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### FROM THE PAPERS.

A Bronson Alcott attributes his bodily strength and freshness of mind to simple habits and keeping the ten commandments.

The Sunday-school teachers of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, recently resigned in a body because the vicar insisted on substituting the prayer-book instead of the Bible as the text-book of the school.

An Oberlin divine cleverly presents one of the most perplexing aspects of the temperance reform when he asks, "Shall the devil hide himself in a saloon calling itself a drug store?"—*Central Ad.*

The Revision of the Old Testament is finished, with the exception of Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon. The second revision will take the whole of 1882, and the finished work will be published in 1883.

A Texas paper gives a history of a case in which sixty cents invested in whiskey killed two men, made one widow, caused the imprisonment of two men, and put Fannin county to an expense exceeding her revenue arising from the liquor-traffic in five years.

A recent letter of the Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., to his old preceptor, Dr. Meigs, was calculated to make the reader feel that it was worth while to work hard for little money as a teacher because of the infinitely rich rewards that are gathered by the men who put their whole strength into that high vocation.—*Nashville Advocate.*

In a recent sermon on the spirit and form of true worship, Rev. Dr. John Hall says of music and singing, "How often is the discussion of their use confined to the impression it makes on the worshiper. But the main question is: What does it express to God whom I am to worship in spirit and in truth."—*Central Advocate.*

The *Daily News* Paris correspondent says: French Protestants wish no encouragement to be given to the branch of the Salvation Army which has opened a campaign there. They fear that it will have the effect of removing the working classes still farther away from Christianity, which will not be received there unless in an attractive form.

An exchange says one great fault with those who regularly attend church is that they do not kindly speak to strangers and make them welcome. This is true, but if you do try to be courteous do it courteously. Some time ago in a church vestibule we knew an official spring at a stranger in such policeman-fashion that he feared he was mistaken for a pickpocket.—*Methodist.*

Mr. Speaker Keifer, of the House of Representatives, has given an order that intoxicating liquors shall not be sold in the restaurant attached to the House. Mr. Keifer's purpose is to prevent the "malarias," which so curiously affects the members of both Houses of Congress. In the mysterious language of the medical fraternity, the measure is "prophylactical."—*American Paper.*

A correspondent in Texas repeats an old story which some parents never heed; "The only child of a gentleman in Illinois was unwisely sent to a Roman Catholic Seminary. She became a bigoted Papist. The only child, a daughter of a Baptist clergyman in Georgia, was indiscreetly sent to a Roman Catholic Seminary. She became a bigoted Papist. The ancestry of both these young ladies were good people."—*Exchange.*

The present system of challenging jurors is such that a man who informs himself upon all passing events is practically disqualified from serving in criminal prosecutions; he comes to the jury bench with a knowledge of all the matter concerning the case to be found in the newspapers. Under the present system of challenging, this knowledge disqualifies him. Thus a premium is offered on ignorance.

What can be more disgraceful than the revelation made in reference to the expenses of the members of Congress in attendance upon the funeral of the late President Garfield at Cleveland, Ohio? In addition to the regular and allowed outlays, some eight thousand dollars were expended for liquors and cigars,

etc. No wonder these honorable legislators forbid the presence of reporters in their company: but bills paid and received to be filed sometimes make strange revelations.—*Zion's Herald.*

Says an exchange: "We are asked what a church should do about the dispute in its midst, whether an organ should be used in its place of worship." It would of course be better to have no organ than to have a divided and alienated church, but in this part of the world organs and melodions are about as common as choirs. And of the two the organ is the more harmless. It never frets, nor scolds, nor giggles, nor whispers to anybody around it, but is always sedate and well behaved.—*Christian Visitor.*

We learn from the *Visitor* that Rev. M. P. King, pastor of Hammond's Plains, was born a Presbyterian, taught in an Episcopal Sunday School, converted at a Methodist revival, baptized by a Free will Baptist, educated at Wolfville, and now ordained over a Baptist Church. We claim a share in him, and we might have had him altogether if there had been a Presbyterian Sabbath school at hand when he was a boy. But he might (like many another) have gone farther and fared worse.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

The Catholics of France get the lion's share in the "Budget des Cultes," which, amounting this year to fifty-three millions and a half of francs, awards fifty-one and a half to them, one million and some two-thirds to the Reformed Church, and the small remainder to the Jews. Although, therefore, the "National League" just founded in Paris, and well supported by politicians and men of letters, is "for the separation of the Churches from the State," its main weight will fall upon the Church of Rome.—*Evangelist.*

Dean Bradley, the successor of the late Dean Stanley of Westminster, appears to sympathize with Von Meitke's theory that "war is an element in the order of the world ordained by God, for in it the noblest virtues of mankind are developed." He said in a recent sermon at Westminster that he was deeply interested in war, "because it has done so much to develop human character." Dean Bradley, by the way, has himself gone through a regular course of military drill and discipline.—*N. Y. Independent.*

The *Religious Telescope*, published at Dayton, Ohio, says, a pastor of this city was met by a lad a few mornings ago who asked for a catechism. The minister gave him the desired book. The little fellow looked at the preacher and said, "Now I intend to learn this book straight through. I am not going to school this winter, and I mean to commit this book to heart. I might as well be at that as reading those novels." "Why, Willie," said the minister, "you ain't reading novels, are you?" "Oh, I mean the Sunday-school books," was his quick reply.

Proceedings having been taken to compel the Rev. J. Hall, rector of Shirland, Derbyshire, to enter in the parish register the burial of a Dissenter, a mandamus was issued to enforce obedience to the Burial Act. After a second mandamus answer was given that the entry had been made by the officiating minister at an iron church in Mr. Hall's parish. On Monday Mr. Baron Huddleston said this was an attempt to evade the law in a manner not respectful to the Court, and he directed that if a proper return was not made in a week an attachment should issue.—*Witchman.*

I see our American Methodist cousins are keeping the "dancing" question lively. They seem determined to put the lights out, stop the music, and show the jugglers out of their house. I believe English Methodism would sail better if a few of her Jonahs were put aboard. No doubt some ecclesiastical whale would be glad to swallow them and save them from drowning. Such people are no good to Methodism. Dancers are not the people that like lovefeasts, prayer meetings, and class meetings, and spiritual means of grace. If Methodism can't live without them, I am sure it can't live with them.—*London Methodist.*

The *London Lancet* says "that it may appear a paradox, but it is a simple and plain statement of fact, that a man may be well educated and yet know little or nothing. The best intellectual organism is not that which has been most heavily charged with information, but that which possesses in the highest degree the faculty or power of finding facts at pleasure and using them logically and with prompt ability. A ready wit, in the true sense of the term is incomparably better than a loaded brain. Miserable cases of mental collapse are constantly falling under notice in which the process of cramming has produced a blighting effect on the brains of the young. Their physical health has been sacrificed in the attempt to make them prodigies of learning.

### CONVINCING.

M. Vincent, a French Evangelist, had been speaking at a Gospel meeting. Just as he was leaving, and saying a kind word to some persons at the door, "a black nun" came up with her rosary in her hand. She immediately tried to influence the people and spoke slightly of the preacher. At the same time she eulogized the priests, and stated that they were the chosen men, out of the best families, and were most devout and charitable. A working man who was present replied, "It is all very well, sister, but I have no confidence in those men." "Why, sir?" she asked. "I will tell you," said he. "Suppose a child of yours fell into the fire, and there was present a man who, being able to snatch it out of danger, should pause and say, 'Madam, if you will give me some money I will take your child out of the fire, but if you do not, I will let it burn on,' would you have confidence in such a man?" "No," replied the nun, "but what has that to do with it? Nobody would act so." The workman answered, "I ask your pardon, Madam, but it is done every day. I am a poor man, my mother is dead, and according to M. le Cure she is in the fire of purgatory. He said he could easily get her out by means of masses, but I have scarce bread enough for my children, and the priest demands money, and still more, that I should pay beforehand, without that I will leave my poor mother to burn in the flames. What confidence would you wish me have in a man like that?" Looking around on the listening group, the nun felt she could not meet that argument, so she made the sign of the cross, lifted up her rosary and went on her way.

### THE BATTERING-RAM.

The celebrated architect, Sir Christopher Wren, had to remove an ancient and massive wall in clearing the ground for St. Paul's Cathedral. The problem was, how to batter down that wall. He thought of the old Roman battering-ram. He had one built, and set a gang of men to work it. They battered the wall vigorously all day, but made no apparent impression. They wanted to stop, but the architect said: "Go on." They did go on the next day, a third, a fourth, and I think a seventh day, before there was any sign of a fissure in the wall. Then, all at once it began to crack, to tremble, to totter, and soon it fell.

Sir Christopher said that the very first blow of the ram made an impression, and weakened the wall. Every subsequent blow carried on the work. There was real progress all the while, though there was no visible sign of it. The result was sure, if the operation was continued long enough.

Is it not so when we batter with truth against the hoary walls of error? Even if we see no immediate results, and grow impatient or despondent when they fail to appear; but to go on doing our duty, to strike with all our might for the truth, and for God, believing that we cannot fail. That incident of the battering-ram has encouraged me, and I hope it will encourage others. How long and patiently the early Christians battered the walls of the old Roman and Grecian idolatry! In due time it fell. And so will fall Romanism, and infidelity, and everything that exalts itself against God. And so will fall the pride and unbelief of men's hearts, if we keep plugging them with the gospel. We shall see hereafter that much of the hard work that we wept over as in vain was the best work for the Master that we ever did.

Let us then remember the law of physical forces that is illustrated in this case of the battering ram. It is a law of moral forces, too. And added to it, for the encouragement of the Christian worker, is the promise that the Spirit will work with us, and that the result is sure.—*Herald and Presbyter.*

### LIVING BY GIVING.

Religion is life; and life will cease without exercise. A Church grows richer by giving its wealth. It grows strong-

er by the expenditure of its strength, just as the blacksmith's arm strengthens with every sturdy blow. Show us the Churches that have organized mission bands, and sent forth missionaries to foreign lands, and we will show, by actual statistics that they have received constant accessions of strength. For every new root striking into deeper soil, for every branch spreading out into clearer light and fuller sunshine, the parent tree has grown larger and healthier. On the other hand, Churches that have closed their hearts to foreign work have declined in numbers and in strength. You will remember that Andrew Fuller saved the church at Kettering from declension and extinction by enlisting its energies in the foreign field. While they worked for self the Lord did not work with them. Fifty years ago thirty Baptist Churches in Maryland declared themselves opposed to mission, while two alone took a stand in favor of them. The two increased to thousands, while the anti-mission Churches diminished, till they now number only seven or eight persons. Thus the Lord of the vineyard condempns the faithless owner of the buried talent. Twenty-seven years after its establishment, the Sandwich Island Mission must have broken up and disbanded, had they not extended their sympathies and efforts to embrace others more destitute. Dr. Anderson in a lecture on "The Development of Modern Missions," says: "It is impossible for Mission Churches to reach their highest and truest prosperity without the aid of what is to them a foreign mission." And is it equally true of our home Churches, that their only salvation from effeminacy and decay lies in a hearty espousal of the cause of missions. Confined within the narrow circle of home sympathies grow weak, energies slacken; love loses its strongest stimulant—unselfish devotion; and faith lacks the vindication and confirmation which crowns its conquests over barbarism. As the Chinese woman's foot, cramped and confined, renders weak and nerveless her whole physical nature, so the dwarfing and narrowing of Christian sympathy and charity enervate the whole character. When ecclesiastical tyranny tried to mould the free thought of the Puritans by ritual and litany, and even to curb its expression by chains and prison walls, it sought a broader field for expansion in the New World; and the remarkable growth of their principles attests God's approval of their exodus to a wider sphere. The gospel is like leaven; it leavens the whole lump. It is like the mustard-tree which shall fill the whole earth.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

### THE LATE JUDGE MACLEAN.

In the *Cincinnati Gazette* the Rev. M. P. Gaddis tells of the conversion of Judge MacLean, of the United States:—"A most remarkable answer to prayer in the life and successful ministry of that well-known veteran minister, Rev. John Collins, so long and favorably known in Cincinnati, occurred while Mr. Collins was preaching in a private house in Lebanon. The two rooms occupied by the congregation were crowded full, and several persons stood around the door outside for the want of seats within. A young man of superior intellect and mental culture, and who had become skeptical, and was inclined to consider the profession of Christianity as a weakness, was attracted to the place of preaching by the fame of the Methodist preacher. He remained on the outskirts of the congregation, where he could hear distinctly, and thought he was quite unobserved by the keen eye of the preacher. In this, however, he was very much mistaken. At one time during the delivery of the sermon he so forgot himself as to fall under the penetrating eye of Mr. Collins. The intelligent and prepossessing appearance of the young man moved the heart of the speaker. He paused a moment and offered up a short prayer, mentally, for his immediate awakening and conversion. After Mr. Collins resumed his discourse the first word he uttered was 'eternity.' That word was spoken with a voice so solemn and impressive

that its full import was felt by Mr. MacLean. Before the close of the discourse Mr. MacLean was powerfully convicted for sin.

The sermon was never forgotten by him and he soon sought an acquaintance and a short time after this accompanied him to one of his places of preaching in the country, and after the close of the sermon remained in the "class room" to enquire "What must I do to be saved?" The affectionate and gentle manner of Mr. Collins made a still stronger impression on the mind and heart of Mr. MacLean. As they returned home Mr. Collins told his young and penitential friend that he had one request to make of him which was reasonable, and he hoped it would be complied with. The request was that he would read in the New Testament at least fifteen minutes each day until he would return to preach at Lebanon again. The promise was made and strictly performed by Mr. MacLean. At first he laid down his watch on the table so as to be exact as to time, but his interest in the truths of the Holy Scriptures so increased that he continued to read much longer. On meeting with Mr. Collins subsequently they entered into a mutual "covenant" or agreement that they would meet each other at the throne of grace daily at the setting of the sun until he was saved. It was but a short time after this that Mr. MacLean was gloriously converted to God, and his friend, Mr. Collins, had the pleasure of admitting him on trial into the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. MacLean became a bright and shining light, "adorning" his profession by a pure life and Christian example at home and abroad.

### FULL SALVATION.

Urging your suit, rest wholly on the name of your indorser, Jesus Christ. In his address (John xiv-xvi) in which the pearl of perfect love is again and again promised in the coming of the abiding Comforter, Jesus inserts in every promise the condition, "in my name." This means that we are to identify our plea with the glory of Christ. We cannot fail when we pray for the same blessing for which he intercedes in our behalf. We are sure that selfishness does not underlie our petition when our aim is the glory of Christ only. When we thus use the name of our High Priest, we clothe ourselves with his merit. The name of Jesus is like the signet ring of an absent monarch, guardedly left behind to authenticate the acts of his Ministers. It transfers his power to them. So has Jesus transferred to our hands the key that unlocks the treasury of heaven, and secures the outpouring of the anointing that teacheth and abideth. "The greatest gift that men can wish or heaven can send."

Do not fail, when urging your plea, to remember that you have rights with God the Father in Jesus' name. You could not claim his mediatorial work and merit. But since this work has been done, you may now stand on the high platform of rights with God, and claim in Jesus' name all that he has purchased for you. He has invested you, not only with a right to the tree of life, but to all that prepares you to pluck and eat its fruit. Again, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The word "just" is a jurial term, implying rights on the part of the believer and obligation on the part of God; the obligation, not only of veracity, expressed by the word faithful, but also the obligation of justice. He will not wrong us by withholding the greatest blessing purchased by his Son, and sacredly kept by the Father till the hour we come in that influential name and claim our heritage.

Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown through Christ my own.  
—Dr. Daniel Steele.

### A MISSIONARY HEROINE.

Mrs. Hartman, a Moravian missionary of Surinam, recently deceased, through a long and useful life maintained a spirit of self-sacrifice and earnest devotion to the work of missions worthy of permanent record. After eighteen

years of missionary work with her husband, in Paramaribo and Charlottenburg, he died; but nothing could induce her to leave the work; and instead of seeking some post of special privilege or convenience, if there was a station of special hard service and unhealthy climate, she was sure to volunteer for it. "Regardless of self, she thought only of the Lord's work, to which she devoted all her powers of body and of mind. She did not hesitate to take up her residence among the Bush negroes—a land of death in which many missionaries in quick succession had found their graves, and which had been at last abandoned. There she lived and labored for years, among the poor plantation negroes, winning all their hearts, and securing their unbounded love and gratitude.

"Need we wonder that such a woman impressed her spirit on her children, as well as on the ignorant heathen? that one of her sons became a missionary to the degraded aborigines of Australia, whose entire race is rapidly dying out? that another son has been thirty years praying and working to enlighten and lift up the Kafirs of Africa? and that her daughter is the wife of Missionary Heyde, at Khyelang, far up the Himalayas in Thibet? Will it not be said of such a woman at last, 'She hath done what she could?'—*Missionary Review.*

### PROVIDENCE.

We sometimes wonder and sometimes chafe under the mysteries of Divine government; but a deeper reflection will show us not only the Divine glory in these concealments, but our own good as well, and God's ways understood would cease to be God's ways to us. Set his throne in clear daylight, and at once the doubt arises whether it be God's throne at all. Faith would break under the stress of too much revelation. It can endure darkness better than too much light. For in the nature of the case a Divine government must be in heights that are inaccessible to human thought. Put God's thoughts where human observation can take their parallax, and measure, weigh and diagram them, at once the presumption rises that it is not the stars of heaven we have measured, but some candle of the earth.

Nor is it difficult to see the value of this obscurity in the economy of grace. We have not forgotten the strict securities of government during our wars, when military censorship extended over the ordinary channels of news, and when armies marched under sealed orders, because "clouds and darkness" were an essential part of that strategy by which our colors were to be carried to victory. We know nothing of the strategic necessities of the kingdom of heaven, but we can see that the tutelage of faith may come best through darkness. We can from human analogies, see good reason why we should march under sealed orders. If under such orders soldiers walked against shotguns, loyal subjects of the kingdom of heaven should not "reason why," or be halted in their march of duty that goes through clouds. And whatever revelations heaven may bring us of the reasons for obscure providences, we are sure in this world our best relations to Providence will come not through understanding it, but through submission.—*Christian at Work.*

A little girl once asked how the Lord "took the bad out of folks?" After having an explanation given which seemed to somewhat satisfy her, she quickly replied: "I wish he would take the bad out of me, if he wouldn't hurt me any." Truly, not unlike many older people who would like to be good if it cost nothing and didn't "hurt" any.

Jesus as a man became weary with the labors of teaching and working miracles, and sought seclusion and rest. In this he set all Christian workers an example: for those who would do most in the cause of God must often be separate from the busy throng for meditation, prayer and rest.

"Christ is the best physician," said old Berridge. "He never takes down the wrong bottle."







THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

APRIL 9.

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.—Mark vi. 14-29.

This section of the chapter opens by telling us how the fame of Jesus had spread abroad, and what different people said about Him (verses 14-16). The most noteworthy of these sayings is that of Herod, who said that this new teacher must be John the Baptist risen from the dead. This shows the workings of a guilty conscience, for Herod had been the murderer of John under the circumstances narrated in the following verses of the section. Our notes on the subject are culled almost entirely from Dr. Morrison's quaint and graphic commentary.

Verses 17 to 27 constitute a long and intensely 'sensational' paragraph. Its sensationalism, however, is the quiet effluence of truth, not the noisy effluence of fiction. It is 'truth stranger than fiction'—deeply instructive truth, moreover, giving glimpses into scenes behind the curtain of court life, and revealing the hollowness of the pleasures that are founded on immorality. At the bottom of these pleasures there is an opening into a world of disappointment and woe. The paragraph is introduced into the narrative to account for Herod's notion regarding Jesus. It would, however, be greatly introduced by the Evangelist, partly because of the intensely striking character of the facts narrated, and partly because of the opportunity which it afforded for giving information regarding John the Baptist, who stood in so intimate a relationship to our Lord.

The reason why Herod had shut John up in prison is very explicitly stated. It was at the instigation of Herodias, who was deeply offended at John's having plainly reproved her sinful union with Herod. "It was a sadly scandalous affair all through. He was not only Philip's brother—he was also his guest, in Rome, at the time he stole Herodias's heart. He had, moreover, a wife of his own, to whom he had long ago been married, and who had been entirely faithful to him. She was the daughter of Aretas, King of Arabia. She fled to her father on discovering that it was the intention of her unfaithful lord to get divorced, that room might be made for her sister-in-law. A bloody war was the result; and a total and humiliating defeat was suffered by Herod. Thus hard in the long run is the way of transgressors."

It is very clear from verse 20 that John for a time had great influence over Herod, and that his conscience had been touched by his preaching. It is noteworthy that he heard him gladly and yet feared him. The monarch would feel that he was in the presence of 'an honest man' who was as great as he was good. It is often so with sinners still. They are attracted by the brightness of which they are afraid; they like to hear the truth, but are unwilling to give up darling sins.

It is probable that Herod would never have gone to the length of putting John to death, but for the unfortunate incident which was the immediate occasion of it. The incident gives evidence of a deep design on the part of Herodias to trap Herod under circumstances when he was probably not altogether sober, into making such a promise as he did, and which she had previously determined to make him. Her own account for the gratification of her cruel revenge. 'This king was sorry; but his sorrow had come too late unless he was prepared to break his oath in the presence of all his guests. It would have been better if he had done this, for there is less sin in breaking an oath which never ought to have been made than in committing a crime in order to fulfil it; but Herod had not the moral courage to contend with the reproaches from Herodias and his guests if he had broken his rash promise. "Had Herodias instructed her daughter to demand Herod's own head, no doubt this pretended respecter of oaths would have exoused himself from the obligation." It is very likely that there were amongst the guests some of those persecutors of John through whose influence Herod had committed him to prison.—Sunday-School Magazine.

OVER-WORK AMONG WOMEN.

One way in which women are over-worked by their own fault—a sin of ignorance frequently—is in the use of foolish clothing. We are all more or less in bondage here, for woman's dress is radically wrong. It is a weight and a hindrance everywhere. Clothing devised to suit the needs of the human body would be much more easily made and taken care of, and it would give a woman freer movement, greater ease and comfort about her work and play, and would be an aid to good health rather than, as now, a drag upon her strength. But a genuine reform cannot be made by any one woman, for it awaits the development of public opinion. But cannot we all lend a hand here, and say on all proper occasions, that woman's dress is absurd, and inconvenient, and unhealthful, and that we wish for something better? Most of us can put less work and care upon our trimmings, and none of us need wear a trained skirt, or one that touches the floor. We skirt, and we wear loose and warm clothing, and bear the weight upon our shoulders rather than over the hips. Various female weaknesses are supposed to be caused by active labor, by much standing upon the feet, by much climbing of stairs in the pursuit of one's daily industry. They may be aggravated by these causes, but they have been once induced, but I have serious doubts whether these weaknesses are often really attributable to the cause above named. Corsets

and heavy skirts are the real offenders. It is usually the case that the same work might have been done—the standing and the climbing—had the muscles of the body, both external and internal, been left free and unweighted by the clothing. How many feavers' weight are added to her burden of toil and worry by a woman's long skirts, as she goes about her work in-doors and out, up-stairs and down, around the kitchen fire, or cleaning the floors in an unsuitable dress?—American Agriculturist for March.

WARNING TO VACCINATED PEOPLE.

The Troy Times gives the following warning to persons who have recently been vaccinated: "Don't pick your nose with the finger that has shortly before come in contact with vaccine matter. A man in a neighboring village acted contrary to this rule, and as a result the matter took kindly to his nose, made the acquaintance of the membranes, spread all over his head, and he is now just able to leave his bed after a confinement of more than two weeks. A Glen's Falls' lady scratched the bite of an insect on her foot with the fingers that had been toying her vaccinated arm. The following day the foot swelled and shortly exceeded the size of the traditional Albany girl's feet. She was crippled for a month, and pinned away over the heart-rending prospect of wearing a No. 11 shoe for the remainder of her days, but finally recovered. These are practical hints on vaccine points, and will bear the caution they point out."

USEFUL HINTS.

In selecting beef, press your finger on it. If it retains the imprint of the finger, reject it.

Sunlight has an important bearing upon health. Introduce it freely into the house, and particularly into your sleeping rooms.

When the color of a fabric has been accidentally or otherwise destroyed by acid, ammonia is applied to neutralise the acid, after which an application of chloroform will, in almost all cases, restore the original color.

To make a plain fruit pudding, take one cup of sugar, one half cup of butter, and two eggs, and beat together, then add a cup of sour milk and one teaspoonful of soda, three cups of flour, and one cup of chopped raisins; spices to taste. Put in a mold and steam two hours.

The following is recommended as a cure for neuralgic headache: Squeeze the juice of a lemon into a small cup of strong coffee. This will usually afford immediate relief in neuralgic headache. Tea ordinarily increases neuralgic pain, and ought not to be used by persons affected with it.

Sour milk is an excellent bleacher. Place the garments in an earthen bowl or wooden pail and cover entirely with the milk. Let it remain two or three days, taking pains now and then to shake it thoroughly. Then after washing and boiling, it will be found of pure white. For tablecloths and napkins that have become stained and yellow, this is a good cure.

Potato flour, or the dried pulp of the potato, is attaining considerable importance in the arts—so much so, in fact, that in Lancashire, England, some 20,000 tons of it are sold annually, and its market value is stated to be much greater than that of wheat flour. The article is extensively used for sizing and other manufacturing purposes, and, on being precipitated with acid, is converted into starch. After having been calcined it is used with advantage as a dressing for silk.

One of the cheapest medicines that mortal man can use is sleep. It is a sovereign remedy for weakness; it relieves languor; it cures restlessness, inactivity, and irritability; it will remedy headache; it also cures nervousness. When weary, should rest; when exhausted we should sleep; to resort to stimulants is suicidal; what weary men need is sleep. The lack of sleep causes neuralgia, paralysis, and insanity. Many a person dies for want of sleep, and the point where many a sufferer turns his feet from the very gates of death to the open path of life is every sick man may be said, as of Lazarus, "if he sleep, he shall do well."

INFORMATION.

NEVER GIVE UP THE SHIP.—"Twenty-one years ago I was dying with the consumption. There was no escaping that terrible death—at least so all the doctors told me—when a friend advised me to send to 1032 Race St., Philadelphia, and get CANNABIS INDICA, which finely and fully cured me."

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Mrs. S. M. SEBASTON, writing from Colorado Springs, Colorado, says: "I have been completely cured of Asthma by using Graham's Pain Eradicator while living in Canada. Since coming here, I recommended it to my niece, living in this town, who was afflicted with Sciatica, that settled in her ankle, she became unable to walk, but the use of that valuable preparation cured her completely. Several others have used it with the best results and it is highly prized here."

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PERSONAL

Last Saturday was the thirty-first anniversary of the elevation of Dr. Binney to the See of Nova Scotia. There are only two or three bishops now living who have been longer in the Episcopal office.

The Church Guardian understands that the Rev. Wm. Armstrong is about to resign the charge of St. James' Church, St. John, and proceed to England to reside there. Mr. Armstrong has been rector of the parish since 1857.

The death of the Rev. Dr. G. W. Woodruff, of the N. Y. East Conference, took place after a long illness, on the 20th inst., in Brooklyn. He was Secretary of the General Conference in 1876, and also in 1880, and was widely known in Methodism as a bright, genial and vigorous man.

The Rev. H. J. Grassetto, B. D., of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, died on the 20th inst. The Christian Guardian of that city speaks of him as a man of excellent spirit, unassuming in his manner, friendly towards all true Christians, and uncompromising in his opposition to the semi-Romanism of some in his own Church.

The death of the Rev. W. A. Corey, pastor of the Portland, N. B. Baptist Church, took place on Monday evening. He died at his residence at the age of seventy-four years, and leaves a widow and three children. A short time ago he was attacked with inflammation of the lungs. His early death robs the Baptist Church of one of its most promising ministers.

LITERARY, ETC.

The First Year of my Life is a pretty illustrated little book from the Methodist Book House, London. A daughter of a missionary, late of China, tells about the land of her birth, assisted of course by her parents, in a way that will help little readers to learn much about that interesting country.

Progress, which we have received the first number, is a monthly paper published by the Mass. State Sunday-school Committee, of which Eben Shute, Boston, is Secretary. Rev. Dr. Townsend's valuable paper on the origin and history of the New Testament, contained in this number, should be read by every Sunday-school teacher and adult scholar.

The numbers of Little's Living Age for March 1882 and 25th contain, The Relations of Religion to Asiatic States, and the King and His Successors, Fortnightly; English Playboys in Germany, 1600; Nauticall Century; Romance in Business, and Juliet, Blackwood; Robt. Southey and Caroline Bowles, Fraser; The Social State of the Hebrews Two Centuries Ago, Cornhill; Dutch Etiquette, Leisure Hour; Things that a Lady should know, and Servant Hunting, Saturday Review; Friends and Friends, and Wives in Training, Spectator; Three Unpublished Letters of Horace Walpole, Ascham; with instalments of tales and the usual amount of poetry.

In the North American Review for April, Gov. Murray, of Utah, treats of the existing crisis in the political fortunes of that Territory, proposing a remedy for all the evils prevalent there. Other articles of special interest to readers here are one in which Dr. H. A. Martin, replying to a recent article by Henry Berge, defends the practice of vaccination, citing official statistics to prove the efficacy of bovine virus as a prophylactic against the scourge of small pox; and a paper of extraordinary interest on the exploration of the ruins of cities of Central America. The author, Mr. Charney, has discovered certain monuments which conclusively prove the comparative recency of those vast remains of a lost civilization.

The Hope Publishing Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., has issued a 32mo volume of 288 pages, entitled Christian Holiness, by Rev. S. H. Platt, A. M. The recollection of a strong expression of Channing's regard for that minister, from the lips of a lady who had been under his pastoral care, led us to take up this little volume with a feeling of interest and profit. The author is an independent thinker. Readers acquainted with the usual treatment of the doctrine discussed will mark the absence of familiar terms, and some will note certain views as open to criticism, but these will find themselves in general accord with the final opinions of the author respecting "a salvation that measures out to man's broadest need and finds its crowning glory in its uttermost provisions." For some inquirers the philosophical character of this book might detract from its value, but for an it is rich in suggestive thought. None can fail to be greatly benefited by Mr. Platt's practical treatment of the relation of physical to spiritual purity.

THE SEAMEN.

Methodism does not forget the sailor or the seaman. At the recent meeting of the Wesleyan Seaman's Mission, London, the following items among others were contained in the report given by the Rev. G. Ford Dory. The former agent of the Mission, Mr. Garland, has lately published a deeply interesting work—Leaves from my Log—in which he recounts many incidents of his twenty-five years' service:

The papers published quarterly had contained more than the average number of interesting cases of conversion and consequent moral reformation. It was true that in some cases the ultimate re-

sults could not be known, as the subjects would never more be seen by those who had been the means of leading them to Christ; yet it was for them to continue prayerfully to cast their bread upon the waters in certain hope that it would be found after many days. The number of visits paid had been 10,480 to ships, barges, and fishing-smacks, and 2,104 to lodging-houses, hospitals, and private houses, making a total of 12,584 visits for the past year, being about the same number as in the preceding twelve months. 435 services had been held on ships and in lodging-houses, which had been much appreciated and had been the means of great spiritual benefit. In visiting, the agents often found men who came from godly homes, but who had departed from the training of their youth. Memories of the past were often aroused. The big tear was seen rolling down the cheek of the weather-beaten sailor; the heart was softened and frequently there was a return to penitence and faith. 56,332 tracts had been distributed and many books had been given to sailors to be read by them when at sea and gassed on—far, instead of asking them to return books as formerly, they were requested to hand them to others after they had read them. The Sunday afternoon free teas at this chapel and at St. George's had been continued, and had been attended by 3,039 persons, but want of funds had limited the number of invitations. The social meetings afterwards had been of a most interesting character.

THE MISTAKES OF THE POPE.

The collapse of the Union Generale has been followed by great financial disaster throughout Europe. It had its branches in all the chief money centers, so that the distress is distributed over the Continent. It seems to have been a Church institution, or nearly so, and was patronized by the priests, by wealthy Catholic laymen, by Catholic princes and kings, by Cardinals, and had secured the special blessing of the Pope. This it was that gave such confidence in the institution, for we suppose they reasoned something as we would have done: "If the Pope is infallible in forgiving sins, in declaring the mind of God in grave matters, in deciding the eternal condition of men in the unseen world, surely he will know where a good place is to make investments and get back large interest." He blessed the Union Generale, and it has gone under. He blessed the Mexican expedition under Maximilian, and it went under. He blessed the French armies in the Franco-Prussian war, and Sedan declared the worth of his blessing. He isn't a good blessing. Can anyone name a thing of importance that the Pope has blessed, in the last thirty years, that hasn't been cursed in the end, or one that he has cursed that hasn't prospered? Only his anathemas seem possessed of that virtue that brings good to men. The Catholic losses in the recent failure are counted by the millions. The King of Austria alone is said to have lost \$6,000,000. When they next engage in a business enterprise they had better take counsel of sound business principles and let the Pope alone.—Pittsburg Chris. Advocate.

THE SABBATH AND CAMP-MEETINGS.

At the Baltimore Conference the Rev. Thomas Guard reported on Sabbath observance, and a discussion arose on camp-meetings on Sunday. Upon this subject, the Baltimore Star, the secular organ of the Conference, reports: "The Rev. Thomas Guard, from the committee on Sabbath observance, reported resolutions which were adopted, expressing hearty sympathy with every laudable plan to make the observance of the Sabbath universal; to discourage the circulation of such papers as assail the divine sanctity of the institution or insinuate an editorial contempt for its proper observance, and opposing camp-meeting associations, which negotiate with railroad corporations to set at naught God's law. The Rev. C. Herbert Richardson said the Washington Grove Camp-meeting Association violated this precept. The Rev. J. McK. Kelley says no more harm is going to camp-meetings in a rail-road car than hiring a vehicle or mounting a horse, nor was it more harm than going to church in a street car. The Rev. J. B. Van Meter argued that the great harm was in taking a portion of the receipts from the railroad companies. The Rev. B. P. Brown said the statements made in reference to the Washington Grove Camp-meeting Association were marvelous and made by men who knew nothing about it. The Rev. C. H. Richardson offered a resolution expressing condemnation of all camp-meeting associations which agree to receive a rebate from Sunday trains on the railroad. Adopted."

AN INJUSTICE.

Mr. Baxter, M. P., has recently made a tour in India for the purpose of investigating an ecclesiastical grievance. The payment of Episcopal ministers out of the revenues of India has long been felt to be an injustice. Mr. Baxter has ascertained that an annual sum of £300,000 is paid for the most part to clergymen whose duty and privilege it is to minister to the spiritual necessities of the English professional and commercial classes. In the wealthy city of Calcutta, for example, the clergy receive high salaries from State funds, which come principally out of the pockets of Hindus and Mohammedans. Considerable sums are voted out of the revenue towards the building and the repairs of churches. Mr. Baxter has also collected evidence in regard to a burial grievance in India. Formerly cemeteries were open to all Christians. Some years ago, however, the Bishop of Calcutta consecrated many burial grounds, and since

Nonconformists have not been allowed to officiate, ministers are often prevented from burying their own dead. A strong protest is felt and made in India against the existing ecclesiastical arrangements. Mr. Baxter intends to raise a debate in Parliament on this subject. We wish him success. It will be a gain to turn the light of English opinion on this state of things.—London Methodist.

FROM THE MISSION ROOMS. JAPAN.

The many friends of the Japan Mission will regret to learn that the house occupied by Bro. Eby, and which was lately completed, has been destroyed by fire. Providentially the building was insured, and, as Japanese currency is at present very low, and competition among builders keen, the insurance (so writes the Chairman), will be sufficient to cover the cost of re-building. Brother Eby had some insurance on his household effects, which will aid him in re-furnishing; but he has lost a valuable library, and about \$100 in money, besides sermons, translations, and other manuscripts, which can hardly be replaced. We learn that an effort will be made by friends here to purchase and send out the nucleus of a new library, and the General Secretary will be glad to hear from any one willing to aid so laudable an undertaking.

PRESENTS TO JUVENILE COLLECTORS.

- The parcels containing the books for the Juvenile Missionary Collectors for the current year, 1881-2, are now being sent out to the brethren whose requisitions have been received. They are intended to be distributed as follows:— No 1.—For collectors of less than one dollar.—A Missionary Present about the Children of the Bahamas. No 2.—For collectors of one dollar and upward.—"Missionary Readings, First Series." No 3.—For collectors of two and a half dollars and upward.—"A Summer in Prairie-Land." No 4.—For collectors of five dollars and upward.—"The Old Lieutenant and his Son," or "The Starling." No 5.—For collectors of eight dollars and upward.—"Toward the Sunrise." No 6.—For collectors of twelve dollars and upward.—"The Methodist Magazine," Bound Vol. It is hoped that the giving of these beautiful presents will not only encourage our young friends, who have thus helped the Society during this year, but serve as a stimulus to still greater effort in the future. We again repeat our request that the lists be sent to the Mission Rooms from the remaining circuits as soon as the returns are in, and the books will be forwarded without delay.

METHODIST NOTES.

The Quarterly meeting of the Sheffield, N. B. circuit, by a unanimous vote, has requested the Conference to re-appoint the Rev. R. S. Crisp for a third year. An extract from the Minutes to this effect has been forwarded.

From Hantsport Rev. W. Ryan writes: "The winter has been most unfavorable to circuit work in the country. Sometimes it was impossible to do anything. We are just now engaged in holding special services in this village. There have been some very clear conversations and others are seeking salvation."

The annual missionary meeting was held at Truro on Sunday evening. A preparatory sermon was preached in the morning by Rev. S. B. Dunn. Samuel Rettle Esq., presided in the evening, a report was read by the pastor, and addresses were given by Rev. S. F. Huestis, Israel Longworth, Esq., and Dr. McRoberts. The amount promised is very largely in advance of that given last year.

The St. John Evening News has this: "A most estimable young lady belonging to Centenary Church, who takes great interest in the work of rebuilding the new church edifice, has prosecuted Rev. D. D. Currie, pastor, with a memorial window for the church, to be dedicated to his memory." The News further says: "Already several windows have been donated, and others will probably be taken soon."

Pleasant anniversary services have been held this week in connection with the Charles St Sunday-school in this city. On Sunday 191 boys and 194 girls—385 scholars in all—were present. On Tuesday evening at the close of the exercises, the school contributed \$100, as an annual offering, to the Educational Society of our Church. The total amount contributed by this young school reaches nearly \$1000.

ABROAD.

At the recent South Australia Conference an increase of 399 members, with 1000 on trial, was reported.

Bishop Bowman of the M. E. Church was the recipient of ten thousand dollars for the College at Fochow. It was given by a wealthy Chinaman who is not a professing Christian.

At a recent English missionary meeting a speaker stated that, "exclusive of benefactions in the provision of sites, etc., the Wesleyan premises (for the military) at Aldershot cost £18,000."

At the Conference which met in January in Sydney, N.S.W., it was resolved to send the Rev. Mr. Tait to England to select twelve young ministers of suitable ability for that colony and for Queensland.—Watchman.

The pastor of the Methodist Church, Rue Boquaine, Paris, said the other day that it "was a significant fact that in the Reformed Churches of France there were at least fifty ministers—many of them men of mark—who had been converted to God in Methodist chapels or under the Methodist ministry."

The High schools of the M. E. Church, South, under the charge of Dr. Allen, at Siamang, China, are highly popular. He has been compelled to close the lists, after receiving over three hundred pupils, and thinks that, with sufficient facilities, the schools might reach five hundred pupils. Rev. W. V. Royal says that the pupils are of a very high class, and "we thus gain access to a portion of the population hitherto almost untouched by missionary effort."

A series of revival services has just closed in the First Church, Pittston, Pa., S. C. Fulton, pastor. Sunday evening, March 12, twenty-six persons were baptized and sixty-five received on probation. Several more have been received since. Spiritually and financially the church has seldom been in better condition than at present. During the last two years both church and parsonage have undergone extensive repairs. The free-seat system, adopted over a year ago, is working nicely.—N. Y. Methodist.

Friday completed the ninth week since penitents were first invited forward in the St. Paul (Cincinnati) revival. Services have been held on fifty-six days, two of which were devoted entirely to preparing the Church for work. The average number of conversions for each day when service was held is 18. The meetings, from the beginning to this day, when the thousandth person was converted, were of remarkable power, and have brought recruits to hundreds of churches, and joy to thousands of hearts.—Western Advocate, 22nd.

The Wesleyans of Manchester have resolved not to sell the ground on which the historic Oldham Street Chapel stands, but to take down the present building, and erect central premises for the use of the Methodists of Manchester and its neighborhood. Thousands who look lovingly towards this centre (now in the midst of the business portion of the city) as their spiritual birth place will be glad at the decision to retain a spot around which glorious traditions gather. A most important feature of the scheme will be a large hall in the form of an amphitheatre which will furnish sitting accommodation for 1200 persons.

The Rev. H. J. Piggott is about to return to England, and take a home circuit. His work in Italy has been a wonderful success. When he went here in 1861 Rome was closed against him. He had no circuit other than "Italy" allowed to him. In 1867 three ministers are placed in the missions for Italy, and 65 members are returned for Naples, no members having been reported during the first six years of mission work. Last Conference appointed 30 ministers, besides a number of evangelists, and 605 members were reported. Meanwhile American Methodists have also entered the field with similar success.—Methodist.

The Church Property Report of the late Victoria (Australia) Conference showed that 24 new churches had been erected, giving additional accommodation for 2211 persons; five parsonages built, and four school-houses, supplying accommodation for 750 scholars. In the Pastoral address it is said: "The Methodist Ladies College buildings are being erected in the pleasant healthy suburb of Hawthorn, and we expect to enter them very shortly with a most able President (the Rev. William H. Fitchett, B. A., is nominated by the committee of the Ladies' College for the post), and an excellent teaching staff. We commend the institution to you. Our Chinese mission is a field which the Lord hath blessed."

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong says that the Catholic Mission there took 400,000 Chinese children last year to bring up in the faith of their Church.

An invitation signed by 300 persons, including the Earl of Shaftesbury, Earl Cairns, the Earl of Aberdeen, Samuel Morley M. P., Canon Farrar and Fleming, the Rev. Charles Sparrow and 273 other clergymen, has been forwarded to Messrs. Moody and Sankey, who are now at Glasgow, asking them to spend a year in London in evangelical work.

John Morrison's free Sunday morning breakfasts in connection with the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, are accomplishing great good. Sunday morning, March 26th, more than 1500 men were present. Each one received sandwiches and coffee, and remained at the religious services of the morning. The object is to keep men out of the saloons and to bring them under Christian influences.

The old Philistine city of Gaza, with a population of 20,000 people, has had no missionary until within three years. The Church of England now has a dispensary there, where the poor receive medicines and advice free of charge. Each applicant is required to hear a portion of Scripture read, and to carry away a Christian tract in Arabic. Four schools have been opened for Greek and Moslem boys and girls.

GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION

Prosecutions under the Canada Temperance Act are being made in Sydney, C.B.

The revenue collected from newspapers is only \$47,000 in the whole Dominion.

The Legislature of Manitoba will meet for the despatch of business about the 15th April.

The St. John News of Tuesday says: "Judge Weldon, the man of easy injunctions, knocked the Scott Act scrutiny out of time to-day."

A few days ago, a large shipment of live beehives was made from Victoria, B.C. to the United States. Not long since American cattle were imported to supply the Provincial demand for beef.

Several new cases of small-pox have appeared at St. Croix. It is probable that other cases will appear there, as there has been communication between the people of the infected houses.

Twenty-three men employed in shovelling snow on the Sydney and Louisburg Co's Railway were frost bitten on the night of the 15th inst. Some will likely suffer the loss of limbs.

Mr. Nash, editor and proprietor of the Lunenburg Progress, has sold the plant, good will, etc., of the paper, to the Lunenburg Progress Publishing Company, by whom it is now printed.

Mr. Robert Shaw, a member of the Local Legislature of P. E. I., died at Charlottetown on the 22nd. The deceased was educated at Dalhousie College, where he graduated with high honors.

Mr. Boxall, C.E., in his report on the Cape Tormentine Railway says there is no doubt but that it will be possible to bring passengers from Charlottetown, P. E. I., and land them at Sackville station in 4 1/2 hours.

While a gentleman was crossing the bay from Annapolis last week on the Sead, his valise was broken open and a pocket book abstracted with promissory notes to the value of some \$370. There is no clue to the thieves.

Lord Dunraven has issued a writ for \$5000 damages against the magistrate who issued the capias under which the Earl was arrested while hunting in the woods of Queen's County, N.S., without license. His companion, Mr. Jennings, has also sued for a like amount.

Moore, a clerk in the Railway Office, Moncton, stabbed S. C. Halls, a fellow clerk last week. The former has made his way out West leaving his bondsman to pay—nothing, as owing to some informality, they cannot be called upon to pay anything.

Messrs. Reynolds and Hamilton, of the Truro train despatcher's office, have been discharged. Reynolds left for the States a few days ago, no doubt anticipating the action of Government. Harris, who had been suspended, was reinstated a few days ago.—Moncton Times.

A very extensive addition is being made to the New Brunswick Granite Works, Carleton. A new building 175 feet long and 40 feet wide is being erected for the reception of saws and polishing lathes. A new boiler and engine are a so being put in. The cost of the improvements will reach the sum of \$24,000.

ABROAD.

In four weeks 32,000 people in Dundee, Scotland, pledged themselves to total abstinence.

Large reinforcements of French troops are arriving at Tunis daily. The garrison at Sfax has been doubled.

Mrs. Winifred Howard Lally, 108 years and 5 months old, died in Chicago, March 13. She was born in Belfast, Ireland.

The Pope has declared he will not receive the Emperor Francis Joseph at the Vatican if the Emperor visits King Humbert at Rome.

In the American Union there are thirteen states each of which has a less population than the number of immigrant arrivals during the year.

It is stated that the city of London has one thousand and three benevolent institutions which last year expended \$20,000,000 for the benefit of the poor.

There are now in the three southern provinces of Ireland as many troops as Lord Raglan had when he landed in the Crimea to fight the Russians.

The Queen has given her assent to the British Post-cards Reply Bill. By this scheme a card can be returned with a reply to the message first passed upon it.

Iowa has carried a woman suffrage amendment through both branches of the legislature by a very large vote. A similar measure was lost in the Senate of Wisconsin by only two votes.

A dispatch says that Patrick Egan, Treasurer of the Land League, received during the past month £22,000 from branches of the League in the United States and English colonies.

At a Consistory on Monday the Pope created seven cardinals, including Archbishop McCabe, Dublin, Archbishop Lavigne of Algiers, and Archbishop Lavigne of Seville.

The latest number of the Will of the People, the Russian Nihilist, or gazette, February, urges a continuation of the organizations of the conspiracy, notwithstanding the replies of the Government.

The substitution of steel for iron rails for 1880 and 1881, costing \$1,810,000, is completed on the Union Pacific division, with the exception of forty miles. This will materially reduce the cost of operating the road in future.

A young man in Minnesota carried a bottle of deadly poison in his sump-pocket with his chewing tobacco. The fluid escaped, impregnating the tobacco and killed the chewer. Both poisons should be kept out of every man's pocket.

A silver half-dollar was bought at an auction sale of rare coins in New York last week for \$870 by a Southern gentleman. It is one of the four coins of that denomination that were issued at New Orleans by the "Mint of the Confederate States" in 1861.

The Brown University Scientific Expedition will start for Grand Manan shortly after commencement. It will take astronomical observations, examine geological remains and collect specimens of various sorts for the university museum.

In the House of Lords the other day the Earl of Rosedale's bill, providing that every member of the Lords of Commons shall, before taking his seat, make a declaration of his belief in Almighty God, was opposed by the Earl of Shaftesbury, who moved the previous question. The motion was agreed to.

Sir Hercules Robinson, in giving particulars of recent disturbances in South Africa to the British Government, stated that within the Transvaal there all was quiet, although outside there was daily fighting and bloodshed, which it was apprehended would extend far and last long.

During its late session the Sydney Wesleyan Conference set apart a day for humiliation and prayer for rain. On Monday, Jan. 23rd, the temperature at Gunnedah reached 119 degrees in the shade and 175 degrees in the sun. Several sudden deaths are attributed to sunstroke and heat-apoplexy.

In the Commons last week, Gladstone moved an additional annuity of £10,000 for Prince Leopold, and a pension of £6,000 to his widow in the event of his death. Samuel Sorey, Radical, with Labouchere, Broadbent and Healy, advanced Liberals, opposed the grant. Motion passed by 387 to 42.

A three-masted schooner which arrived at New York the other day from Nassau, New Providence, is full of mahogany grown on the Bahama Islands, or as the natives call the wood, "horse-flesh." This is the first instance where banana mahogany has been used for the frame of so large a vessel.

Salt has been extensively used this year in Boston to melt snow from the street car tracks, and some of the truckmen assert that at least 1,000 horses are now suffering from sore feet in consequence. Officers of the companies, while admitting the affection deny that it has been caused in this way.

There have been continual disturbances in Galway between the 88th Regiment (the "outrage Rangers"), and the 84th, an English regiment. On Thursday night the "Connaghts," assisted by a mob, attacked the picket of the English and cheered for Ireland. There were several bayonet wounds on both sides.

The great fan which has been constructed at St. Louis for some time to clear the railroad tunnel between the bridge and union depot of smoke, is now in operation and works with great satisfaction. The entire tunnel can be cleared of smoke from the heaviest freight train in three minutes, and when no trains are in it the air is as clear and fresh as that outside.

Mr. Jay Gould, the N. Y. railroad capitalist, has been showing his bank account. His gains last year, \$90,000,000, and he is only forty-five years old. Did he earn this vast sum? W. H. Vanderbilt is without doubt the richest man in the world to-day. He is probably worth an money, \$200,000,000. As his property has been accumulated in two generations.

The Suez canal report tells a wonderful story of England's commercial greatness. During the past year 2,255 English ships passed the canal. This was four times greater than the total of all other nations put together. Last year not a single American vessel passed the canal. France came next after England, with a magnificent total of 109 ships—1.20 of the English.

The state museum of California has become the owner of the shell of an enormous bivalve of the tridacna genus, which weighs five hundred and twenty-eight pounds. It was purchased at Singapore, and is a gift to the museum. A similar shell was by the republic of Venice to Francis I. now serves as a body water in the church of St. Sulpice at Paris.

Mr. Heffernan, Post-Master at New Falls, suspected of having paid rent, was brutally beaten by an armed party. His condition is precarious.—The O'Donoghue, member of Parliament for Tralee, replying to James McCarty's circular to his constituents, urges them to vote against the measure, says the onset of a national Ministry would be fatal to the best interests of Ireland. It would not only deprive the Land Act of those who would be their best to defeat its working, but in the House of Commons this evening, Mr. Gladstone replying to Mr. Heffernan, mentioned Mr. Heffernan, and the circulation of a report of some of the suspects, to enable them to attend private business, seems no pretext for obstructing Messrs. Parnell, Dillon and O'Kelly, that they may participate in the division upon the count.



POETRY.

ON THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN A. HARVIE.

Gone, mortals cry 'midst blinding tears, to-day  
Gone, nevermore again to come, this way,  
He heard the Saviour's voice, "Come home, my child."

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

JOSHUA TUTTLE.

Our Society at Wallace Bay has sustained a very heavy loss, in the sudden removal of Bro. Joshua Tuttle, (a brother of the Rev. George W. Tuttle.)

As I stood by his bedside, the day after he was taken ill, he remarked, "Ah, what frail creatures we are; ever since I have been lying here the passage has been constantly in my mind."

MR. JOHN A. HARVIE.

On Tuesday forenoon, March 14th, a despatch was received at Avondale announcing the death that morning of Mr. John Andrew Harvie at Hyde Park, Boston.

John Andrew Harvie was the second son of Eitanah and Margaret Harvie, and was born at Avondale, Nov., 1834.

For many years, down to the end of life, Mr. Harvie proved a valued and efficient class-leader.

out of each week he was found at his post in the Lord's house. For many years he has been Sabbath-school superintendent, and never did scholars more intend, and never did superintendents love and revere their superintendent than did they Mr. Harvie.

As a shipbuilder and ship owner, having also interests in other local industries and commercial institutions, his business connections were both extensive and important.

BESIEGED.

On the 9th ult., the Rev. George Weaving gave an address in City Road Chapel, London, in which some of his experiences during the siege of Pretoria were given.

"One day a proclamation was made establishing the South African Republic, and notice was sent from the Boer camp to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the commander of the troops to clear out of the country within twenty-four hours, or it would be considered a declaration of war.

EARTHQUAKES.

The recent terrible disaster in Costa Rica gives additional interest to the subject of destruction by earthquakes. The four towns reported destroyed by the earthquake are on the southwestern side of the mountains.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

The London Lancet in speaking of the Queen's health says: "It is no mere figure of speech to say that Queen Victoria lives in the hearts of those she rules over."

Majesty is able to enjoy a period of perfect repose in retirement, she will doubtless return with renewed strength to the discharge of her duties at the fitting time.

BREVITIES.

We polish marble, not clay. If one would be a polished gentleman he must have solidity.

"Put no fulsome compliments on my tombstone," said a wag. "Don't give me any epitaphy."

A little girl being asked what God made her for, replied, "To wear a red feller in my hat."

In his experiments with the strength of insects, Plateau, the French naturalist, has ascertained that in proportion to its size the June-bug is as powerful as a locomotive.

The "idle words" for which we are to be brought to judgment are not the fun and laughter which keep the spirits up; but lamentations we need not make or prayers we do not mean or will not work to win.—Edward Garrett.

John (a neighbor).—"I have told me, Jess, that yer cousin Willie's awa to the mad house." Jess—"Doe it's owre-true. It was w' study" John—"Oh, was he comin' out for a minister?" Jess—"Oh no, but he wrought on an' made poetry, an' the ends wadna come rich, an' that put him wrang."

What is 'moral insanity?' 'Wickedness,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'kleptomania?' 'Stealing,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'dipsomania?' 'Drunkenness,' says Dr. Gray. What is 'pyromania?' 'Incendiarism,' says Dr. Gray.

An exchange wisely says: "Don't talk about breaking a child's will any more than you would of breaking his back, unless you wish to make a mental cripple of him for life."

Only eleven English sovereigns since the Conquest have exceeded the age of sixty-two—which Queen Victoria has just attained. Only three enjoyed a longer reign. The Emperor of Germany, and King of the Netherlands, and the King of Denmark are the only European rulers older than Victoria.

A Parisian lady called on her milliner the other day, to "take up" the character of a servant. The respectable appearance of the latter was beyond questioning. "But is she honest?" asked the lady. "I am not so certain about that," replied the milliner. "I have sent her to you with my bill a dozen times, and she has never yet given me the money."

One of our esteemed professors says she does not even know the fitness of things. For only the other day he brought home a real funny motto for his dining-room, that had worked on it, "Nature abhors a vacuum," supposing she knew where to hang it; but she didn't, for he found it hanging over his own picture in the parlor that very afternoon.

Garibaldi loves the sea and cannot bear to be away from it. When he was carried out on a terrace overlooking the water after his recent illness, he cried: "Here I have the sea; I live on the sea; and for my sailors the sea is life!"

Mrs. Lockwood, the well-known feminine lawyer of Washington, had opposed to her in a case recently, a witty attorney, who was somewhat puzzled as to how he should refer to her. He could not address her as "my learned brother," and my "learned sister" seemed out of place; so he extorted himself from his dilemma, and produced a roar of laughter from the judge, jury and spectators, by alluding to her as "my learned sister-in-law."

A French paper mentions an extraordinary instance of hallucination that one of the members of the Executive Council of the Bank of Brussels was many years ago seized with the conviction that his legs were of glass, positively refused to move. A financial crisis came, involving to some extent the Bank. Mr. B. got up and went to Brussels, where by his energy and skill he largely assisted in getting matters straight. At the end of a month he returned home, remarked how marvelous it was that he had not smashed even one of his legs, and taking to his bed once more never again left it.

When Professor Aytoun was wooing Miss Wilson, daughter of Professor Wilson, the famous "Christopher North," he obtained the lady's consent conditionally on that of her father's being secured. This Aytoun was much too shy to ask, and he prevailed upon the young lady herself to conduct the necessary negotiations.

"We must deal tenderly with his feelings," said glorious old Christopher "I'll write my reply on a slip of paper, and pin it to the back of your frock." "Papa's answer is on the back of my dress," said Miss Jane, as she entered the drawing-room. Turning her round, the delighted professor read these words: "With the author's compliments."—Chambers' Journal.

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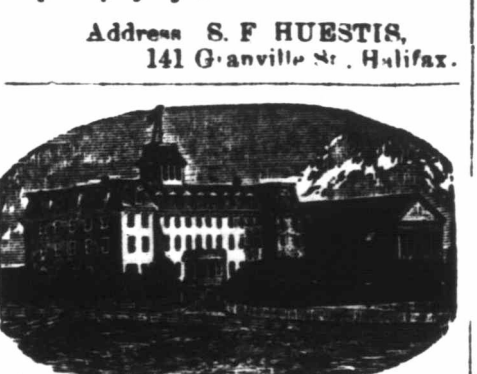
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