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A DUTCHMAN, summoned to identify a stolen bag, being asked if the bag had any ear marks, replied, "The only ear-mark that I saw was his tail cut off."

It is a great mercy to enjoy the Gospel of peace, but a greater to enjoy the peace of the Gospel.

## INEBRIATES' HOME.

At the request of E. Lloyd, Esq., Honorary Secretary of the Inebriates' Home, we cheerfully publish the following statement in reference to that valuable institution:

Perhaps no philanthropic institution as its inauguration has been accorded more general sympathy or generous support than the Inebriates' Home, arising no doubt from the sad fact that there are few persons who have not, more or less, been affected by the increasing and terrible evil to meet which these institutions have been founded, in the hope of in some measure alleviating; but whilst the Directors have to express their thankfulness for the very cheerful and in many cases voluntary offerings thus far made, they regret to add that pressure from without renders the continuance of such aid most essential.

In order, therefore, that the friends of the institution may, by a knowledge of some of our requirements, be enabled the more readily to assist, the Board would indicate two or three modes by which this may be accomplished.

1st. Books are much wanted; the necessarily isolated condition of the Home, the inmates being debarred from daily intercourse with the world, renders a library a necessity. To the proprietors of city newspapers we are already much indebted for the gratuitous supply of their journals.

2nd. Clothing. Patients often enter the Home, it can be readily conceived, in a state rendering a complete change of apparel absolutely necessary.

Of course, it will be understood to whom this applies, as there are patients whose circumstances and position enable them to pay, and provide themselves with all they require, and to whom, also, the 3rd and 4th requirements are not applicable.

3rd. Employment.—On leaving the institution the want of this is often fatal to the establishment of the patient in the benefit derived by his sojourn at the Home, acting adversely on his self-respect by the impression that he is denied employment on account of habits the slur connected with which he had vainly hoped had been entombed in the Home. The Directors have occasionally endeavored to procure employment for parties quitting the establishment, but have not been very successful. If, therefore, they could be assisted by friends making known to them any kind of employment they could give, it would be a great boon, and also if work of such particular tradesmen as were at the home could be afforded, whilst there, it would still further assist the patients and institution.

4th. Donations of a special character, say, for so many weeks' support of a non-paying patient, the number of which asking for admission is a cause of anxiety to the directors, who have not the heart to refuse it even if they had not the funds to support.

5th. Personal interest in the inmates, both whilst at the Home and subsequently on leaving. When it is borne in mind that, with few exceptions, each inmate is the embodiment of the sorrow and blighted hopes of many a once happy family, now looking with intense feeling to the Home as a last hope, it would indeed be a grave error to imagine that all cause for anxiety, much less of sympathy, ceased

upon the patient's entrance into the Institution. It is here that the contest with the potent enemy of a powerless victim, a contest ending in victory or irremediable ruin is to be carried on. Toward the attainment of the former it is one essential that the patient feel himself in a home, a real Home, cared for by loving and sympathizing friends, evidencing their interest in a way that shall dispel all mistrust or thought of reproach, and recall memories of happier days and homes of which they were once the inmates, and thus a new impulse be given that will greatly tend to the quickening of the long dormant (if not lost) will-power, without which their case is hopeless. Earnest invitations are, therefore, extended to clergymen and religious and benevolent friends to visit and aid the Directors in this particular, and which will, of course, be done with due regard to that privacy with which it has been deemed necessary to surround the Home, and thereby prevent any public reference to the inmates.

If you have not renewed your subscription, do not wait for the agent to call. Post Office Order for two dollars will cost but two cents. We conduct the paper on prepayment principles, which is best for all concerned.

Will our agents please send early notice as to the subscribers on their lists? We wish to know definitely from all before this month expires.

## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The Irish correspondent of the Nashville "Advocate" gives this humorous touch of native genius.

The visit of a bishop to a rural parish is an occasion of great importance. The entire people turned out to see and pay obeisance to the magnate of the church. Sometimes the Muses are wooed to give effect to the welcome. On the occasion when a bishop visited one of those parishes the following hymn was sung. It must have charmed the Bishop, and he must also have admired the genuine poeticizing of the verses:

Why skip ye so, ye little hills,  
And wherefore do ye hop?  
Is it because ye do expect  
To see the Lord Bishop-op?  
Why hop ye so, ye little hills,  
And wherefore do ye skip?  
Is it because ye do expect  
To see the Lord Bishop-op?  
Why hop ye so, ye little hills,  
And why do ye jump up?  
Is it because ye long to see  
His Grace, the Lord Bishop-op?  
Why jump ye so, ye little hills,  
And wherefore do ye leap?  
Is it because ye eager are  
To see the Lord Bishop-op?

Verily, there was commotion in that parish on that occasion. Nature felt the presence of the dignitary, and cut many gleeful capers.

The same paper says of Commodore Vanderbilt—that princely supporter of the Educational Institution known by his name:

Here is a waif floated hither in a letter from Baltimore: "Well," says the Commodore to the Vanderbilt University people, "I won't stand on trifles; make it another hundred thousand, then."

THE Montreal "Witness" refers thus to the sermons of a recent Sabbath:

ST. JAMES STREET METHODIST.—Both the sermons in this edifice yesterday contained some home thrusts. In the morning Rev. M. Longley made an attack upon the gorgeousness of ladies' Sabbath costumes and asserted that the jewellery worn was sufficient in value to carry the Gospel to the whole of the unconverted hindoos. In the evening, Rev. Mr. Gaetz, in referring to places of temptation, specialized the theatre—"they might call it an Academy of Music if they liked." He graphically pictured the emotions of an innocent young woman on first visiting the theatre—her nervous agitation showed by her biting the points out of the fingers of her gloves when those shameless creatures, the ballet dancers, came on the stage, and compared the human heart to a fenced field; each giving way to temptation was the removal of a nail of the fence till at last the wall was down, there was nothing to prevent the entrance of the pig into the garden, and the ruin was complete.

REV. J. WATERHOUSE has written to the Newcastle (N.B.) "Advocate." A closing paragraph in his letter says:— "Now I think I must stop just here, for

if I allow my pen to broach another subject it will run too far. I cannot say, Messrs. Editors, that I like the air of England as well as I did the air of New Brunswick. It is so moist, so heavy, that sometimes it seems to press me down and chill me. But the probability is—that I shall settle here now for the rest of my life.

The editor of the "Advocate" has this note in regard to Mr. W.:

We publish to-day a letter from the Rev. J. Waterhouse, which will be read with interest by his many friends in this quarter. In a private note the Rev. gentleman says that he has taken charge of the Ilkley Circuit, the health of the Superintendent having broken down. Ilkley is a rising town in the neighborhood of Leeds, noted for its salubrious atmosphere and health giving waters, and during the summer months is thronged with invalids and aristocratic visitors. Mr. Waterhouse has the best wishes of the Miramichi people in his new sphere of ministerial labour.

## A DOMESTIC SCENE.

Child.—Mother I want a piece of cake.  
Mother.—I haven't got any; it's all gone.

Child.—I know there's some in the cupboard; I saw it when you opened the door.

Mother.—Well, you don't need any more. Cake hurts children.

Child.—No it don't (*Whining*). I do want a piece. Mother mayn't I have a piece?

Mother.—Be still; I can't get up now. I'm busy.

Child.—(*crying aloud*).—I want a piece of cake!

Mother.—Be still I say. I shan't give you a bit if you don't leave off crying.

Child.—(*still crying*).—I want a piece of cake? I want a piece of cake!

Mother.—(*rising hastily, and reaching a piece*).—There take that; and hold your tongue. Eat it up quick. There's Ben coming. Don't tell him you have had some cake.

(*Ben enters.*)  
Child.—I've had a piece of cake, Ben; you can't have any.

Ben.—Yes, I will. Mother give me a piece.

Mother.—(*very cross*).—There, take that! It seems as if I never could keep a piece of anything in the house. (*To the child*.) You'll see, sir, if I give you any another time.

(*Another room.*)  
Child.—I've had a piece of cake.  
Younger Sister.—Oh, I want some too.

Child.—Well, you bawl, and mother'll give a bit. I did.

## ANNIVERSARY SERMON.

In the German street church, last evening, Rev. H. Sprague preached a sermon especially prepared for the benefit of the children of the Sabbath school in connection with the church. The congregation was large, and the children occupied the gallery. The sermon a practical one, was so simple in style as to be readily comprehended by the youngest of his auditors, yet contained many beautiful thoughts, which were profitable to older persons. Selecting Gen. 29th chap., 20th verse, containing the story of Jacob's service for seven years for Rachel, he said that the sketches of life in their time which come to us are but fragmentary, during the ages, customs and habits of life have been constantly changing; but amidst all this the great human heart still beats the same, the same story is still told through all time, and this touching story comes to us from the patriarchal times as if one of modern life. Happy is the young man who, amidst the evils of life away from home, has green in his heart, a mother's love or a Rachel to keep him pure. The principle in the text is, that when the heart is interested in any work it is not tedious, irksome or unpleasant. Books which treat of the constitution of the heart tell us that there are three distinct faculties—intellect, sensibility and will power; one of these faculties can scarcely be exercised without the other being in some way aroused. Truth may engage the intellect, but when it arouses the feeling then the will become engaged and a power is exercised which, without these would have little impression. It matters little what one's work is if the heart is bound up in it. See a mother with a patient unwearied attention by the bedside

of a sick child, every varying breath closely watched. It is this that takes a man away from the comforts of a home to toil in a gold mine, or do drudgery, which at home he would not look upon, that some benefit may arise from it to him or his. Apply this feeling to any duty, that of Christ upon you, not looking upon it as any tedious unpleasant work, for he does not lay any burden upon you, but says: "Take my yoke upon you, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." He will give you strength to do any duty. He sets for you. Young men should have no reluctance to coming into Christ's service. It is a noble work; it not necessary to exhibit any tumultuous feeling, but to have your heart so imbued with love for Him that your whole life is an earnest endeavor to do his work.

The children of the school sang the following hymns very well, assisted by the choir, showing the evident good result from the training of their late Asst. Supt., Mr. Schofield. The hymns were chosen from the *Canadian Organ*: "Jesus, blessed Jesus;" "The Children's Saviour;" "Sun of my Soul," and a chant, "Lord is it I." The baptism of a child took place before the sermon.—*St. John Tel.*

## EXAMINATIONS, N. B. CONFERENCE.

MR. EDITOR.—For the information of Probationers and others in the New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island Conference, allow me to state that the Examinations will not take place, till the last week in April or the first week in May. Of the exact time due notice will be given through the *WESLEYAN*. Persons who intend to present themselves as candidates for admission to the ministry, must be prepared to appear before the Board of Examiners at the same time.

Brethren who accepted the task of preparing questions will greatly oblige the Secretary of the Board, by forwarding them to him at their earliest convenience, as the time fixed upon for so doing is already past.

C. H. PAISLEY,

Sec. Board Examiners  
Florenceville, Jan. 11th, 1876.

## WESLEYAN CITY MISSION.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Wesley City Mission was held on Friday evening, 14th inst., in the Grafton St. school house. The Rev. John Read presided. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Angwin, of Dartmouth. After some remarks by the chairman, the secretary, D. Henry Starr, Esq., read the annual report, which was of a very encouraging nature. A great part of the missionary's time is taken up with work in the suburbs of the city, which consists of organizing and sustaining religious services, Sabbath schools, temperance meetings and Bands of Hope. The mission has three stations, viz. Tower Road (south), Beech-street (west), Agricola street (north), Charles-street and Coburg Road having become regular churches presided over by ministers. The Treasurer's account showed a balance to the debit of the Society of \$37. The missionary, Mr. M. Theakston, was then called upon. He explained the kind of work City Missionaries had to perform. He related several pleasing incidents connected with his labors, spoke of intoxicating drink as being the greatest obstacle he had to contend with. He exhibited photographs of a genuine City Arab, and a young woman who had fallen into habits of intemperance—representatives of the class amongst whom City Missionaries chiefly labour. Both of these have been reclaimed through this mission.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

The Halifax *Chronicle* has purchased for itself a new suit of clothes.

Shipbuilding is looking up a little at Digby.

Several coasting accidents have happened in Halifax during the last week.

Six men escaped from the Halifax Penitentiary last week, but they were all recaptured.

The difficulty between the proprietors and miners at Springfield has been settled by mutual concessions.

A woman and her daughter were severely burned in Dartmouth last week, by the explosion of a paraffine lamp.

The woodshed of the Palmerston House, Pugwash, caught fire the other night, but the flames were kept from spreading.

Word has been received of the loss of two Liverpool vessels, the barque "Josephine," and the brig "John T. Tupper."

A son of Capt. Ambrose, of Meteghan, was choked to death recently by a piece of apple.

Last Thursday, a man named Thomas, living near Pugwash, was shot dead on the road by a man named Betts, who it is thought was insane.

There were eighteen prisoners in the Halifax police station, last Sunday morning, and sixteen of them were there for being drunk and disorderly.

The old practical joke of pulling a chair from under a person in the act of sitting down upon it, was played in Halifax by a sailor on a brother tar, the result was the man's spine was severely injured.

Owing to the spreading of the rails about three miles East of Windsor junction, on Monday, a freight train consisting of about eight cars was thrown off the track, no lives were lost however.

A Halifax letter carrier has been suspended for taking letters to his own house and leaving them there, instead of the houses of the persons to whom they were addressed. Over 2,000 letters were found in a closet.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Legislature will meet about the 7th of February.

Rev. Dr. Spurden, chaplain of the N. B. House of Assembly, died in Fredericton last week.

There are two demands for subsidies for railways in this Province, amounting to near \$500,000.

Rev. A. B. Earle is conducting very successful evangelistic services in St. John.

The Rev. R. J. Cameron, of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, has resigned on account of want of harmony in the church.

The school meetings in Gloucester county are causing considerable excitement, but fortunately there has been no serious trouble.

## UPPER PROVINCES.

Judge Brady died in Montreal last week.

Mr. Ouinet is to be Chief Superintendent of Education in Quebec.

J. McDougall's machine shop, Montreal, has been heavily damaged by fire.

The epizootic has broken out among the horses at Winnipeg.

Parliament is to meet on the 10th February.

The Manitoba Legislature was to meet on the 18th of this month.

The Dominion Government is considering the Oka difficulty.

An insolvent jeweller has been arrested in Montreal for concealing a large amount of goods from his English creditors.

A man in Ottawa named Murphy has stabbed his wife in the throat, and she is not expected to recover.

On New Year's Day, in certain parts of Ontario, not content with ploughing, the people turned their attention to tapping maples.

True bills have been found against ex-Alderman Clements and a man named Fraser, for being accessory to the murder of Jane Gilmour.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sir A. Rotschild is dead.

Varley the Evangelist is reported seriously ill.

Lord Northbrook has resigned the post of Viceroy of India.

Queen Victoria is expected to pay a visit to Coburg about the 10th April.

A terrible hurricane, causing heavy loss is reported from Algeria.

The Marquis of Ripon, the recent Catholic convert, has presented the Pope with ten thousand pounds.

A man, his wife and two children fell through the ice while crossing the Hudson river, on the 13th inst., and were drowned.

Twelve merchant's of Russia have been transported to Siberia for supplying Turkey with arms.

Labour difficulties are reported among both the weavers and colliers in different parts of England and Wales.

Bismark has personally drafted an additional clause to the penal code, to cover cases similar to Thomassen's.

LePage has been found guilty of the murder of Josie Langmaid, at Concord, N. H., and sentenced to be hung in one year's time.

The Massachusetts Temperance Alliance has adopted a resolution requesting the Centennial Commissioners of that state to protest against the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Centennial grounds at Philadelphia.