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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

License is permission to sell liquor. "High license" is permission at a high price. What do you think is a fair price? What is the just price—just to average victims?—*N. W. Ad.*

There are now three Nonconformist professors at Cambridge University, the last to be appointed being the new Professor of Anatomy, Dr. Macalister, of Dublin, who is a Presbyterian elder.

A writer in the *Congregationalist*, speaking of the supply of ministers, has this suggestive sentence: "There will be 'famine in the ministry' just as long as there is famine in the pantry."

What right have we, preachers, teachers, editors, servants of God everywhere—what right have we not to expect fruits while the Divine assurance remains? "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—*Moravian.*

The Upper House of Convocation, led by the Bishops of Lincoln and Exeter, has passed a motion urging clergy to discourage any movement to substitute unfermented for fermented wine.

Honors cannot be acquired by dishonorable means. One may sometimes crawl up to a high place through slime, but the slime will stick to him, and reveal his shame all the more clearly, because of the conspicuousness of his position.—*Holston Methodist.*

Last year the Brewers' Association in the United States appropriated, to the destruction of home, morals and good government, the following sums of money: \$5,000 to Kansas; \$5,000 to Michigan; \$3,000 to Indiana; \$5,000 to Iowa and \$4,000 for publications.

The Pope repeats loud lamentations about his "very hard imprisonment." Nevertheless, he is content to suffer, and even "die in prison," for the "flock of Christ." Oh! exclaims an Italian journalist, "how many would willingly be prisoners in the Vatican, and even die in such a gaol!"

"Thirty-three reformed drunkards joined one Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Ohio, in one year." The Church is the "City of Refuge" to which men fleeing from their moral and spiritual foes instinctively fly for protection. Men never turn to infidelity for help when trying to reform.—*Texas Advocate.*

The preacher that drags through his regular appointments purposing to hold a series of meetings and labor for a revival when he has good roads, good weather, and good congregations, had better practice his prudent policy on a farm where no one will suffer from his slothfulness but himself.—*S. W. Ad.*

Queen Makes, of Baratonga, noticing how lax were the police in dealing with drunkards and drunkard-makers, created a new order of female police. These women soon unearthed the contraband spirit and threw it into the sea, and since their advent to office a grand reform in the manners of the people has taken place.

A writer in the *Gospel Advocate* says the custom of alluding to some preachers as "big preachers," is not good, either to the preachers so distinguished or to the others. In this we heartily concur. Our standards of measurement are very defective. The Lord will judge and classify us in due time.—*Christian Evangelist.*

The following item from the Nashville *Daily American* of July 10, has a moral for the tax-payer if he will see it: "T. Hall was fined \$5 and costs by Judge Duling yesterday morning for keeping his saloon open on Sunday. Hall is bar-keeper for Police Commissioner John H. Wood, on Broad street." This can be paralleled in many other cities.—*Nashville Ad.*

The Bishop of Gibraltar declines to favour the erection of an English chapel of ease as near the infamous Monte Carlo as possible, and yet on French soil, for the following strange reason: As the sum of all Europe assembles there, consequently it is not a fit place to open such a mission. It seems to ordinary mortals that the infamy forms a good case.

As to the chief element of teaching power in the Sunday-school, Rev. E. Paxton Hood said, at the anniversary of the London Sunday-school Union: "The teacher with a soul will infuse life into any topic—a bone, a stone, a leaf, a stick. The teacher without a soul may take a live coal from off the altar, and the touch of his icy hand will chill and extinguish the fire and leave only ashes and dust."

Says the *Interior*, referring to a brother who sends a newspaper and wants the editor to condense or transfer the account of a college commencement: "Does he think that old Briaeus, with his hundred hands, lives in this office? We are hungry as wolves for your short, helpful articles—all ready for the printer—but we do not like, when asking for bread, to have a stone thrown at our heads."

Many parents choose for their boys the trade, profession, or occupation they want them to follow, without any regard to their natural inclination. The boy handy with the jack-knife is sent to college, and the boy with a book always in his hand is apprenticed to a trade; both are failures in life. A little study by the parents of the aptitude of these boys, would have reversed their positions and made them successful.—*Rel. Intelligencer.*

A street-car driver gave us a knowing wink the other day as he insisted that if we wanted to study human nature we ought to drive a street-car. We made no answer, but we have been thinking all the same. It has occurred to us that a right good opportunity of doing this same thing is to edit a newspaper. And then street car passengers have their peculiar opportunities, and newspaper subscribers theirs. And so it goes.—*Southern Christian Ad.*

Another most important principle to be observed in regard to all collections for Church and benevolent purposes is this: Take far more pains to instruct people in regard to the purpose of these collections, and in regard to their obligations to sustain the causes for which collections are taken, than you do to plead with them to meet those obligations. Leave something for your hearer's judgment and conscience to do.—*Western Christian Ad.*

The majority move along, conscious that drunkenness is a terrible thing, but unconscious of the fact that there are matters of personal interest and duty connected with it. When the public mind is fully awakened and the public conscience fully aroused, the demon will be driven from the earth. Your mind and your conscience are a part of the public mind and conscience. What is that part, which you control, doing in this matter?—*Chicago Leaver and Liberator.*

The English and American revisers cannot agree on some word renderings in the Old Testament any better than they did in the New Testament, and so we shall have another appendix showing the unadjusted differences. This is one of the worst features of the revision business. It brings before the people a portion of the Word of God stamped with uncertainty. Nevertheless, Americans and Englishmen will and do differ more or less in everything.—*Southern Ad.*

They are great lives that fashion themselves in prayer. Their communion with God gives them something of the dignity of their associations. All the belittling things of life are obscured and hidden under the august conceptions that engross the mind when it is holding fellowship with God. Outwardly, such a life may be plain and even bare, but inwardly it is filled with the peace and warmth of the gospel, and it is fruitful in spiritual results that shall be counted among the treasures of heaven.—*United Presbyterian.*

The *Christian at Work* tells the story of a minister in an interior town who, having had the afternoon service opened by the flighty performance of a somewhat florid and decidedly ambitious choir, rose, and in the most solemn and impressive manner announced a hymn, only the first two lines of which he read—

What various hindrances we meet
In coming to the mercy-seat!
And then, after a pause, he added:
"Let us sing this hymn as if we felt it." And now the organist, the first soprano and the bellows-boy talk of resigning.

Supposing a minister has a salary of \$600, the addition of another hundred may make all the difference to him that there is between comfort and tight pinching. He makes both ends meet on \$600 by a degree of economy that is absolutely degrading to an educated, sensitive man. Another hundred would make a different man of him and make his home a different place. In many cases he might have an additional hundred as well as not. In a congregation of two hundred members the increase would be only two cents additional per Sabbath. If your minister is pinched as many are, remember a cent or two per week will make his circumstances comparatively easy.—*Exchange.*

A case of Anglican sisterhood has been brotther before the new Archbishop Benson, of Canterbury. A young girl of fifteen was admitted by the chaplain of the sisterhood, to which she had devoted herself to perpetual vows, and the poor child now desires to be released from the obligation. In these circumstances the Archbishop has been asked to grant her a dispensation. This, however, Dr. Benson declines to do. For, as he observes, if he took upon himself to cancel the obligation, he would thereby be recognizing its force. Here the ritualistic sisterhood imposition an obligation which no Roman Catholic sisterhood would think of imposing on so young a girl.—*N. Y. Independent.*

There is something marvellous in the liberality with which these Welsh farmers have built their chapels (of which there are now 4,361), and have kept their favorite form of religious worship, not only without the aid of the State, but in the presence of an organized State opposition. The Nonconformist bodies have increased in larger proportion than the population. In the Rhondda Valley, for example, where thirty years ago there were only three small places of worship belonging to the Welsh Protestant Dissenters, there are now seventy one, and some of them large enough to seat twelve hundred people. The amount spent by farmers and workmen in building and rebuilding during the last twenty-five years is estimated by Dr. Rees at more than a million-and-a-half.—*Daily News.*

THE FRENCH BOAT MISSION.

The Rev. W. Gibson, whom some of our readers know to be a son-in-law of the Rev. W. B. Boyce, one of the Presidents of the former Eastern British American Conference, sends to the English Methodist papers the "log" of the French mission boat, *Annie*, at Rouen:—

TUESDAY, July 10.—We had prayer together at the usual hours, noon and 4 p.m. At the soldiers' meeting at 7 p.m. we had several officers present, some of them of high grade, and one of them a "noble," belonging to the "Etat Major," who came up afterwards and "complimented" us on the good work we were doing at Rouen. We had a blessed general meeting at 8 p.m. Several English sailors also met in the cabin, and felt that God was "in the midst." One sailor stayed on deck afterwards, until, while we were praying with him, he found peace with God. His ship was leaving the port that night. Perhaps we shall never meet again till the day of judgment, but we believe that this soul, one of the fruits of our Boat Mission, will be found faithful unto the end. May he be the means of carrying blessing to other lands! We heard to-day that the soldier who had received so much blessing at Havre, and to whom I referred in my last letter, had, on his return to St. Romain, assembled the soldiers who had attended our meetings. They had sung hymns together and had offered prayer that God would provide them a room to worship in. He had addressed his comrades; and being, as he said, but an infant of three days, had been obliged to speak to them as if he had been an advanced Christian of forty years! The prayer for a room to worship in was at once answered. "While ye are yet speaking I will hear, and before ye call I will answer." Miss Gurney, of London (not a Methodist), at the very time when prayer was being offered, said that she would bear all the expenses of the hire of a room for the soldiers, and would give them a "treat" once a quarter, at which she would try to be present herself.

July 11.—After our noon prayer-meeting, Pastor Fournau, of Paris, joined us, and was with us at our afternoon prayer-meeting. He and Pastor Herivel, of Havre, spoke with much unction and great power at our soldiers' meeting, and at the general meeting which followed several were under concern. Two soldiers were under the deepest impression, and were "not far from the kingdom of God." J. 12.—Prayer-meetings at noon and at 5 p.m. There were 107 soldiers present at 7 p.m., and they listened most attentively to the preaching of

the Word. Pastors Fournau and Picot were most earnest and pointed in their addresses, both at the soldiers' meeting and the general meeting. Numbers of people were on the Quay awaiting their turn to come on board. The cabin was full of sailors. One Norwegian captain was in great earnest. He had fully made up his mind, but had not the peace and joy which he longed to possess. Three English sailors said that they felt the need of seeking salvation, but could not make up their minds to present decision. "Not to-night" they said one after the other. No arguments as to the uncertainty of their seeing to-morrow had any effect on them, and they went away from the vessel saying, Felix-like, "Go thy way for this time."

July 13.—Our prayer-meetings were times of special blessing, and at the evening meetings, although the numbers were reduced, because it was the eve of the national fete, yet the power of the Spirit was more mightily felt than ever. Some souls were bowed down before the Lord, and, notwithstanding the noise of a martial band on the Quay, and the attractions of the "procession aux flambeaux," remained quietly waiting upon God. One soul entered into "glorious liberty," and a worker followed another man who was evidently under deep conviction, and returned saying he believed he had found peace with God.

July 14, the day of the national fete.—The old town of Rouen was decorated with tricolor flags, and in the evening the streets were brilliantly illuminated. We feared that we should have scarcely anyone present at the meeting. Nevertheless, many faithful soldiers were present at the meeting at 7 p.m., and God gave Pastors Fournau and Picot a special word for them. Another earnest worker, just arrived to take part in the Boat Mission, spoke some warm-hearted and telling words.

METHODISM IN BAVARIA.

Our Wesleyan societies in this part of Germany have lately had great cause for rejoicing. The occasion has been the issue of a royal proclamation granting to all Methodists in the kingdom of Bavaria the full rights of a "private" Church association, which, however, is nothing less than full religious liberty. Until lately Bavaria has been amongst the least favoured countries of the German Empire in this respect. By the laws of the land, which permitted family prayer, the assembling of one or more families for this purpose was illegal, and consequently all kinds of religious services outside the Church. It is true the law was evaded. Meetings were held for the ostensible purpose of hearing an address, singing, and prayer being omitted. One of our ministers in Augsburg on another occasion escaped coming under the law by singing a solo himself in the place of general singing—a device which, however, increased the congregation. In some places where the police did not interfere the meetings were tolerated, while in others they were often forbidden, and the work generally had to be carried on with the greatest difficulty. Petitions in favour of religious liberty were sent some few years ago from the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has missions in the Rhine, Palatinate, and by our Wesleyan brethren from the societies in Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Munich in the year 1879. It seemed for a time as if these petitions were to pass unnoticed. At last, after two years' waiting, some few weeks ago, the Bavarian newspapers brought the good news that rights, liberty, and protection henceforth were to be granted to the Methodists. These privileges include rights of doctrinal confession, forms of worship, pastoral functions, religious instruction in Sunday-schools and otherwise, exercise of church discipline, ordination of ministers, consecration of buildings and burial places. In fact, with ex-

ception of the use of church bells and similar demonstrations, the Methodists will have equal privileges with any other church organisation of the land. In no other country of the German Empire will there be such full religious liberty to our brethren as in Bavaria. Hitherto Prussia has been the most liberal, but there the holding of meetings in any fresh locality must be first notified to the police, which formality is not requisite under the new Bavarian edict. This enlightened step on the part of Catholic Bavaria ought to shame Protestant Saxony, which now stands out almost alone in the vast German Fatherland as the seat of intolerance and persecution. Let us hope soon to hear that the Methodists have also full liberty to sing, pray, and preach in that part of Germany which bore such a prominent part in the Reformation.—*Meth. Recorder.*

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

There is sometimes a harshness in presenting truth that effectually obstructs its way in the mind of the hearer. The study of this subject is a most important one, especially since the temptation to impatience is not uncommon among those who, by reason of a clear perception of the peril of the sinner, are earnestly seeking their salvation.

It was on a Sabbath evening in a certain church that we witnessed the sad results of not "speaking the truth in love." Among several penitents bowed at the altar of prayer was a young man evidently awakened by the Holy Spirit to a sense of sin. Some one kneeling by his side suggested in a cold, unfeeling way that it was proper thus to prostrate himself; that such a life as he had led, sooner or later, must end in destruction; that the utter perversity of the sinner's heart called for God's righteous judgment, etc. Now, while all this might have been true, the manner in which the words were spoken could but produce unfortunate results. A hidden censure was betrayed—an unnecessary prejudice thereby awakened. That peculiar tenderness so necessary in the winning worker was sadly wanting. That seeking soul was immediately set back; the lack of the constraining love of Christ in the instruction given vitiated that instruction. Indeed, there was precipitated a needless revolt in the penitent's mind at this most critical of all periods. That young man, with but partial views of the Saviour as yet, and in a condition to suffer embarrassment by any opposing circumstances, utterly yielded to temptation. The mastery of self became dominant. Pride and passion once more rallied. The penitent's seat was quickly abandoned. And even until this day the genuine signs of contrition on account of sin have not re-appeared. There is good reason to believe that the same instructions imparted in a different spirit that hour would have ended in the conversion of a soul. Love, burning in the Christian's heart, is absolutely essential to the effectual deliverance of the Gospel. Truth, however keen and penetrating, will generally find at least partial acceptance when our words of warning are charged with all conquering love.

THE GREAT SACRIFICE.

Brethren, God has never revealed himself by simple didactic exposition of his perfections. He is not satisfied with sitting upon his throne and there, in audible voice, proclaiming to the creatures what are the perfections of his nature. His plan has been, in nature and in grace, to reveal them in their effective operation: he speaks, and it is done: he commands, and it stands fast. As the creator, he puts all his attributes into action; and you behold the entire deity in the activity and strength of his nature, by the word producing worlds. This mode of the divine exposition holds in the

sphere of grace, as in the sphere of nature. When God would show his justice, his holiness, his truth, his mercy, his compassion, and his love, he does it not in language, but by deeds—by producing these energies of his own nature and putting them into play. He sends his own son from his own bosom, to stand upon the earth as the only being capable of sustaining upon his person these amazing energies of the everlasting God. Oh, my brethren, what a responsibility, when Christ stands upon the earth, a spectacle, not only to man, but to the entire universe! As the angels from the battlements of heaven look down upon him with feelings of amazement and of awe, they behold the only being who could sustain the justice of God without being consumed; the only being who can reveal, by actual suffering, the whole passionate love of the Father for the guilty and lost of our race. Under the sense of this responsibility, when the burthen rests upon him only in the anticipation of it, he exclaims in the text: "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour."—*Rev. B. M. Palmer.*

TO PUT ON STRENGTH.

How then shall we put on strength? We answer, on our knees! No man ever puts on spiritual strength except on his knees. It was there that Jacob found it when he had "power with God and prevailed." It was there the apostle found it. When Peter stood off and preached to the multitude, the day of Pentecost was the day of power. But how did the apostles put it on? Upon their knees, in those days of prayer in the upper chamber in Jerusalem. O brethren, it is upon your knees that the church must now come out in its strength! "Awake! awake!" It is God's call. When we ourselves have risen to the consciousness of our need, we may then take hold upon God and cry, "Awake, awake, O arm of the Lord!"

Let us put on the strength of the word, as the apostle did when he shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God. Let us put on the strength of the ministry as Paul did when he went forth in the fullness of the gospel of peace. Let us put on the strength of the Spirit as the early church did when it was endowed with power from on high. Then shall our work be "mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds." Then shall we return from the conflict, as Israel did from the pursuit of the Midianites, exclaiming, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" Then shall the church be a "praise in all the earth," and men shall say, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."—*Dr. W. M. Patton.*

Some people have really pleased themselves threadbare with self-examination. Friend, try a new experiment; whenever tempted to look at self for comfort and strength, look away immediately to Christ, and see if his beauty is not more to be desired than all your subtle selfishness. "Looking unto Jesus" we grow like him.

Vacation time is favorable to devout meditation. While enjoying a stay at the sea side, or amid the mountains, let your thoughts dwell on him who is the Maker of all, and on his Son, who came to redeem us, until in joyful consciousness of his blessed presence you realize that

Faith has yet its Object
And love its Guide.

God measures all gifts by the ability of the giver, and he knows just what the ability is. There are no mistakes or misarrangements with him. All gifts, in all the elements that enter into them, he means with an impartial and all-penetrating scrutiny. All giving is under the blaze of the omniscient eye.

OUR HOME CIRCLE. SWEET DAY OF REST. Sweet day of rest! the very sound is healing— A hush amid the conflict and the strife; The calm of heaven is softly round us stealing— We hear the whispers of a holier life.

ALMIGHTY HELP. I often think of what Dr. Hitchcock said before the Union Theological Seminary: "Young gentlemen, study theology, yes, study theology, but preach the Gospel."

THE HIGHER MOTIVE. John B. Gough, in a temperance lecture, related a conversation he once had with a Christian gentleman in England on total abstinence.

THE SIZE AND SPEED OF STEAMSHIPS. The fierce competition among the trans-atlantic steamships has about expended itself in one direction. The limit has been reached in the matter of size.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS. NO ANSWER BUT A KISS. Our home is bright and joyous now. Dear mother smiles again; No shade of care is on her brow.

You must trust me, Job." So he does with hundreds and thousands. There was David who wrote the prayers and poetry of the ages.

LAW AND JUSTICE. Some years ago a young man who then kept store on the Canadian side of the Sault Ste. Marie, allowed several working men to get some distance into his books.

LITTLE DUTIES. A letter-carrier in one of our large cities, a few months ago, found on reaching the post-office, after a long round of delivery, a letter in his bag that he had overlooked.

PROVIDENCE AND THE WOOD PILE. One snowy Saturday night, years ago, when the wood-pile of the Alcott household was very low, a neighbor's child came to beg a little wood.

A FLY ON THE CEILING. To walk head downward on a floor turned topsy-turvy would puzzle a great many, and the wisest men were for a long time

of New York waters without more or less serious trouble. Nine vessels have suffered considerable detention on the bar this season.

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DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART. There's many a trouble, Would break like a bubble, And as the waters of Lethe depart, Did we not rehearse it, And tenderly nurse it, And give it a permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow, Would vanish to-morrow, Were we not unwilling to furnish the wings; So sadly intruding, And quietly brooding, It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

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the chance of more wood. For once Mrs. Alcott hesitated; but the serene Sage of Concord looked out undismayed, into the wild and wintry storm.

He had started to go into Boston with his load, but the storm so drove in his face, and the snow so drifted in his path, that it had driven him back; and now, if he might unload his load there, it would save him taking it home again, and he "s'posed" they'd be wanting some soon.

WITHOUT A REMEDY. I entered the house of a neighbor one afternoon, where a young lady was staying for the time, who lived in the country. She looked unusually sad; and I thought I saw her wiping the tears from her eyes.

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unable to explain how the fly walked so easily on the ceiling. Some supposed that the foot of the fly was formed to act like a sucker, which by exhausting the air would enable the insect to attach itself firmly to any ceiling.

But the best idea of all was to examine this portion of the insect's limb. By the aid of that wonderful instrument, the microscope, people can now see instead of being only able to guess, as in olden times. The microscope magnified the leg of the fly so that it appeared as large as that of a horse, and its foot as large as a horse's hoof.

BRAVE LITTLE GIRLS. A long time ago, in the Indian country, two little girls slipped away from the fort, and went down into a hollow to pick berries. It was Emmy, a girl of seven years, with Bessie her sister, not yet six.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

AUG. 12, 1883.

THE LAST DAYS OF JOSHUA.

JOSHUA XXIV. 14-29.

Now therefore—From the leading events of their national history going to show, in the most striking manner, the interposition of the divine hand in their behalf. Joshua would lay a foundation for that deep sense of obligation and obedience which he aims to impress upon their minds.

BUTTERMILK AS A BEVERAGE.

For a summer beverage there can be nothing more healthy and strengthening than buttermilk. It is excellent for weak or delicate stomachs, and far better as a dinner drink than tea, coffee, or water, and, unlike them, does not retard, but rather aids digestion.

USEFUL HINTS.

Do not let the cattle prune the orchard. They always were bunglers at such business.

A good way to clear cistern water, is by adding two ounces of powdered alum and two of borax to a twenty-barrel cistern of rain-water.

Every dairyman should raise at least one eighth of an acre of corn fodder for each cow, to help the pasture through the dry season.

Although melted butter will not answer when making nice cake, still it may be softened by heat so that it will beat easily, and yet the favor be unchanged.

If a straw hat has been wet, and the stiffness has departed, rub a little white of an egg mixed with cold water over it; put it on with a damp cloth.

Walking on a railway track unnecessarily is an exposure to obvious and unnecessary danger within the meaning of an accident insurance policy.—Massachusetts Supreme Court.

A pretty way to brighten a willow chair is to tie two bows on the back of the chair, a blue one at the top and a pink or cream-colored one below it, at about the center of the back, or have them both of scarlet ribbon; tie them so that loops and ends are about the same length.

Linon lunch-cloths one yard square, with a vine and some odd and mirth-provoking design in the corners, are the fancy of the hour. These are very pretty to cover the small tables used at lunch or small tea-parties. Have as much variety in coloring and in the design as possible, and yet be in harmony.

Here is Heisch's test for the presence of sewage or other putrescible matter: Fill a clean pint bottle three parts full with the water to be tested. Dissolve in it a half teaspoonful of the purest granulated sugar. If in twenty-four or forty-eight hours the water becomes cloudy or milky it is unfit for domestic use. If it remains clear it is probably good.

In the English army shoe-stores scrupulous attention is shown to shape and make, in conformity with high surgical authority. The inner line of the boot is made straight, so that the great toe is not pushed inward, dude fashion. A shoemaker usually measures his customer's foot when he is seated, and thus fails to allow adequately for expansion. The safe plan is to stand up, and have the outline drawn on paper with pencil. The British soldiers' boots are made wide in the tread and low heeled.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.—Honor the name of Dr. Scott Fumam, inventor of PERRIN'S PAINLESS CORN EXTRACT. Many less deserving men have their names enrolled among those considered benefactors of their race. Why not his? Ask those who have used Perrin's Painless Corn Extract what they think of it. Their thankful hearts cannot sound his praise too high. Safe, sure and painless. Beware of cheap substitutes. Sold everywhere by druggists, &c. N. C. FOLSOM & CO., Kingston, Proprietors.

VALUE OF FOLIAGE.

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IS IT INTERFERENCE?

A writer in the Recorder of Monday evening, over the signature of "Churchman," resents our leading article of last week as an "uncalled for interference" and a piece of "ridiculous presumption." The use of these terms awakens no surprise on our part. They are quite in keeping with a system which meets an inquirer with the bald statement, "The Church teaches it, therefore I preach it, and because I preach it you must believe it." Under such a system the Bereans, who were commended in the Word of God because they "searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so," could have no place. A worthy illustration of such training was found in an aged man in this Province, who, when asked a question in reference to a certain doctrine, only replied, "I don't know anything about the matter, I leave all that to my minister—'priest' he would have had to say in these degenerate days. Ritualism, like Romanism, repels inquiry, shuts out light, and fears exposure of its aims and schemes.

We most earnestly oppose unnecessary interference with neighboring churches. It is foreign to our natural disposition: it is opposed to our views of right. It may even be dangerous. He who interferes with the harmony of some earnest evangelical church, simply because it bears a name other than that of which he is a member, forgets that in so doing he may "touch the apple of the eye" of the Great Head of the Church. Our High Priest in glory bears on his breastplate various names, all beloved because all including the multitude of his redeemed. We rejoice that a man's acceptance with his Lord is neither hindered nor helped by his denominational name. However the world may "know him, the Master measures him by the degree of child-like trust which leads to loving obedience to his Saviour. Of interference with such we hope never to be found guilty. With them we may pleasantly differ in opinion; but with them we hope never to quarrel: they are the Lord's anointed.

But however the peace-at-any-price Christian may throw up his hands in holy horror at any attempt to defend the Gospel against the "forms that men devise," the intelligent Christian will recognize a limit beyond which the confirmation and defence of the Gospel becomes a solemn duty, painful though it may be. Interference may become a right, it may even become an imperative duty. Law everywhere recognizes this principle. Who will say that the citizen who reveals to the public that there are hidden in his neighbor's dwelling dangerous explosives is guilty of interference with that neighbor? Or who will be held liable to a similar charge save by interested parties, if he reminds the public that some place of public resort cannot with safety to life and limb be visited. He is ever regarded as a public benefactor who aids in restoring some grand old building to the glory of which it had been robbed by men unworthy of its history. According to Jewish law even the unimpaired knowledge that a neighbor's animal had fallen into a pit became sin to the possessor of the secret. In the present case the responsibility is so much the greater because the danger is spiritual and eternal. Under the guise of a grand old name, honored by men of whom the world was not worthy, doctrines are being taught which inspired them with dread and awakened their resistance even unto death. By the substitution of the commandments of men for the living Gospel, men are placed in jeopardy, a way is being prepared for the stretching forth again of the unglorified hand which crushed our fathers, and continued aid is being given to that system of error which in the past has proved itself everywhere to be a conspiracy against true human freedom. Can one here be silent and yet be guiltless?

We have not spoken as strong words upon this subject as our excellent contemporary, the Evangelical Churchman, of Toronto, who, less so opportunely, is combating in earnest spirit the errors with which the Episcopal Church is being afflicted. In the following words the Church in the Maritime Provinces noble men and noble women—God's true children. We have not spoken as strong words upon this subject as our excellent contemporary, the Evangelical Churchman, of Toronto, who, less so opportunely, is combating in earnest spirit the errors with which the Episcopal Church is being afflicted. In the following words the Church in the Maritime Provinces noble men and noble women—God's true children. We have not spoken as strong words upon this subject as our excellent contemporary, the Evangelical Churchman, of Toronto, who, less so opportunely, is combating in earnest spirit the errors with which the Episcopal Church is being afflicted. In the following words the Church in the Maritime Provinces noble men and noble women—God's true children.

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and lives were lost on the deep. Does the Spirit prompt you to active duty? Then do not delay. "While thy servant was busy here and there he was gone."

A WORD TO THE STEWARDS.

To the official members of our circuits we commend the careful reading of some plain words from a Southern exchange. "Do not say that the picture is overdrawn, and in any way seek to evade its full force. A few years ago a minister reached a circuit on the Southern coast of this Province, having paid out his last 'quarter' on the morning of the day during which he arrived at his destination, where a few months later he found his last earthly resting place. Former acquaintances called him by names equivalent to that of 'fool' for having left a profession by which men have won high places, in order to enter the ministry. They might have uttered that word with 'vim,' had they known this fact: 'The Raleigh Advocate says: Many of the preachers closed up their work last year with just money enough to pay their debts and get to Conference and home again. Some of them did not have money enough to pay all their debts because the salaries allowed them were not paid in full. And some of them in this condition had to make long moves with their families to reach their new fields of labor. How they obtained the means with which to move they and a few friends only know. What have you done to meet their immediate necessities? Have you been to the parsonage and inquired after their wants? and then seen as many of your people as possible and urged them to pay a part of their assessment at once? A few of the faithful ones have done this. Are you among that number? Are you willing to allow these men of God and their families to suffer when a little effort on your part now will prevent it? A weighty responsibility rests upon you, brother steward. Will you meet this responsibility promptly as true office bearers in the Church of God. If you have not done your duty go to work at once, and by a faithful performance of your duty, gladden the hearts of the depressed and necessarily anxious servants of Christ. The work assigned you by the Church is a difficult and delicate one, but by the grace of God you can succeed and so realize large spiritual profit in performing it.

With the death of the Roman Catholic Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, which took place early in the month, hope probably expires in the breasts of his many unfortunate creditors. For many years the Archbishop had made himself the depository of thousands of his parishioners, who intrusted their savings to him rather than to the banks. Much of this money was used in building expensive church edifices. After a time rumours led to an unsuccessful "run" on the part of depositors. Finally, a set of trustees, appointed to ascertain the position of affairs, set beyond cavil the fact that the indebtedness of the Archbishop reached nearly \$4,000,000. To meet this he handed over all his property, but about \$1,500,000 of the debt remains unsatisfied. The funeral rites, with a vast outlay of time and effort and expense, were made very imposing. It would have been far more in keeping with the maxims and spirit of Christianity, if the funeral had been less ostentatious, and a handsome fund had been raised for the relief of a large number of families, nearly or quite ruined through his childish ignorance of business methods. But Rome sacrifices everything in order to make an impression.

OUR SEAMEN.

That the religious world is taking a deeper interest in the welfare of the sailor is a fact full of promise. The roving life of the mariner, like that of the soldier, gives him a peculiar power for good or evil. To too large an extent in the past, "land sharks" have been allowed to take possession of the son of the sea and then to send him forth to be a messenger of evil on the next shore on which he might tread. To "Father" Taylor, who in boyhood was brought into this port and thrown into prison as one of the crew of an American privateer, sea-going men and the world at large are under no small obligation. Perhaps an equal debt is due to that excellent woman who then visited him, and handed through the grating the Bible which kept vividly before him the teachings of earlier days. On our rough coast, and in confinement with his captive countrymen, there is reason to believe that he caught the inspiration which afterwards made the Seamen's Bethel of Boston the ante-room of heaven to thousands of seamen, and among them many Provincials. For few lands have given more sons to the sea, few have contributed more precious dust to the deep than have the family circles of these Maritime Provinces of the Canadian Dominion. In our circuits are few congregations where any failure to pray for the sailor is not felt by some Christian mother or sister to be a serious omission.

We wish that we could avail ourselves more fully of the forceful facts which Mr. Grierson, the missionary to seamen visiting this port, gave last Friday in his second annual report of the Seamen's Mission. His review of changes in the morals of seamen, as seen on the arrival of war-ships and vessels of the mercantile marine, was encouraging. Citizens and strangers will be pleased to learn that three thousand seamen in the Bethel alone have had the gospel earnestly preached to them, and that on vessels of eight different nations, leaves of the tree of life have been distributed in fourteen different languages. Besides these, libraries given by friends of the sailor—let some of our reading families take the hint—have been placed on the outward-bound vessel to be read in quiet moments by the sailor, and on the deep to perform a quiet but eternal mission.

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Once more the attention of the civilized world is turned upon the Irish people. Men in authority have been congratulating themselves upon the vindication of justice and the end of a terrible tragedy, when suddenly another scene in the ghastly conspiracy arrests the beating of the heart. From the Southern hemisphere come tidings that with a treachery only equalled by his own, James Carey, the informer, though abetted by all possible secrecy on the part of the Government, has been accompanied by another Irishman who has deliberately shot down the informer and yielded himself up to justice! The reign of terror cannot have ceased if, as stated by the despatches, "the news of Carey's death caused many exhibitions of delight on the streets in Dublin, and a large crowd gathered in front of his late residence cheering loudly because the informer had been killed." Guards with drawn swords may well guard the doors of the carriage of the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Spencer, when such a spirit exists. When shall this sickening spectacle of a nation run mad cease to be seen?

The London Methodist remarks: "To what dimensions is the Methodism of John Wesley destined to grow? It is already the largest Protestant Church in Christendom, and every year its branches are extending." And yet our contemporaries, the Presbyterian Witness and Church Guardian, write an article upon the secession of a single minister, a Mr. Greathhead, who instead of returning to England from Demerara according to arrangement was recently ordained a "deacon" of the Church of England. The Guardian could not refrain from copying from the Witness the threadbare absurdities of a Canon of the colony on the occasion, though it feared that the Witness wrote with a "sneer." Of Mr. Greathhead's reason for change we have had no report. It would be naughtier therefore in the Witness to sneer: one could not blame it for a smile. Suppose an English Prime Minister should remind Americans in general of their British origin and invite them to come back, wouldn't the world smile?

The Third Annual Report of the French Methodist Institute, Montreal, has been issued. During the year thirty students were in attendance, of whom fourteen had been Romanists. Last autumn we had the pleasure of a visit to this institution, of which the Rev. L. N. Beaudry is Principal. Its arrangements were on the most economic scale, quite too much so it seemed to us. It is doing a good work and should have a heartier support. To accomplish its objects, the training of young men for our work in Quebec and the education of French Canadians, more funds are urgently needed. The affiliation of the Institute with the Wesleyan College, Montreal, is an important change. The sum of \$956 was secured during the past year for the Sustentation Fund. Of this sum \$205 was collected in the Maritime Provinces.

The death was announced in England last week of Sir William Fenwick Williams, a distinguished Nova Scotian, and former Lieut. Governor of his native Province. He was born at Annapolis, and educated at King's College, Windsor. The victory won by him over the Russian General Mouravieff, on the heights above Kars, in September, 1855, and his honorable capitulation of that fortress, nearly three months later, made his name familiar to the British public. In 1875, after a five years residence, he resigned the post of Governor of Gibraltar. The deceased officer had reached the age of eighty-three years.

The Secretary of the Nova Scotia Conference asks us to remind ministers that the General Conference collection is to be made on the second Sunday in August. A letter from an esteemed brother at the West, Rev. Jas. Gray, published two or three weeks ago, showed clearly the great importance of the General Conference Fund. The present demands upon it will be largely increased by arrangements for union, and should be readily met by all in favor of that movement.

The Canada Pacific Railway Company have issued an official Guide Book to their lands in Manitoba and the Northwest. It contains a description of townships of the Main Line Belt of the company's lands, and is illustrated by sectional maps. The compilation is in very convenient form.

How Oteyago was killed has not yet been learned. The Zulu king knew too well that defeat had robbed him of his prestige, and declared that he could only be a king through British support. The event has proved the wisdom of his conclusions, so worthless is power won through tyrannical cruelty. In the end his death may save many lives, but it, for the present at least, means anarchy in Zululand. A new task in South Africa will now be before the British government.

In a letter from India to the Zion's Herald, Bishop R. S. Foster says:

In Madras I noticed what is observable throughout India in large towns and cities—a singular custom, which we might almost wish could be transplanted to our own country: it is the novel method of supplying the people with milk. Instead of our method of carrying it around in firkins on wheels, the fountains are opened at each door. The cow is led or driven to the door, and the required measure extracted before the eye of the purchaser. At all hours of the day, but especially the earlier and later hours, you will see them standing or in the doors along all the streets. It has its advantages.

BELLA BELLA, B. C.

We learn from the Missionary Outlook that the Rev. C. M. Tate and wife, successful laborers among the Indians of the Pacific coast, are now in Ontario on furlough, with the consent of the Missionary Committee. They expect to return to their field of labor about the beginning of September. Bro. Tate writes to the Outlook from Hamilton, under date of June 26th, as follows:

"For some months past we looked forward with glad anticipation to the time when we should visit Ontario. After a journey of three weeks from our home at Bella Bella, we are glad to report our safe arrival, and the kind reception tendered us by our ministerial brethren and the friends in general. Our twelve years labor among the Indians of British Columbia have not been free from trials, and had we been working for an earthly master we would have added hardships and privations. Yet in the midst of all the difficulties that have presented themselves, we have seen the work of the Lord prosper in that land, and hesthenism fall before the sound of the Gospel trumpet. It is scarcely three years since we went to our present field of labor, yet when we look upon this people in their present state, and remember what they were when we went to them we cannot but exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!' Not only in our own village has all opposition to the Gospel ceased, but the surrounding tribes, who were very bitter in their opposition, are now joining our people in serving God, and we believe ere long the influence of the Gospel will be so strong that it will be impossible for hesthenism to exist.

"Our village does not improve very rapidly in regard to buildings, as we are living far away from any saw-mill, and it is difficult to procure lumber wherewith to build. We have plenty of timber, but no means of cutting it into boards. I am happy to say that our Conference has given permission to take subscriptions for the purchase of a saw-mill. This will be a great boon to our people, both as a means of industry, and in supplying them with lumber for building their houses, and will also be of great benefit to us when we come to build our church. The surrounding villages, will also need lumber shortly both for mission buildings and private houses. We have received a few subscriptions already, and trust by the time we are ready to return to our field of labor about the beginning of September—we shall have enough to procure the object desired."

HOW RULED OUT.

The Boston Congregationalist says: "At the celebration of the Fourth in Hartford, all the Sabbath-schools were invited to unite in a service for the children. The leading Roman Catholic priest demanded as a condition of their schools joining in the exercises: 1. That they should have the right of line; 2. That the Garibaldi hymn should be omitted; and 3. that the prayer by the Methodist clergyman should be omitted. As to the right of the line, the mayor replied that the schools would be formed according to their order in reporting at the park; as to the Garibaldi hymn it would be rendered as announced on the programme; as to the prayer, he was not a church member nor a praying man, but rather than have the prayer omitted he would make one himself. The Catholic schools did not put in an appearance, but the complaint is now made that these schools were ruled out."

PERSONAL.

The Bishop of Gloucester, who is editing the Old Testament Congregationalist, has asked the Rev. W. B. Pope, D.D., of the Wesleyan College, Didbury, to write "Ezra and Nehemiah." We were sorry to learn last week that the Rev. I. M. Melish had been severely injured by a fall from a barn. No further information has been received.

On Monday Rev. J. S. Coffin and family sailed per Beta for Hamilton, Bermuda. In Mr. Coffin our Bermudian friends will get one of the best preachers in the Nova Scotia Conference.

Last week the Rev. Dr. J. K. Wardle, of Goshen, N. Y., spent two or three days in this city. The members of the Grafton St. Sunday-school heard him with pleasure. He is seeking needed rest after very active labor.

The health of the Rev. John D. Gaden, who represents Methodism among the revisers of the Old Testament, has become so feeble that he has found it necessary to resign his professorship at Didbury Theological College.

J. Simpson Latham, M.D., of McGill College, has passed a successful examination and obtained the degree of L. R. C. P. from the Royal College of Physicians, London. He will probably remain some months longer in prosecution of post-graduate studies.

Probably no President of the English Wesleyan Conference has ever received so many tokens of regard as Charles Garrett. A portrait of her husband, painted in oil, was recently presented to Mrs. Garrett by the committee of the Liverpool Mission. The President's self-denial and his sustained enthusiasm have commanded unqualified appreciation.

The Rev. Dr. Bayle, the first Principal of St. Aidan's Theological College, is dead. He tried to attract to his college (Episcopal) both young Methodist ministers and local preachers. Twenty years ago, guided no doubt by a renegade Methodist minister, he appealed to many of the young men. The result, we believe, did not warrant a second application.

The Rev. M. W. Brown, of the Baptist Church, writes to the Messenger from New Germany: "Last Sabbath it was my happy privilege to visit the baptismal waters. The candidate was the Rev. Jas. Scott, a former Methodist minister. In the evening he occupied the pulpit and spoke to the edification of all who heard him, from the words, 'Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.'"

A correspondent informs us that the Misses Johnson and Fawcett, formerly of the Ladies' Academy, Sackville, arrived at Aspinwall, June 29th, and sailed from Panama July 1st. From Guayaquil they sailed on the 6th for Callao, where after remaining two or three days they would change steamer for Valparaiso. They were well and enjoying their journey, and were expecting to reach Santiago about the 22nd July.

The Rev. W. Griffith, of Derby, the last of the three ministers expelled from the English Wesleyan Conference in 1849, has just passed away. The Methodist says of him: "For many years he found it hard to speak calmly of the Church from which he had been separated. As age advanced, however, his character softened. The Ecumenical Conference was a blessing to him. The experience of the Conference drew from him a speech which touched all hearts."

Several days ago there passed away to his rest, Dr. Walter C. Palmer, of New York, of whom the Advocate speaks as "the beloved physician," the kind friend, the spiritual counselor, the devoted Evangelist, the husband of the most widely-known woman Methodism has produced since the days of Hester Ann Rogers and Lady Huntington. The world already knows much of him from the "Life and Letters" of Mrs. Phoebe Palmer, but will want to know more.

The funeral of the Hon. Wm. Elder at St. John on the 26th ult. is said to have been one of the largest ever witnessed there. After a short service at the house, the remains were taken to St. John's Presbyterian Church, where several clergymen took part in the service and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham. The Lieut. Governor and members of the Government, Legislature and the Press and a large number of citizens followed in the procession to the rural cemetery.

Lieut-Governor Richey was presented with a congratulatory address by the Warden, Sheriff and other gentlemen of Windsor, his native town, on his arrival there with Mrs. and Miss Richey on Monday. Two handsome bouquets were presented to the ladies by Miss Maud Haley and Miss Agnes Lawson. The flowers, from the garden of Professor Hind, had been arranged with admirable taste by Miss K. Hind. To the numerous signed addresses, which was read by Allen Haley, Esq., M. P., His Honor made a pleasing reply.

The Rev. W. J. Davis, a venerable South African Methodist missionary, died recently at Grahamstown. Appointed to Kaffirland in 1831, he at once proved his fitness as a pioneer by establishing several of the largest mission stations in that country. During the Kaffir war of 1835 he, associated with the late Rev. John Ayliff, conducted nearly 20,000 Fingoe refugees, with their families and cattle, through the deserts of a precipitous country, into the land of the free. To this day a grateful people speak of their leaders out of Kaffir tyranny as their "Moses and Joshua." But, perhaps, the most valuable service Mr. Davis rendered to the Kaffir race was the compilation of the Kaffir dictionary and grammar, the fruit of many years of patient toil.

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METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA—ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In accordance with certain resolutions passed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, at its Sessions in the City of Hamilton in September, 1882, the said Conference will meet pursuant to adjournment, in the Bridge St. Church, in the City of Belleville, Ontario, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1883, at seven o'clock in the Evening.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTENNIAL FUND COMMITTEE, WHICH RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE AT ITS LAST SESSION, IS PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION:

It is recommended that the following brethren be appointed delegates to canvass the respective Districts on behalf of the Fund:

- Halifax District, Dr. McMurray, G. Lathorn, S. F. Huestis.
Truro Dist., Thos. Rogers, A. M., R. Brecken, A. M.
Cumberland Dist., A. D. Morton, A. M., R. Brecken, A. M.

FINANCIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

YARMOUTH. The attention of the Ministers and Laymen of the Yarmouth District is respectfully invited to the following arrangement for Financial District Meeting and District Convention to be held at Shelburne, Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th August, 1883.

ANNAPOLIS.

The Financial meeting of this District will be held (D.V.) at Bear River, commencing at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, the 15th August.

MIRAMICHI.

The Financial meeting of the Miramichi District will be held in the Methodist Church, Chatham, on Thursday, August 23rd, at 9 a.m.

LIVERPOOL.

The Financial meeting of the Liverpool District will be held (D.V.) at Bridgewater, on Wednesday, 15th August, opening at 10 o'clock, a.m.

ST. STEPHEN.

The Financial meeting of the St. Stephen District will be held (D.V.) in the Oak Bay Methodist Church, St. David's circuit, on Tuesday, August 21st, commencing at 9 a.m.

SACKVILLE, N.B.

The Financial meeting will be held (D.V.) in Doncaster, to commence Tuesday, Aug. 14th, at 2 p.m. A steward from each circuit is urgently requested to be present.

ST. JOHN, N.B. The Financial meeting will be held in the Methodist Church, Portland, St. John, on Wednesday, Aug. 15th, commencing at 9 a.m.

HALIFAX. The Financial meeting of the Halifax District Committee will be held (D.V.) in the Vestry Room of Grafton Street Church, on Wednesday, August 15th, to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

FREDERICTON. In the church, at Sheffield, on Wednesday, August 22nd.

CUMBERLAND. In the church, East Leicester, Oxford Circuit, Wednesday, August 15th, at 9 a.m.

LITERARY, &c. Under the title, English Grammar Simplified, Miss Hoesterman has published some lessons for the young in prose and verse which will no doubt be a help to beginners in a most important study.

Gathered Lambs; by Rev. E. P. Hammond, is published by Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls, New York. Composed of short sketches, such as children will be likely to read, this little book will be helpful to the lambs of the fold, of whom the Church is happily inclined to be more watchful than once she was.

The initial number of Dio Lewis's Monthly has been forwarded by the publishers, Clarke Brothers, Bible House, New York. Dr. Lewis, by his common-sense, sometimes blunt, remarks has often provoked a smile, perhaps often called forth an indignant denial of the truth of some of his assertions, but there can be no doubt that he has given to physical culture an impulse that will never die.

In the North American Review for August is a discussion of the importance of "Moral Instruction in the Public School," conducted by Rev. Dr. Heber Newton and Francis L. Patton. The latter maintains that the Christian religion is the only adequate basis of all ethical instruction, and that it must be taught with the sanction of an inspired Bible.

THE CHOLERA.

A leading American paper gives this summary of the rise and progress of the disease this year: The cholera scourge now raging in Egypt first appeared last August in the Sooloo Islands, and it is supposed that the population of 200,000 as many as 20,000 died during the season.

METHODIST NOTES.

Kaye Street Church, in this city, repaired and newly painted, looks like a new building. The cost, \$200, was met by a sale held last autumn by the ladies of the congregation.

The Canada Christian Advocate of the 25th ult. gives the following vote on Union: "Total number of Quarterly Conferences reported up to date, 139. Of these, 117 are in favor of Basis, 16 against, and 6 ties."

The new Methodist church at Cardigan, on the N. B. Railway, was dedicated yesterday for public worship. Rev. E. Evans of Maryville, Rev. J. K. King, of Kingsclear, and some other clerical gentlemen took part in the dedication.—St. John News, Monday.

The Rev. O. German and wife, after ten years faithful service among the Indians of the far North, are now in Ontario. Mr. German will remain for some time to superintend the printing of hymn-books, tracts and catechisms in the Cree tongue, and will be available for Missionary anniversaries.

Rev. C. S. Wells writes from Campbellton, N.B.: "A very encouraging work is going on at Ecumaine, P. Q., a part of our mission. It was my privilege, last Sabbath, to receive nine persons into full connection with our church in that locality, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The service was one of marked solemnity."

Those students of the Normal School who have been attending the Methodist church while at Fredericton were entertained in a social manner on Thursday evening of last week at the residence of S. D. McPherson, Esq.

During the last week several of our Sunday-schools in the city have had their annual picnics. The days selected for the Dartmouth, Kaye St., and Grafton St. schools were all that could be desired.

The returns show an increase in the number of children in the London, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and probably Newfoundland Conferences. The latter fact is accounted for in part by a falling off in some of the Mission Districts in consequence of a reaction after the boom in real estate a year ago.

The Methodists' salaries in New York City (including house rent) vary from \$7,500 to \$500, the average about \$2,500. There are fifty-five churches.

The old Genesee College at Lima, N. Y., the prestige and alumnus of which Syracuse has inherited, was the first college in America to adopt in theory and in fact, without "imitation" or "modification," the principles of co-education.

The University of Denver, founded by the M. E. Church, has just celebrated its third anniversary. During the past year there have been enrolled about 400 students. The corps of teachers number 34-15 in the medical department and 19 in the department of arts and sciences.

A scheme has been prepared for the establishment of a Wesleyan Methodist Women's Indian Conference. It is stated that the peculiar difficulties which beset the work in these numerous islands must of necessity lead to the adoption of some arrangements different from those which have sufficed in other parts of the world.

The Religious Tract Society has made a very valuable gift of books and tracts for the use of Methodist soldiers in Egypt. Rev. R. W. Allen writes to ask the prayers of the Methodist people for Mr. Webster and his flock in this time of deadly peril.

The increase in members in the Swedish M. E. Conference is between 1,400 and 1,500. The amount for self-support has increased about 4,000 crowns—over \$1,000. The missionary collection has increased more than 1,500 crowns above the appointment.

The English Conference evangelist, Rev. Thos. Cook, has held a mission at Great Yarmouth. Prayer was offered for the success of the mission for eight weeks before the time, and a week of special prayer preceded. The town was divided into six districts; a superintendent was appointed to each, who found willing visitors to carry out 10,000 cards of invitation and 1,000 Joyful Aides, in addition to the posters and handbills freely circulated.

The Western Chronicle says that "it is pretty certain that there will not be more than one-third of an average crop throughout the valley. Reports from Hertz County are equally unfavorable, so it may be regarded as a fixed fact that the Nova Scotia apple crop will be unusually small this year."

Special despatches to London papers state that the sortie by the French on Tonquin on the 19th, when 1,600 of the enemy were killed, was made from Namdin. The London Standard's correspondent at Hong Kong says the success of the sortie was due to the fact that half the garrison was secretly conveyed away in junk.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The Society of Friends in England has just repealed the prohibition of the marriage of first cousins, which has been in force in that body for nearly 200 years.

The Young Men's Christian Association, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, dedicated not long since, their new and beautiful building, which cost them with land, near \$19,000.

A dictionary of the Ahasante language has been completed by a missionary of the Bible Society, who has spent many years in West Africa, and had previously translated the Bible into Ahasante.

During Lent the Armenian Bishop of Smyrna preached evangelical sermons. The Greek clergy also have been foremost to take up the practice of preaching in order to keep their people from being drawn to the Protestant services.

There are 81 general institutions in England for relieving the poor Episcopalian clergy and their families, besides 168 clerical charities connected with the various dioceses. Last year help was given by them to 634 clergy, and to 1,742 widows and children.

M. Gaudard, director of the Normal School of Courbevoie, France, pleased as well as surprised his audience at the recent official Reformed Synod of Paris when he stated that at the beginning of the present century there was but one Protestant school in France, while now there are 2,000 such schools.

Two large portable iron tabernacles with a seating capacity of 5,000 are being built for Moody and Sankey's autumn visit to London. Meetings can be thus held in several places on the same day and evening. While services are going on in one, the other can be taken down and transferred to any desired spot.

The Society of Friends has a school for Indian children at Carlisle, with 375 scholars. The baker for the whole establishment is an Indian, and he does his work well. A higher-class school at Hampton has 160 pupils. The United States Government policy with Indians is to keep them down by force and to feed them with rations. This system is, of course, very costly. The Friends' policy is to educate them and to teach them to work farms of their own.

GLEANNINGS, Etc.

THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FREDERICTON AND ST. MARY'S BRIDGE COMPANY has been disallowed.

Mr. David McLellan, M. P. P. of St. John, has been sworn in Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick.

The present dry weather has enabled the farmers throughout the Ottawa Valley to harvest the largest hay crop of the past twenty years.

On the steamship Ludwieg, now a fortnight overdue at Montreal, are 24 passengers, nearly all Montreal merchants.

The number of wooden vessels now in process of construction in the Maritime Provinces is largely on the increase this year.

Last week a fire took place at Charlottetown by which in less than an hour and a half four wooden buildings, with nearly all their contents, were reduced to ashes.

Dr. Edwards, public analyst, examined the soda water drunk in Montreal from the druggists' fountains, and reported that it was all more or less poisonous.

Mr. William Theakston, in whose establishment this paper is printed, is a prompt and efficient printer, and well worthy of the patronage of our readers.

The balance at the credit of depositors' account in the Dominion Savings Bank for the month of June was \$11,915,967, and outstanding cheques held by depositors and not presented for payment, \$60,275; total, \$11,976,239.

The Telegraph says: The Scott Act is being vigorously enforced in Milltown. The mayor has already brought to justice several culprits, some of whom have been fined a second time. Others, thinking discretion the better part of valor, have left the vicinity.

Three of the crew of the bark Kishon, at this port, from Formosa, became afflicted with night blindness on the passage. They are unable to see at night, even in bright moonlight, and are obliged to grope their way about the deck, but in the day time can see as well as ever. On June 27th, on the Equator, one of the crew, a Norwegian, becoming insane, jumped overboard and was drowned.

St. John will join Halifax in the business of steam navigation between the Maritime Provinces and Great Britain. The Sicily will accordingly run to St. John. The New Brunswick company will claim no share in the Dominion subsidy at present. But the company intends purchasing either one or two ships for itself to run in connection with the two of the Halifax company, and the Dominion government will then be asked to increase the subsidy pro rata.—Herald.

A Winnipeg despatch of Monday reports that the "Manitoba special policemen sent to Rat Portage have determined to arrest all Ontario specials and serious fighting is anticipated. The Winnipeg local battery and cavalry are ordered to be in readiness to go to Rat Portage to assist Manitoba specials. An Ottawa despatch received yesterday contains an order for Fort Osborne barracks to be gotten ready for fifty mounted troops who have been ordered here from Regina."

The body of Capt Webb, who was drowned last week in attempting to swim the whirlpool rapids, has been found floating in the river near Lewisport, four miles below the head of the rapids. During the examination of the body a ragged cut was discovered on the top of the head. The cut was about three inches in length and was opened sufficiently to expose the skull. This wound was considered sufficient in itself to have caused death, and it is thought that he sank immediately after receiving it.

Monsieur Capel, the well-known English Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, arrived in New York a few days ago.

The Kansas City Journal says that within fifteen months, St. Louis courts have granted 1,000 divorces.

It is estimated that the trial at the recent Macon, Ga., Superior Court of a case involving the theft of a ninety cent goat cost the tax payers \$300.

About 90,000 acres in Connecticut are now planted with oysters, and thirty steamers and many sailing vessels are engaged in the trade.

Terryman, who left Dover on a floating tricycle, with the intention of crossing the English Channel, arrived at Calais at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the next day.

Total Abstinence is making rapid progress in Sweden, some 30,000 Swedes having joined the Good Temperance Order since its introduction there by Mr. Malins in 1880.

The failures as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, throughout the country for the nine seven days numbered 190 as compared with 168 last week. Of these 31 were in Canada.

The New York Sun concludes that throughout the United States the crop prospects in almost every line are excellent. Abundant crops and cheaper bread are confidently predicted.

The Cunard company have recently made a contract at the Clyde, for two steamers of 8,000 tons each, which are to cost \$1,800,000, and are to make the trip across the Atlantic in six days.

They have a law in Michigan by which a man can have his will admitted to probate before the dies. All persons interested must then question the testator's sanity, as it can not be contested after his death.

The Norfolk Virginian estimates that there is coal enough in the mines recently opened in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, to supply the demands of the North for two hundred years to come.

A scheme for constructing a tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar, between Spain and the African coast, has been under consideration in the Spanish Cabinet. The project is said to have been favorably received.

In the village of Sotmar, near Brunswick, during a thunder storm, a mother and her four children to whom she was reading, were killed by a single flash of lightning. Two other children close by were uninjured.

A case of suttee or widow burning recently occurred at Ultrania, in Jayapore, India, the victim being the widow of the chief of the village. For abetting the act the sons and brothers of the chief have been sentenced to imprisonment for seven years.

The Times says that official news has been received that a most dangerous Nihilist conspiracy has been discovered in Russia. A great number of people are implicated and many arrests have been made.

The Great Eastern steamship is to be employed in carrying Scotch coals from the Forth to the Thames, and as she will be able to carry about 20,000 tons each voyage, the promoters hope that the project will be a remunerative one. They speak of annual dividends of 5 per cent.

A golden spike has been made and suitably engraved, to be driven in a few weeks in the last rail of the Northern Pacific transcontinental line. The ceremony will take place ten miles west of Helena, Montana, probably about the latter part of August.

The New York Herald, summing up the deaths which have come in aggregates and by disaster, puts the total for the six months of 1883 already past at nearly 3,000. To these figures terrible additions have been made of late, more than doubling the number.

A canvass of 344 points in thirty-eight States has shown the New York Times that at present James G. Blaine is, far ahead of any other, the favorite among the people for the Republican nomination for the Presidency; and that Mr. Aldrich is the favorite candidate with the Democrats.

There were 330 deaths from cholera at Cairo on Sunday, and 433 at twenty other places situated between Minyeh and the Mediterranean Sea. Father Patrick, acting Catholic Chaplain to the British forces stationed at Cairo, has died of cholera. More than fifty British soldiers have fallen victims to the pestilence.

A train near Carlton, N. Y., on Saturday evening last came into collision with a single car which is said to have been left upon the line from a branch track. The engineer was fatally injured and the freeman instantly killed. A late despatch says the number killed was twenty-two, and the wounded, twelve in number, will probably recover.

The M. W. P. of the National Division Sons of Temperance says: I think it safe to assume that the Order in North America is stronger to-day than it was eighteen months ago, by 13,000 members; and the end is not yet. Total gains, 7,225; net gain, 6,248; not gain last year, 2,017. The National Division owes nothing and the Treasurer has in his hands belonging to the General Fund \$1,167,844.

James Carey, the Irish informer, who was travelling with his family under the name of Power, was on Monday shot on the steamship Melrose, near Port Elizabeth, South Africa, by a fellow passenger named O'Donnell. He died without speaking after he had been shot. O'Donnell surrendered quietly. He was put in irons and surrendered to the police when the Melrose arrived at Port Elizabeth. O'Donnell is an Irish American. He took passage on the same steamer with Carey, and was accompanied from England by his wife, who appeared to be on intimate terms with Carey's family during the voyage.

In the Commons on Monday, Sir Stafford Northcote moved an address to the Queen, praying that in any negotiations relative to the Suez Canal she will decline to recognize any claim of the Suez Canal Company to such a monopoly as would exclude other undertakings designed for the purpose of opening a way between the Mediterranean and Red Seas. The motion was received by Tory members with loud cheers. Mr. Norwood (Liberal) offered an amendment declaring that it was undesirable to prejudice the action of the Government and that the House declined to pass resolutions concerning further negotiations or proceedings in connection with the canal. Mr. Gladstone amid great applause supported Mr. Norwood's amendment. Mr. Norwood's motion was adopted by 282 to 183. Parnell members abstained from voting.

The town of Cassamicchio, on the Island of Icolia, near Naples, was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake on Saturday night. The neighboring towns of Fario and Lococenne were greatly damaged. At the time the majority of the people of the upper classes were at the theatre. Nearly all the houses in the town collapsed. The hotel Piccola Sentinella sank into the earth and was buried. Many of its inmates, some of them inhabitants of the town, escaped to sea, at the first shock and made their way to Naples with the news of the calamity. Five houses remained standing at Cassamicchio. The terrified people ran shouting to the sea. The ground opened in many places, where there was no movement, the water gushed out of springs. The theatre, a wooden structure, was literally open, allowing the audience to escape. At Lococenne there are many dead and wounded. At Fario, churches were ruined, but no one killed. At Sarraro fifteen were killed. The troops have recovered the body of Signor Fiorentino, Prefect of Cassamicchio. The authorities of Naples are sending relief to the Island and doing all in their power to alleviate the distress of the people. Hospitals are crowded with the wounded survivors, and the dead houses are filled with the bodies of the victims. The bodies of several Neapolitan ladies were recovered from the ruins. It is stated the number of persons killed is 4,000, and number wounded 10,000. Prof. Palmieri, Director of the Meteorological Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, says the disaster was not due to earthquake but to subsidence of ground.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

FRANCIS HAYWARD. Widow of the late Henry Hayward, of Sussex, N. B., departed this life in May last.

Our beloved sister united with the Methodist Church at Sussex, during the incumbency of the writer of this notice. Her own testimony was that under a sermon preached from John 25: 26, she was led to resolve to give her heart to God—renounce the pomps and vanities of the world, and become a true disciple of the Lord Jesus.

"My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear." She was happy in God, and in the liberty with which he makes his people free, and when occasion offered she was ready to testify to the power of saving grace.

An excellent feature in our sister's Christian character was stability, and perseverance. Her views of Christian doctrine and her purpose of Christian life were fixed and settled. As she had received Christ Jesus the Lord so she resolved to walk in him, "rooted and grounded and established in the faith as she had been taught."

As a wife, a mother, and a friend she was affectionate, judicious and faithful, looking well to her household. Her patient industry, fragility, and systematic order in her domestic relations were worthy of imitation. In the year 1879 God was pleased to visit her with heavy affliction in the loss by death of her beloved husband.

As the spring approached it was obvious that her end was near, but "death had lost its sting and the grave its terrors," since she could look forward with joyful hope to "the rest that remains to the people of God." It is here the power of saving grace shines out in its richness and beauty.

Her funeral was numerously and respectfully attended. The remains were taken to the Methodist church and the occasion was improved from the text above quoted, at her own request, by the writer. The cortege then proceeded to the cemetery in Sussex, where the body rests in hope of a blessed resurrection into eternal life.

congregations attended his earnest expositions of the Gospel, and he left the circuit more prosperous spiritually than he found it. He was very attentive to the sick, urged the consolations of religion, and went down to the margin of "the river" with those who went over, and they were not a few during the three years' pastorate. His farewell sermon was very impressive, as, to a crowded house, he reviewed the work of the years, and gave his charges to the church. Mrs. and the Misses A. were examples of kindness and sympathy, and "ready to every good word and work" in the welfare of the circuit. We wish for them all health and success on their new circuit; as we wish our present minister, Rev. Mr. Hickey, and family, similar blessing on his.

We always bow cheerfully to the fiat of the itinerancy, than which no ecclesiastical system is so perfect. It gives the varied talents, and traits and treasures, mental and spiritual, to our churches. One order of gifts and graces shines more brilliantly in some men—another order of gifts and graces is more prominent in other men. The itinerancy makes them common to all—gives all the benefit in their turn. Greater than any man of his day, or of the days that have been since, was our venerated Wesley, who could frame a church discipline to go down the ages, amid the changes of classes, creeds and church politics, and the general march of improvement—unimpaired, and applying as admirably and effectively to this century as to the last. And so it will continue to do until the Bible, whence it was taken, shall be closed and laid on the eternal throne—the mission of Christianity ended.

STOMA. Parrsboro', July 21st, 1883.

BISHOP COLENSO.

Bishop Colenso was a man of note. At twenty-two years of age he was second in the list of students at Cambridge. He was "Prize-man, Fellow, Assistant Tutor, and Champion Mathematician of the University." When he was made Bishop of Natal he was considered orthodox, but soon (that is, in 1861) he published "A Translation of the Epistle to the Romans, Commented on from a Missionary Point of View." Then came "A Critical Examination of the Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua." This was declared heretical, and the attempt was made to depose him. It failed. Some of the opponents of the Bishop had another Bishop ordained, but the Privy Council decided that Colenso was the only legal Bishop. Mr. Gladstone, whose duty as Treasurer of the Colonial Bishops' Fund it was to pay Bishop Colenso his salary of £800 a year, refused for seven years to pay him a farthing. The Bishop sued him, and got the money, with interest and costs. At the Pan-Anglican Council at Lambeth, in 1867, the one hundred Bishops—English, American and Colonial—rose in their places and declared him a heretic. Undoubtedly his views were heretical, but such was the relation between the Church and the State, and such the want of definiteness in the constitution of the Church, that he could not be legally deposed. Personally, he was a good man; one of the most faithful of Bishops, devoted to his flock, and a firm believer in Christ. In personal appearance he is said to have much resembled the Rev. Phillips Brooks.

A PASTOR'S CALCULATION.

There is a pretty well-grounded impression that the profits from church "festivals" do not always pay for the wear and tear on the health, patience, and good nature of those who labour to get them up. The Christian at Work gives an account of a festival, as furnished by the pastor. The net gain of the affair in cash was about \$25, which was handed over to the pastor to apply on his salary. But he kept a little private account which fully convinced him that the whole festival business is vanity—even worse than vanity and vexation of spirit. No doubt more than three-fourths of the receipts of the festival came out of the pockets of the church members; and other items not usually taken into the account are the following:—

CASH ACCOUNT NOT REPORTED BY THE "FINANCE COMMITTEE." 20 cakes (donated), at 75c..... \$ 15.00 30 quarts strawberries (donated), at 15c..... 4.50 Sugar (bought)..... 1.30 Labour of 15 women two days..... 22.50 Other labour (donated)..... 5.00 Total..... \$48.30

MORAL ACCOUNT. Two ladies' prayer-meetings lost. Two church prayer-meetings greatly disturbed. One teachers' meeting lost. One Sabbath service injured. Every merchant in town bored by "church beggars." Nearly all the members of the church and congregation more or less excited and angered by a useless discussion.

Eight women so excited and angered as to make them unhappy for a long time. Two women, "sisters" in the church, so "put out" with each other, that they were not on speaking terms for several weeks. The pastor greatly grieved and mortified by various occurrences in connection with the festival.

HEALTH ACCOUNT. Twenty women and girls more wearied by the festival work than by a whole week of ordinary duty at home. Five women take severe colds. Two children made very sick by over-eating and late hours. One infant takes a severe cold, and nearly dies with the croup, making much trouble and expense to the parents.

It is perhaps unnecessary to add that this pastor's church has gone out of the festival business.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

A blue-book has been issued by the Department of Agriculture, dealing with the criminal statistics of the Dominion during the year 1882. Of the total, 24,525 were first convictions, and 2,054 second convictions, and 2,645 reiterated convictions. Forty-one persons were charged with the crime of murder during the year, and sixteen were convicted. Of these sixteen all were from rural districts; four belonging to the agricultural class, eight to the domestic, two to the industrial, and two to the labouring. Nine of them were married, and seven were single. Nine were unable to read, and seven had received an elementary education; fourteen were Canadian by birth, one English, and one from the United States. Fourteen were Roman Catholics, one was a Baptist, and one belonged to one of the minor bodies. With regard to drunkenness there were 9,575 convictions, of which 5,338 were in Ontario. The total number of convictions of breaches of the liquor laws throughout the Dominion was 1,747. The convictions of all kinds for 1882 were 29,225, as against 28,209 for 1881. They were less in 1882 in Ontario and Nova Scotia, and more in 1882 in Quebec, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, British Columbia, Manitoba, and the North-West. With regard to the whole of these convictions throughout Canada 2,031 were English, 3,870 Irish, 940 Scotch, 13,685 Canadians, 1,195 French Canadians, 109 other British possessions, and 551 other countries. As to religion, 568 were Baptists, 12,159 Roman Catholics, 2,829 Church of England, 1,485 Methodists, 1,824 Presbyterians, 3,211 simply Protestants, and 205 other denominations.

POVERTY AND POOR PREACHING.

The calamity which I stand in dread of, and which is, next to the withdrawal of the Divine blessing, the greatest a Church can suffer, is that the rising talent, genius, and energy of our country may leave the ministry of the gospel for other professions. "A scandalous maintenance," Matthew Henry says, "makes a scandalous ministry." And I will give you another equally true. "The poverty of the parsonage will develop itself in the poverty of the pulpit." I have no doubt about it. Gentle poverty, to which some ministers are doomed, is one of the great evils under the sun. To place a man in circumstances where he is expected to be generous and hospitable, to open his hand as wide as his heart to the poor, to give his family good education, to bring them up in what is called genteel life, and to deny him the means of doing so is enough, but for the hope of heaven, to embitter existence.

In the dread of debt, in many daily mortifications, in harassing fears what will become of his wife and children when his head lies in the grave, a man of cultivated mind and delicate sensibilities has trials to bear more painful than privations of the poor. It is a bitter cup, and my heart bleeds for brethren who have never told their sorrows, concealing under their cloak the fox that gnaws at their vitals.—Dr. Thomas Guthrie.

PARIS BOGGARS.—A gentleman in Paris who had been wont to give five sous daily to a blind beggar whom he passed every day on his way to his business, gave him one morning by mistake a Napoleon, and afterward discovering his error, ascertained from another beggar his beneficiary's address and called there to recover his gold piece. A tidy maid opened the door of a comfortably furnished suite of apartments. Monsieur was requested to take a seat, and in a minute or two the beggar made his appearance, neatly dressed, and with faultless shirt-front. The object of the visit was stated. "My clerk is just making up the day's accounts," he observed; "if a Napoleon is found in the box, it shall be restored to you." The piece of gold was found, and the beggar handed it back to his visitor. As the latter was retiring, the beggar called out to him: "I beg your pardon, sir, but you have forgotten to give me the half-penny out of it."

BREVITIES.

You will find poetry nowhere unless you bring some with you.—Joubert. Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable.

It is calculated that each pound of honey represents 2,500,000 clover-tubes sucked by bees. Three hundred and seventy-five thousand persons work underground in Great Britain.

A boy went to his father crying, and told him he had kicked a fly that had a splinter in its tail.

Homes! neighbourhoods! hearts! consciences! bodily health!—Drink can disturb them all!—F. B. Power, M. A.

Pleasure may be aptly compared to many great books, which increase in real value in the proportion they are abridged.

The sweet girl graduate now divides her time between the picnic and the hammock, while her mother plays a solo on the washboard.

As a general thing, the philosophers of the world have spent much time eating stewed terrapins, and then telling other folks—how unhealthy they are.

To be impatient at the death of a person, concerning whom it was certain he must die, is to mourn because thy friend was not born an angel.—Jeremy Taylor.

Imperfect education is not a legal disqualification of a widow as administratrix of her deceased husband's estate.—Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

For the best results there need be the longest waiting. The true harvest is the longest in being reached. The failures come first, the successes last. The unsatisfactory is generally the soonest seen.

The house in which Daniel O'Connell was born is now a neglected ruin. The roof fell in long ago, and the walls are covered with ivy, that beautiful garniture with which nature covers so many of time's ravages in Great Britain.

Six-year-old Mabel is industriously engaged in "cleaning out" a preserve jar which her mother had just emptied. Four-year-old Bobby looks at her for awhile, and then blurts out, "Say, sis, don't you wish you could turn it inside out, so you could lick it?"

The Rev. Dr. B., of Dublin, while introducing to an audience the Rev. Dr. S., a famous missionary from India, (his home by birth), concluded his remarks with the following: "He comes to you from that land where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

Many a place which is regarded as improper to be visited by a woman, is thought not unfit for a man. Yet it is true and should be kept in mind that no place of amusement or recreation is worthy of a man that is not proper for a woman.

A gentleman, whose custom was to entertain very often a circle of friends, observed that one of them was in the habit of eating something before grace was asked, determined to cure him. Upon a repetition of the offense, he said, "For what we are about to receive, and for what James Taylor has already received, speak us truly thankful!"

Summer primer—Why do those men run so fast this hot weather? Is anybody dying? No. How red their faces are. See, they are almost fainting, but they will try to run. Poor fellow! Have they just escaped from prison? No, my child. They have summer cottages out of town, and are merely trying to catch a train.

Two gentlemen are discussing a third; while the coach jolts painfully over the uneven surface of the street. "He's a sad scoundrel, I fear," says one. "Not such a sad scoundrel," replied the other, as the vehicle plunged into a hole, in the pavement, "as you—" "what?" "As you think," said the other triumphantly, recovering his breath.

A good story is told of the late Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg. It seems to have been a rule of St. Luke's Hospital that no religious services not Ecceipalian should be conducted there. A terrified nurse once ran to the doctor saying, "Doctor, doctor, a Methodist preacher is praying with one of the patients." "Stop him," said he, "before his prayer reaches heaven."

Dr. Merkel states that the height of an individual after a night's rest, measured from the bed, is two inches greater than it is in the evening, measured standing. There is a gradual diminution in height, caused by the yielding of the plantar arches and of the intervertebral discs; and a sudden diminution, when the individual rises, occurring at the articulations of the lower extremities. The sinking at the ankle is one-third of an inch; at the hip, two-fifths of an inch. The shortening at the knee is probably due to the elasticity of the cartilages. At the hip there is, in addition, a sinking of the head of the femur into the cotyloid cavity.

In the good old town of Newburyport, Mass., it was formerly the custom to "have up notes" in the pulpit on Sunday mornings, which was the vernacular for the act of sending a note to the pastor, requesting prayers for special occasions. In the olden days a good brother from the country occupied one of the pulpits in that town, and on opening the Bible came across one such note, and after reading it, announced to the congregation that Mr. A. requested the prayers and sympathy of the congregation in the sudden death of his loved wife, and in the prayer that followed he offered up a fervent petition for "the brother sitting lonely and desolate in his pew," etc. He noticed a movement in the congregation that almost amounted to a panic, and to his consternation afterward learned that the note had been shut up in the Bible a year, and that Mr. A. had his new wife for the first time in the pew. He is very careful about giving out notices now.

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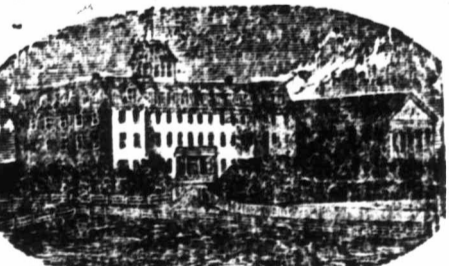
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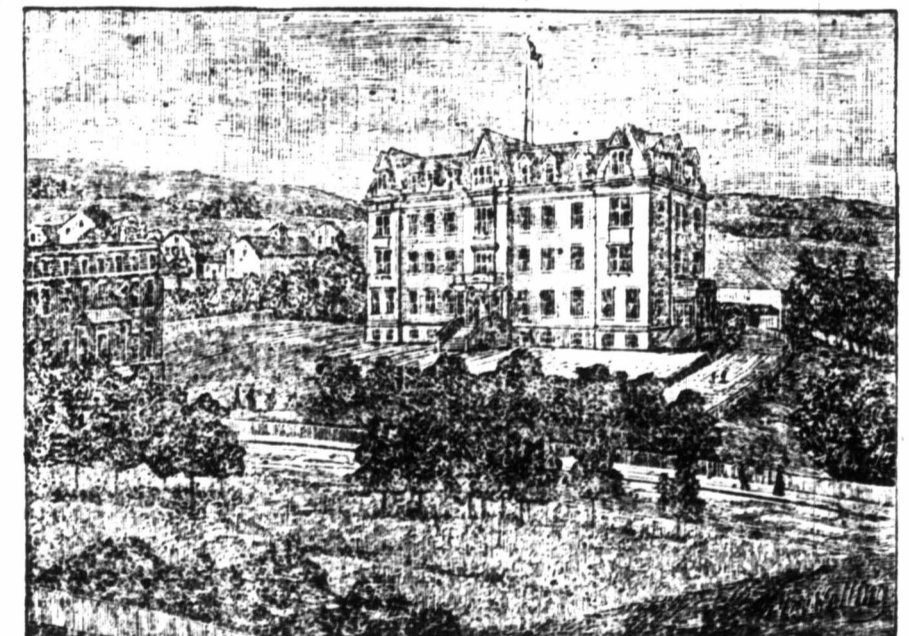


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