gen. Kouropatkin's left wing appears to be in danger of being driven in, and his position at Mukden it seems evident that the Russians will not be able to hold the Russians will not be able to hold the control of the cont

the Eussian lines on Sha River. It is believed that Gen. Kouropatkin will be obliged to evacuate Mukden. In any case, the game has already lost him his left wing.

The Journal says it is rumored that Kouropatkin is in full retreat

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The Echo says it is reported that a grand council of war is to be held under the presidency of the Ozar, at Tsarskoe-Selo, on Sunday.

Market Reports The Week.

The offerings of grain on the street to day were small, with little change in prices. What is steady, with sales of the street o

at 46c.

Dairy produce offered a little new freely. Choice butter brought 25 to 28c are 1b, and new laid eggs are easier at 25 to 28c per 1b, and new laid eggs are easier at 25 to 28c per 1c, and cozen. Poultry steady, with turkeys quoted at 17 to 20c per 1b, and chickens at 12 to 14c.

Hay in moderate supply, with prices steady; 25 loads sold at \$10 to \$12 a ton 50r timothy, and at \$8 to \$9 for mixed. Straw steady, two loads selling at \$11 a ton.

Seeds—Alsike, No. 1, bushel Do., No. 2, bushel Do., No. 3, bushel Red clover Timothy Dressed hogs Apples, per bbl. Eggs, new lald, dozen Butter, dairy Do., creamery Chickens, spring Ducks, per lb.

British Cattle Markets.

London, March '-Live cattle are quoted at 10% to 12c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8 to 8% per lb.; sheep, 12 to 13c per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets.

May. New York \$114% St. Louis Minneapolis Duluth Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the city mar-ket were nine carloads, composed of 57 cattle, 100 hogs, 80 sheep and lambs, with

5 calves.
Very little business was being transacted, after a heavy trade in the fore part of the week.

Bradstreet's on Trade. Montreal:-The continuous snowfalls

of a week or so ago greatly interfered with trade in the country. Despite this with trade in the country. Despite this the volume of trade has been well up to that of last year. The outlook for the spring trade, too, has been brighter than ever. Farmers have been experiencing considerable difficulty in bringing their produce to market. Remittances have been slow but they are expected to improve when the country trade becomes more active.

comes more active.

Toronto—There has been some improvement in the activity among wholesale traders here during the past week. The roads of the country are in better condition. The millinery opening of the two last days of February were attended by unusually large numbers of buy et by unusually large numbers of buy-ers, from all over the Dominion. This extended to the drygoods business gen-erally. Hardware trade is showing re-newed activity. The volume of building permits which have been issued pro-mise great activity in this line throughout the coming season. Receipts of produce here have been much heavier. Prices of butter, eggs and produce generally have declined sharply. Wheat to-day showed a decline of about 3c. Oats are scarce and fairly firmly held. Payments do not yet show any improve

ment, and are still only fair.

At Quebec trade conditions in general are reported fairly satisfactory. Travellers, as a rule, are sending in fair or-

Winnipeg-Trade is still a little quiet. Things are recovering, however. As the spring season opens out, the prospects for trade generally continue of the brightest description. Collections are still on the slow side, but improvements

in this regard is steady.

Victoria and Vancouver—The improving tone to trade generally continues throughput the province. Wholesale stocks are moving better, and orders

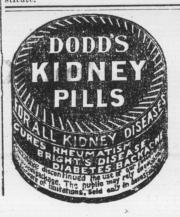
stocks are moving better, and orders cover a wider distribution of goods. The demand for lumber and mining camp sunpplies for the interior is active.

Bradstreet's reports from Hamilton say trade conditions there show some improvement over those of a week ago. Country trade is more active and whole sale stocks are moving better. Spring demands for all lines of goods are heavy and prospects are very encouraging. Retail trade is of fair volume and there is little complaint heard on the score collections. collections.

Trade at London shows the activity

usual at this time of the year, and there has been an improvement in general conditions owing to the improve-ment in country roads. Ottawa trade reports to Bradstreet's say trade there is in a generally satis-

factory conlition. Windsor.-A. W. Keith, assistant acience master of the Collegiate Institute, has acepted a position as assistant science master in the London Collegiate In-



CANADA LIFE **Assurance Company**

Financial Statement

58th Annual Report

ASSETS

bentures... \$17,249,744.96 4.506,711.29

Real Estate owned (including ronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg, St. John, N.B., and London, Eng.) Premiums in Transit and defer-

Premium and Annuity Income

(net).....

RECEIPTS

Interest, etc..... 1,204,851.50

Profits on sale of Securities..... 52,361.63

dard (Hm 3% and 3½%)..... \$26,408,650.00 Death Claims in Course of Settlement, and Instalment Fund Dividends to Policy-holders in

368,093,66 Reserve for Policies which may

1,762,633.99

be revived..... Other Liabilities..... Total Surplus on Policy-holders' Account, Company's Stan-

Reserve Fund Company's Stan-

dard......

LIABILITIES

402.996.00 290,099.62

\$29,074,599.00

\$3.043.178.15

989,898.30

\$29,074,599.00 PAYMENTS \$1,221,815.60

Death Claims (net)..... Matured Endowments (net) . . . Dividends paid Policy-holders (including Bonus Addition paid with Death Claims and with Matured Endowments) Surrender Values paid Policy-

holders..... Paid Annuitants... Total paid to Policy-holders .. \$1,748,551.68 Commission, Salaries, etc. Taxes, Dividends, etc.

Excess of Receipts over Payments.....

\$4,300,391.28

Net Surplus over all Liabilities (Company's Standard) ... \$1,376,000 Net Surplus over all Liabilities (Government Standard) .. \$4,326,000

GAINS IN 1904.

101,805,944

95,531,110

1904 1903 Increase Number of applications received...... 7.221 6,863 Amount of Assurances applied for \$ 14,571,153 £13,881,930 \$ 689,193 Policies issued 408,471 Policies paid for..... 1.089.582 10,122,139

Total business in force The new business paid for in 1904 was greater in amount than that of any previous year in the Company's history.

A full report of the annual meeting will appear in the Company's paper,