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FROM THE PAPERS.

The Hibernian Bible Society has circulated in Ireland, since it was formed, nearly 4,500,000 copies of the Bible.

The petition of the French Protestants to the British Government relative to the Basutos, received in a few days, some ten thousand signatures.

It was recorded in the "minutes of proceedings" in the House of Lords on a recent Monday that "prayers were read by the Lord Chancellor, no bishop being present." Geo. I. Seney has lately surprised

Brooklyn by two royal gifts-\$50,000 to the library fund of the Long Island Historical Society, and \$200,000 to a Home for destitute children. Philip Phillips expects to sail in a few

days for the West Indies, and will go thence to London to fill a second extensive engagement with the Sunday-school Committee of that city.

The Philadelphia "Home for Incurables," which now has accommodation for forty patients, had its origin in the loving sympathy of one young girlherself incurable.

The Rev. G. R. Merrill, of Painesville, sends out on Saturdays a papyrographic print containing memoranda of hymns and Scripture, and a sketch of the sermon "for those shut in."

In the single city of New York there are 3696 dram shops kept by women. Of these women 1 is an American, 3 are Africans, 3 are Spanish, 4 Welsh, 10 Irish, 396 unknown.

The Nonconformist and Independent Justice Lush, having taken his M. A. church notices, does, in Moody's opinion, degree at Oxford, has entered Regent'spark College with a view to the Baptist

Spurgeon says that it is his "solemn conviction that as an agency for doing good, colportage is second to none; that the more he sees of it the more he is enamored of it. His church supports seventy-five colporteurs.

John Duncan, a poor Aberdeenshire weaver, has presented to the University of Aberdeen his herbarium of nearly 1,200 British plants, gathered by him all over the country from Northumberland to Banff, while acting as a harvest labourer.

A New York brewer, who died the other day, had accumulated \$20,000,000. Who can tell how many characters were ruined, how many homes destroyed, how many women made widows, and children made orphans, and how many lives taken to make those millions?

Church, New York city, said, on a late Sunday morning, that he didn't believe in fairs, and asked his congregation to give a larger contribution for the Bap- the protection of the navies of all nations. tist Home than they would have given through a fair. The response was \$5,875.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has recently decided that the law of that state exempting church property from taxation applies only to such property as is directly used for church purposes, and hence that all other property owned by religious corporations is liable to tax-

The illicit venders of ardent spirits in a New Jersey village were indicted at the last session of the court and one of them fined \$100. The trial of the others was put off. The active opposition to the violators of law is entirely due to that excellent organization, the "Woman's Christian Temperance Un-

The London Religious Tract Society has circulated more than seventy-seven and a half millions of books and tracts in 130 languages and dialects. It requires \$2700 every week-day to keep it going, but the receipts from sales are so large that it is able to devote all the money received from gifts and collections to grants of its publications. The sales last year also supplied \$75,000 to

be expended in gifts of books, etc. The Jewish World says: "A statement has been published in several journals to the effect that "the Jews of London have recognized the services of the late George Eliot to the Hebrew race by offering up prayers for the repose of her soul." Although the Jews generally gratefully acknowledge the liberal sentiments expressed by George Eliot in her works towards Jews and Judaism, no the brother conducting the services resuch prayers as stated have been offered | ceived an invitation to dine at the parup in any synagogue.'

steam-boilers placed beneath the sidewalks of New York, and the recent explosion of two of them suggests that the people may be walking over volcanoes without knowing it. There is no law against this use of ground under sidewalks. If the use is permitted, there should be a law that secures the greatest | to do it. possible preventive care against ex-

The Supreme Court of Madrid has retian's place is. It is not for him to withcently confirmed the sentence to two months' imprisonment of a man who refused to take off his hat on meeting a religious procession, and the same sentence on a minister who had addressed some peasants in a threshing yard and distributed some tracts among them No wonder that King Alfonso, in opening the Cortes last week, informed them Vatican are "most cordial.

That men in most comfortable circumof the Province and in some cases besides owning valuable land and stock having money invested, should give but fact. It must be due either to a want of knowledge of the true state of the Church's Funds, or to a most wilful disregard of the claims of God. - Church

From the data at hand we may safely say that the Irish population of New York is not far from 300,000. The German population approximates 250. 000. There are only two or three cities in Germany whose population exceeds this. So that we may say that New York is the third or fourth German city in the world. This city has more Irish than Belfast, and has five times as many Jews as the whole land of Palestine. Fifty languages and dialects are spoken in our streets. -N. Y. Observer.

Moody wants new hymns. He gives the Scriptures rather than tracts to infidels. He would like to see places of worship warm and well ventilated. Africans, 3 are Spanish, 4 Welsh, 10 Prayers, he says, should be short. He English, 13 French, 1104 Germans, 2548 knows of a bunch of grapes sent around among sick people from one to the other. and all the sick people were blessed. states that the youngest son of Lord Advertising, especially in regard to more good than harm. Fault-finding he believes, is a nuisance in the church. He says, "Have no festivals. There is no gambling at prayer meetings.

The Wisconsin supreme court holds that money lent on Sundays cannot be recovered. That is a step in the right direction. If other courts will pursue the same line of action and logic, they will order undone every piece of work transacted on Sunday to evade the law. such as laying of horse-car railway tracks by corporations on that day to avoid a court injunction restraining them. If the courts would make a few more decisions like this one of the Wisconsin bench. Sunday would not be so rapidly secularized.

The simplest post-office in the world is, says Nature, in Magellan Straits, and has been established there for some years past. It consists of a small cask. which is chained to the rock of the extreme cape in the straits opposite Tierra The pastor of the Calvary Baptist del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to open the cask and take letters out and place others into it. The postoffice is self-acting therefore; it is under and up to the present there is not one case to report in which any abuse of the

privileges it affords has taken place. The Boston Watchman has the following on a matter much discussed in these days: "In the great cities of America the art of preaching the gospel to the poor is in danger of becoming one of the lost arts. 'What!' says some one, 'have you forgotten our mission chapels !" No, we do not forget them, though we thus speak. These chapels do good, and if there were ten of them for every one, we should have had less fear. But the New Testament ideal is not that rich people should build mission chapels for poor people, but that rich and poor should meet together in gospel

Some people think that Alexander Maclaren ought to be very proud that the Bishop of Rochester has said of him that he is a great preacher. Old Surly says he thinks the Bishop of Rochester might be very proud indeed if Maclaren could say as much of him. Nonconformists are not a bit thankful for Episcopal patronage. Brotherly kindness is a very different thing. And that also. I am thankful to say exists. On Sunday week, at a village in the Ipswich circuit. where bills announced that special services would be held during the week. the Church of England minister announced from his pulpit that such would be the case, and urged his congregation to attend, saying that he would do so; and on the Monday evening he and his wife were present at the Methodist Chapel. The clergyman engaged in prayer and sonage next day. - Methodist Table-Talk. the doctor as the first demand of his par sent for from abroad."

BY A. J. GORDON, D.D.

We must begin with what we are, and settle the question first; then we are prepared to move out into the question of what we are to do, and witere we are

"Ye are the salt of the earth," says

Christ. It is clear, then, where a Chris-

draw from the world in order to save his own spiritual virtue. We put salt into the meat that is to be preserved: we do not store it away in some dry secure place, lest the taint of the decayed food may perchance, injure it, or impair its savor. Hear this, Christians who are that the relations of Spain with the inclined to keep aloof from this sinful world, lest you may be injured by it, or your piety vitiated, "I pray not that stances throughout the country parts | thou shouldest take them out of the world,' Christ's prayer for his disciples, "but that thou shouldest keep them from the a paltry dollar or two to the support of evil." He has left us here, in contact God's Church, is a sad and discouraging with an evil generation-in company with evil men, that we may be a savor of life to them. The Christian who hides his salt in a bushel is just as blameworthy as the Christian who hides hislight under a bushel. And hear this, believers who are tempted to withdims from the church, because it is not as pure and consistent as you could wish. It is a very evident deception of pride and self-righteousness so to act. The Lord has not bid you to take care of your salt, lest it may be injured; but he has laid upon you a very solemn duty of caring for the flock of God. If there are corruptions in the church, it is the strongest reason why you, who are the salt, should stay in it. Salt is utterly useless when laid by itself; and Christians withdrawing from the church, and meeting in some retired monasti retreat, are despising the uses for which God appointed them. Monasticism is always a great temptation to Christians. There is the retreat of an elegant country seat into which the rich man retires, away from the sin and misery and saualor of the great city; and there is the religious seclusion so congenial to the meditative Christian, where he may pray and study and commune with God; and there is the student's solitude with its "still air of delightful studies." But all these are to be visited rather than resided in. If a Christian does not know constant and conscientious con tact with the world's misery and ruin.

> he does not know his true calling. KNOWN BY THEIR FLAVOR.

" But if the salt have lost its savor Then the Christian may lose all saving and preserving qualities, may he? Yes just as the salt sometimes loses its saltness, so that naught remains but a tasteless and neutral heap of white refuse, good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot, so a Christian may degenerate by his indifference to the truth and his neglect of spiritual culture, till he becomes the contempt of

both the church and the world. What is the test of a saved man Whether he has savor or not, we take it. God has other tests, but this is certainly one-whether he has the right flavor;

There are more than fifteen hundred | THE SPIRITUAL USES OF SALT. | tient | Here is the most favorable point for a diagnosis. And the truest diagnosis of the soul can be made in the same way-by examining the tongue-to see what kind of a deposit and coloring the thoughts and desires have left there. Therefore of those who are constituted the alt of the earth we are not supprised to find the requirement made, "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt." Well shall we mark the words. We are not told to let our speech be salt entirely, totally. To take whole mouthful of salt will choke one and turn his stomach.

NOT TOO MUCH SALT. We may in spiritual tilings disgust and repel men by a too raw and excessive and unmixed use of religious conversation. A pious, but very refined and sensitive minister, recently declared that the greatest provocation to anger; and intemperate speech that he had ever encount rid, was in the conduct of a rough and boisterous Christian, who used to shout at him across the street or in the cars or wherever he chanced to meet him, Well, brother, how's your soul?" He declared that he was sometimes afraid of backsliding under these greetings. . It was difficult, no doubt, for him always to answer the salutation "with grace." And the reason is obvious. This man's speech was not delicately seasoned with salt. It was too salt, and so was nauseous and intolerable, and produced disgust when it might, if fitly seasoned... have proved refreshing. It is a great art to temper one's Christian conversation exactly to the occasion.

"The gracious words" that proceeded out of Christ's mouth were as wenderal in their adaptation to the time and discumstances of their utterance; as the were powerful in their relation to wrote upon the ground, they furnish the press image" of God's person. deepest theme for our study as those and jesting which are not convenient." Christians : this is what with the greatde, there should be that which should and learned of him. -Exam. and Chron.

REVIVALS.

Writing of religious revivals in the

Frangelist, Theodore Cuyler says There has been some discussion lately n these columns upon the question thether revivals have done more good or harm in the church of God. This is smething like debating the question whether thunderstorms had accomplishwhether his conversation leaves a good of more benefit or harm to the country? evangelical taste in the mouth after you The negative side might point to the have talked with him, or only a neutral crees blown down, the people who were sensation; whether he helps to check struck by lightning, and the bridges and the corruption that is going on around mill-dams swept away. But the affirmhim, by his word and example, or is him- wive side might bring in an overwhelmself tainted and deteriorated by it. That ag argument from the abundant wateris the great question of these days—whe-ing of the thirsty earth and the purificather the sait shall stay the corruption, ton of the sultry atmosphere. Unques- way to our mission home in Pachuca. or the corruption shall dissolve the salt; tonably the most healthy state of a where he soon manifested his Christian whether Christians shall sanctify society, drumch is one of such even, normal, character. He indicated his willingness or society shall unsanctify Christians. systematic activity, that it should not to honor Christ in El Chica, a town of And so we have the injunction in the need an especial arousing. But if a 2,300 inhabitants, and twelve miles from Epistle to the Colossians in regard to church is cold or comatose, it ought to our speech. For speech is that which be awakened and warmed into new life. reveals especially the flavor and quality "he danger is that at such times there of the man. It may sometimes feign hould be a resort to mere machinery. sanctity, to be sure, when it is wanting | r to an importation of some human inin the life: and it may seek to make it trument instead of a fervent calling self redolent with a borrowed grace, as pon God, with penitential self-abasethe tippler disguises his breath with nent and putting away of sins. The spices and perfumes. But the illusion hurch which makes flesh its trust is cannot be long maintained. "Thy loomed to disappointment and disaster. speech bewrayeth thee" is a saying of universal application. One cannot live sin- uickenings which have come to the fully and talk holily, live impurely and hurches under my care have been untalk cleanly, live selfishly and talk generously. "Show me your tongue," says no case has any preacher or evangelist a small company of eight, whom he had

BENGAL.

I went ux to the Government Examination in Pengali the other day, having Council to s. s. and have passed in each department. Had I been in Sovernment service I should have got 1000 rupees as a reverd. It is the season of examination for the students, also, and I hope Hurry will do me credit. Sherbo, at Calcutta University. I hope Le has passed, but he was suffering from fever for the last four days of the examination. He is a sharp, respectable lad, and if he gets through I will do my best to get him helped on tor B. A. degree. Our little training school ought to turn out respect, and hear his Gospel message. some fine men in time. I believe it will.

to see the people. - Last night I address- the most vile and wicked people in the ed the Sunday-school children in the republic of Mexico. We were greeted Town-hall; a large union meeting; the by Dr. Rule in Al Chico, where we replace crowded. Riem and I wrote a mained several days. On Sabbath he tract in Bengali. It has been accepted held service in his house. The day was and printed. We go up the line as on rainy and dismal without, but there the Baboos in the third-class carriages, services in the morning, and in the One said to me, Give me your definition evening fifteen. The congregation, al-God." It seems I had some months victory for our work in a town of fanatiago given him this tragment of one of cal people. father's sermons. The Baboo had now Dr. Rule is a thorough student of the father's thoughts impress Hindus sale exegetical and hortatory. The people to rise to God." That is true. No many for the Master. can see God and live." "Well then,"

Such are the kind of lines we have that would be masters of fitting speech. to advance upon. Minduism furnishess "Seasoned with salt"—the evenly many such; and the people may, from mingled and thoroughly transfused grace their own premises, be led to Christ. of the gospel; that flavor of godliness in The more I think over it the more I steel our conversation that at once preserves it that the principles underlying all the from the corruption of "foolish talking mass of idolatry are the relics of titas primeval revelation to our first parents. and from the vice of sanctimoniousness Take, for instance, the belief in salvan and cant which are not palatable even to tion from hell by a son. Putra, a son, means the deliverer from hell. Every est carefulness the believer should strive Hindu thinks it a curse to die childfter. But our chief anxiety should be less on this account. Well, now what hat the savor of godliness should never is this but a distorted remembrance of be absent from our conversation-that the promise concerning the "seed of t should so permeate and sanctify our the woman?" We apply this somewhat peech that, saving much or saying lit- thus: "You Hindus believe in salvation by a son." Manifestly you have idicate that we had been with Jesus twisted it. How can he be a Saviour who needs a son to save him in turn ? A hundred common-sense ideas show that a man's son cannot be his Saviour. Now, our Christian Scriptures give you the key to that difficulty. The salvation is not by every son that is born, but by one. 'The Son of man.'" &c. From these jottings you may catch the lines of our talks. - Rev. J. A. D. Macdonald in

A few months previous to this writing Doctor W. B. Rule, a London physician, came to Mexico to settle some mining interest left him by his father and uncle. who were old and noted minera in Mexico. He came to Mexico, and found his Pachuca, where he was going, and where de would reside for at least one or two years. The town of El Chico was where we had long desired to commence work. but were prevented for various reasons. Here was on opportunity to commence Christian labor. An intelligent Christian layman was ready to turn aside from his business and devote a portion of his time to preaching to those about him of Jesus and his saving power. He was acquainted with the Spanish language, and was able, on the first Sabbath he entered El Chico, to preach to collected to hear the Gospel. This was mand is greater than the supply.

the initial step to one work. For the past four months, 'midst much opposition on the part of the Catholic priests from the obtained permission from the Viseroy in | pulpit, as well as opposition from Catholic adherents in the town, he has been preaching the Gospel in the most personal and winning way to a congregation that has been smadily increasing. This he is doing from pure love for Christ's cause. He receives no remuneration. the other lad, went up for matriculation | He is buying books and distributing them among the people. He has a night school, in which many young men gather, and are taught to read and write He gives med wal advice, and through this channel havis introduced into some of the best families, who pay him great

At Dr. Rule's invitation Epaid a visit if we strike out on hold and liberal lines. to El Chico to witness the work. This I have just been round on horseback town of miners is reputed to be among casion serves, and have long talks with were fourteen persons present at the of the devil again-" Intellect without though few in number, is considered a

forgotten it. I gleat to find my own Word of God. Histermons are mostly thousands of miles away. I have taken listen with reverence. With sommany a new turn with them on image worships forcible Bible truths brought to their They always say, "We need something, hearing, they will certainly bear fruit

It was soul stirring to hear the poor I say, "why go downwards to clay and Mexicans singing, "Jesus, lover of my wood for this ladder?" You degrade soul," and other familiar hymns, which yourselves by worshipping your infered are translated into Spanish. This is iors. Man is the noblest being we are the way the good seed is sows, and absolute and eternal truth. Modulated acquainted with. Seek the noblest man surely God is blessing it. Dr. Rule confrom the most awful vehemence of re- and meditate upow him. That man is templates building a church here for our buke to the delicate silence that only manifestly Jesus Christ. He is the "ex- work; besides, he has given to our misvalued at six or seven hundred dollars. He consecrates his time, business, and means to God, and is consequently blessed with a good business judgment and

> I raid a visit with him to one of hissilver mines. The mouth of the adit. was situated near a brook of bright running waters. Before we left he called the miners togather, and after a few remarks, he asked them to bow with us in

The valley, with the massive mount, ains rising six to seven hundred feet on either side of us, was our sanctuary, the solid rock upon which we knelt was our altar, the rippling brook as our feet was our choir.

Dr. Rule led in a most fervent prayer that God would bless those who were labouring in the miner and that as he had sanctified to himself a tribe of Israel, so he might: sanctifu, to himself the silver in the mountains.

It is very cheering to me to have a layman come into the mission field with such a humble spirit; and while carrying forward his business, to dedicate his time and means in this most practical CHRISTIAN LABOUR IN MEX. way to the work of, God. His deep and joyous Christian experience has been a source of strength and encouragement to me. His work is yet small, but hopeful. His willingness to work for Christ is ... hopeful sign. The Church needs willing hands and hearts to go into Christ's vinevard and work. God is certain reward such a worker. I returned be my home with a thankful heart t'at God had such noble men to work for him. I have no doubt there are many men in our Church at home, who, if they could visit our mission work, would see their relation to the work of Christ in such a new light, as to call forth their best gifts and strongest efforts. The truth and light of God is spreading by, having such small beginnings. Each of us may do something .- Rev. J. Barker. in Western Advocate.

> Instead of becoming obsolute by the flight of centuries the demand for the Bible is increasing every day. Neverin the world's history has the demand for it been so great as now. It is estimated that two copies of this marvelous book are published every minute, night and day, the year round, and yet the de-

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW. Dear Lord! in some dim future year, In some dim future month and day, Abides the hour, the solemn hour, When thou shall call my soul away. That year, that month, that day of days,
Come soon—come late—I know not when,
O Thou, who rulest all my ways! Ma-ter of Life whom Death obeys,

Be with me then, be with me then! Somewhere upon this globe of ours Is hid the spot where I must die, Where 'mid the snows or 'mid the flowers My shrouded form shall coffin'd lie; If North or South-if East or West-At home-abroad-t know not where, O tender Father, Lord of grace! Whose presence fills the realm of space, Be with me there, be with me there!

By fire-by flood-by famine sore-By sudden stroke—by slow decay— When Death's dark angel opes my door, How shall it call my soul away? God only knows; He bends the bow, And He alone can fix the dart; Yet care I not when, where or how The end may come, dear Lord! if Thou Wilt then but shield me in Thy heart! -Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

IIIS MISTAKE.

Shadrach Bostwick was presiding elder of Pittsfield district in 1802. On one of his circuits in Massachusetts lived a Dr. Stone (I think it was), who, like other pastors of "the standing order," claimel sole religious jurisdiction over all the souls in his parish, and the doctor thought he must oust them. In order to do so, he called upon the man at whose house they preached, and expressed in strong terms his disapproval of allowing the Methodists to preach in his house, making discord and division in the par-

"Why not?" said the man. "They are a good sort of people, are doing good, and getting souls converted to God.'

"Why not?" said the Doctor. "Why, they are an ignorant set, never having been to college. They do not know even the English grammar, much less the dead languages; and how can they teach the way to heaven?"

"Did you ever hear one of them?" inquired the man.

"No; but I have heard enough of

"But does our law judge a man before it hears him? You would better hear them before you condemn them."

This was a poser; and the Doctor admitted its force.

"Well, Doctor, we shall have caching at my house on such a day. You would better hear them for yourself."

To this the Doctor agreed; and as it leaked out that the Doctor was going to hear the Methodist preacher, and would probably give the ignoramus such a lecture as would cause him never to return. the people thought they might go and see the fun.

On the Doctor's consenting to hear for himself, the man said, "Well, Doctor, I must tell you that our preacher for that day is but a young man, a new beginner. This is his first year. He is one of our You will not expect as much from him as from a man of

age and experience. "Certainly not. I know how to make allowance for the young; I was once young myself."

It so happened unexpectedly, that the presiding elder rode up just betore the hour for preaching, and, of course, he must preach. It did not occur to the host to tell the Doctor on his arrival, of the change, and as Bostwick was but a young man at that 'time, the Doctor supposed he was listening to the boy all the

Bostwick was a good scholar, a superior preacher, and an able critwithout notes," which the Doctor City last evening, is charged with never did. The Doctor and his peo- having embezzled \$3000 of his emple were astonished above measure. | ployer's money. When, as alleged,

more than half way. failed on that score, turned off to by one of the Erie Railway terry. language. This was beyond the little family group without any re-Doctor's reach, and he began to cognition. Mrs. Bryant's little show signs of uneasiness. But daughter, sitting on her knee, knew Bostwick had also acquired some him at once, however. "Wry," knowledge of French on the Canada she exclaimed, "There's papa."

parently thinking he had "caught

a Tartar" in reality. As soon as he and his flock had got away from the Louse, they began to inquire of him what he thought of the Methodists.

"Think?" said he, "I don't know what to think. I never met with such a man before. I had heard that the Methodist preachers were an ignorant set of fanatics, never having been to college; that they were even ignorant of the grammar of their mother tongue. But found this man to be a master of grammar, Latin and Greek, which is the end of my race in languages, and he talks Hebrew and French, of which I know nothing. He preaches off-hand without notes, as if a born speaker. I never met with such a man before, and I don't know what to think. But what astonishes me mo-t of all is, he is what they call 'one of their boys,' a in the ministry! If that is but a boy, I know not what their men must be !"-Rev. Dr. Brunson in Zion's Herald.

PROFITABLE POLITENESS.

The Boston Traveler, in comment ing on the prevalence of rudeness, tells the following incident that system. He never left another cusmuch attention as if she had been a princess.

This continued a year or two, till the young man became of age. One onversation took place: Lady.neither money, credit nor friends, nor will any one trust me." "Well," continued the lady, "you go and of the lady's request, he forthwith health and vigor, again preached God's Lesson! let us treasure it." went to her and reported. "Well," she replied, "you go and tell Mr. -that I will be responsible." was surprised, but the bargain was

The next day the lady again called to ascertain the result. The young man told her, but added, What am I to do for goods? No one will trust me." "You may go and see Mr .---, and Mr .---, and Mr.—, and tell them to call on me." He did, and his store was soon stocked with the best goods in the market. There are many in this city who remember the circumstances and the man. He died many years ago, and left a fortune of \$300,000. So much for politeness, so much for treating one's elder: with the deference due to age, in whatever garb they are clothed.

closed.

"BUT THAT IS PAPA." An exchange of a recent date gives this touching incident respecting the arrest of a runaway through ic; and, furthermore, "he preached | Bryant, who was arrested in Jersey After the sermon, the host intro- he could no longer conceal his shortduced Bostwick to Dr. Stone, the comings, he fled from Albany, priest of that parish; and the Doc- leaving his wife and children behind tor seemed to think that he must him. A warrant was issued, but take the edge off that sermon, or he officer Dwyer, who was entrusted would lose ground in the estimation with its execution, could get no trace of his own people. So he led off the of his whereabouts. The officer. conversation on English grammar. however, kept watch of the move-Bostwick saw at a glance the object; ments of his wife. Recently she and being accustomed to such at | sold her furniture, and a day or two tacks, and, withal, being at home ago boarded a train for New York on that subject, he met the Doctor city. The detective took the same train and never lost sight of her. The Doctor, feeling that he had Last evening she went to Jersey City Greek and Latin. But Bostwick, boats, with her two children. She having studied medicine before he | walked up Pavonia Avenue after those languages to converse about a solitary stranger who lounged on them; and knowing that the ordinary | the street near Eric depot. Presentcollege graduates were at the end | ly she retraced her steps and returnof their race, in the dead languages, ed to the depot, the detective still at the Greek, and having on his following her. The stranger, whom circuit paid some attention to the she had passed on the street, strolled Hebrew, he launched off into that | through the depot, and went by the frontier, and talked French to him. "Don't," said the mother, "Keep But the Doctor was mum on this, I still; for God's sake, "But that"is also, and rose in haste and left, ap- papa," persisted the little one, as

taken back to Albany.

TOBACCO AND INSANITY. .

A party of clergymen were discussing this subject when the case of the Rev. Mr. B-was mentioned, a graduate of Andover, of high standing, and for a time very successful. "He was made a raving maniac twenty years ago by the use of tobacco!" remarked one of the party. Another gave his account of the man, whom he recalled vividly to mind, "with his pale face, stained lips, repulsive breath and quivering hand." The abject slave of tobacco, he chewed negro-head tobacco, a match for any man who new beginner; this is his first year has not the iron nerves of an African goat or horse. He preached about three years with unexampled popularity and success. His health then failed and no one knew the cause. A few months rolled away. and he utterly broke down, yet still no one knew the cause. In a few months more he became a maniac. relinquished his pulpit, and was as wild as the man found "among the happened some years ago: A very tombs," and no one knew the cause. plainly dressed, elderly lady was a He was then taken to an asylum frequent customer at the then lead- for the insane and remained twenty ing dry-goods store in Boston. No years! He breathed a fetid atmosone in the store knew her even by phere, paced the floor of confined of the old-fashioned tune of "Sarah," name. All the clerks but one avoid- halls, stared upon the outside world and the pianist was the only singer ed her and gave their attention to through iron gates, cursed himself, of the last two lines. Then again those who were better dressed and cursed his wife and children, and in on their knees, broken petitions asmore pretentious. The exception his wild ravings "dealt damnation was a young man who had a con- around the land," thus day and scientious regard for duty and night champing tobacco as a fret- God heard and answered, and out ting horse champs his bit. He of the ten present, two at any rate tomer to wait on a lady, but when once was pacing his room as he had gained the "one thing needful," at liberty he waited on her with as aforetime, year by year, when a and there was great joy in that litchange came over him. He stop- tle room. ped abruptly, and in a sort of soliquy exclaimed, "Why am I here? What brought me here? What teacher. morning the lady approached the binds me here?" His soul burstyoung man, when the following | ing with indignation, he cried aloud, "Tobacco! Tobacco!" He walked 'Young man, do you wish to go backward and forward; then burst- have learned. I trust, that 'the exinto business for yourself?" "Yes, ing into tears, he cast the foll plug cellency of the power' must be of ma'am," he replied, "but I have through the iron grates, and look- Him." And the truth was confessed help, help! I will use no more."

the gospel of the blessed God, in the Tobacco.

GOD'S LESSON.

We were a very small party on

that memorable Sabbath afternoon. and it was with a sigh that the teacher took her seat at the table. have been in the confidence of the teacher of whom I am writing I thoughts of her heart were taken up with "my lesson." "I hope the room will be full."

she said, as we entered it; "it is so much easier to speak when it is." the teacher's mind came thoughts of changing her lesson. However, the first bymn was one she had seshe gave out-

" Stay, Thou insulted Spirit, stay, Though I have done Thee such despite Nor cast the sinner quite away, Nor ake Thine everlasting flight," After the hymn, followed a brief voice of singing-

"Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee The prophets wrote and spoke; Unlock the truth, Threelf the key, Unscal the sacred book."

she leaped from her seat and ran to By this time the teacher had resol- and aunt," and all reveal George the stranger. He said that he did ved not to give her prepared les- Eliot's great talents. not know her, but the detective, who son, and with no very defined idea The style is elegant and graceful, had witnessed the scene, knew that of what she might do or say, she and the letters abound in beautiful he had Bryant, and took him into chose for reading the 18th chapter metaphor; but their most striking custody. This morning he was of St. Luke's Gospel. Verse by characteristic is the religious tinge verse it was read through, and of that pervades them all. Nearly course contained far more than every line denotes that George Eliot could be even cursorily glanced at was an earnest Biblical student, and wisps of hair on the odges of the in the twenty minutes which was that she was, especially in the years merchant's temples, and looking all that was left for the lesson. 1839 and 1840, very anxious about down on the appealing face, the Now easting herself on the promised her spiritual condition. In one of man pulled at them. When he had help of the Spirit of God, and for- these letters, written from Griff to getting self in her sense of utter "Dinah Morris," in 1839, she says need, she took the few verses des- she is living in a dry and thirsty hand travelled down to his vestcribing the visit of the rich young land, and that she is looking forward pocket. ruler to Jesus. "One thing thou with pleasure to a visit to Wirks lackest' was the point she strove to worth, and likens her aunt's comdrive home, and strange indeed was | panionship and counsel to a spring the power of the word. Tears were of pure water, acceptable to her as in all eyes, and conviction in all is the well dug for the traveller in hearts, but then none spoke. "Only the desert. That the most affectionone thing wanting," concluded the ate and loving relationship existed teacher, "but that was the most between the eminent authoress and important! the absolutely necest Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, or "Dimah sary! and I, too, can but say when Bede," is apparent from this cor-I look at some of you-amiable, respondence. The inmost secrets of pleasant, affectionate, and lovable- George Eliot's heart are laid bare out the one thing is wanting. God in these letters to the famous Methin His mercy supply the need!"

Then came the words-"And can I yet delay, To tear my soul from earth away For Jesus to receive. Nay, but I yield, I yield, I can hold out no more;
I sink, by dving love compelled,
And own thee conqueror!"

Before the verses were finished, the voices of many were hushed; the pianoforte was giving out the notes cended to the throne of grace, and while his servants were speaking,

"Thank you so much for your lesson," said a young woman to the

"My lesson!" was the startled reply; "no, indeed! it was God's Lesson! and my humiliation. I ing upward to God he said, "D God, with penitential grief. "I thought my lesson too important to give it Now, we believe in no miratulous to ten people, when I might keep select a good situation, ask what cure in this case. Mr. B-drop- it till next Sunday and give it to the rent is, and report to me," hand- ped his tobacco, and the sat and thirty, and God has reproved me. ing the young man her address. dark eclipse fled from his beautiful The work has been taken out of my The young man went, found a capital location, and a good store, but terrible storms and tempests in has been working in you both to the landlord required security, sanity clear as the sun and fair as | will and to do." To Him be the which he could not give. Mindful the moon. He soon regained his glory! My lesson! I will forget it.

Need I add that it was many Presbyterian connection, and after months before the teacher ventured ten years of arduous service, he to take her prepared lesson, and He went and the landlord or agent | died revered and beloved, and pass- | when she did, it had been laid beed as we believe, into the better fore the Lord with humble, earnest world.—Prof. Thwing's "Facts about prayer. If it was effective, she never knew it.—Lillie Montfort.

GEORGE ELIOT'S LETTERS TO HER METHODIST

The following, from the Manchester Times, marks a love for human and opened the hymn-book. Pie- praise as the temptation through sently she looked at her watch, and which George Eliot, like many sighed again, for that persisted in other, suffered loss. Such impresproceeding rapidly towards the sions as were early cherished by hour of three p. m., and the meeting her cannot be wholly effaced. They should have begun at half-past two were not sufficiently powerful to o'clock. It was a rare thing not to restrain her from a course which be punetual, but then it was a rire has thrown a dark shadow over her thing to have so few present at the life; it is to be hoped that their inproper time. Not that I think | fluence, at a later period, led her not paucity of numbers is any excuse only back to the path of moral recfor wasting the time set apart or titude, but to the purposes of earlier the service of God; there is nothing | and purer days. "An important makes young people more careles | link in the chain of the great novelabout the minutes than the thought | ist's life has just been supplied by a -"The meeting won't begin exact- grandson of "Dinah Bede," now a remark of his own child. B. Dole by to time." But as I happen to residing in Sheffield. He has in his religion were orthodox, and that dollar in advance; I'll take it out teacher of whom I am writing I letters written by George Eliot years striving for the "peace that passeth member?" will tell you what her real trouble ago to Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mr. understanding;" but in 1843 a letwas. She had carefully and pray- Samuel Evans, the "Dinah Morris" ter was written to "Dinah Bede erfully prepared her lesson for the and "Seth Bede" of her most popu- from Mrs. Isaac Evans, of Griff, in day, and that morning, while look- lar story. The letters are signed which George Eliot is spoken of, ing it over, there had stolen into by the talented authoress in her her heart the thought of how good maiden name, "Mary Ann Evans," it was-how effective it might be. and they are indited from Griff, and writes that she is in great pain Surely there would by that lesson Foleshill, near Coventry, at which about Mary Ann; but the last porbe trophies won for the Redeemer! place she lived with her father dur- tion of the letter, dealing more fully And so, listening to the enemy's ing the years 1839 and 1840 and with the subject, has unfortunately suggestions, she was expecting 1841. The gentleman who is the got lost or destroyed. The close great things, but not right things. fortunate owner of these documents association of George Eliot with Instead of looking that God's word very properly looks upon them as Derbyshire, as well as her love for should not return to Him void, the great treasures; still he has allowed the quaint village, and its upright, the writer the privilege of perusing | honest, God-fearing people, breaks them. Some of the letters are brown forth in more than one of these comwith age, and much worn at the munications; but the writer has edges and in the folding creases. even stronger proof of her delight became a preacher, knew enough of landing in Jersey City, and passed But the room was not full, and in The letters, at least those despatched Others are in better preservation, in the society of the "Bedes" and in 1841, were sent to Wirksworth, just a year before Sir. Rowland Hill's scheme for penny postage lected, and with tremulous voice was carried into effect, and before envelopes had come into common use. They are written on the oldfashioned post paper, and the address, "Mr. S. Evans, the Millhouses, Wirksworth," appears on prayer, and then rose again the the outer sheet. Beneath the direction is the word "free," indicating that George Eliot had paid for the transmission. Most of the epistles

odist preacher, who was at that time her dearest friend. She is ever asking for advice and spiritual guidance, and confesses her faults with a candor that is rendered additionally attractive by reason of the polished language in which it is clothed.

When quite a girl George Eliot was known as pious and clever; and in the letters she wrote in 1839, when she was nineteen years old, the cleverness has grown and expanded, but she is not so sure about her piety. She says that "unstable as water thou shalt not excel" seems to be a description of her character, instead of the progress from strength to strength that should be experienced by those who wish to stand in the presence of God. In another letter she admits that she cannot give a good account of her spiritual state, says that she has been surrounded by wordly persons, and that love of human praise is one of her great stumbling blocks. But in a letter written in 1840 the un certainty has gone from her mind, and she writes that she resolved in the strength of the Lord to serve him evermore. In a later communication, however she does not appear so confident, and admits that she is obliged to strive against the ambition that fills her heart, and that her fondness of worldly praise is a great bar and hindrance to spiritual advancement. Still she thinks it is no use sitting inactive with folded hands, and believing that the love of God is the only thing to give real satisfaction to human beings, she hopes with His help, to

One of the letters is chiefly devoted to the concern felt by George Eliot at "Dinah Bede's" illness; and another, written at Foleshill, looking straight up into his. "Saunbetrays some humor, amid the trouble that afflicts the authoress about who was rolling up and writing on her future. Their outward circumstances, she writes, are all she can desire; but she is not so certain the low reply. about her spiritual state, although alone that can give the greatest sa- take his place.' tisfaction. Then she goes on to Mr. Saunders looked up slowlyspeak of the preacher at Foleshill, then he put his pen behind his left We get the truth; but it is not recommended by the mode of its delivery," is how she writes of this divine; yet she is charitable | indeed, but I like his pluck. What withal, and removes the sting by adding that more good may sometimes be obtained from humble instruments than from the highest privileges, and that she must examine her own heart rather than speak

unkindly of the preacher. Up to this period it is evident week. Come back on Monday and that George Eliot's views upo re- I'll tell you what to do. Here's a possession a number of valuable her life was passed in ceaseless of your first week. Can you reand the change in her religious opinions indicated. Mrs. Evans the affection that grew so strong real pluck - courage you know. between the authoress and "Dinah

Our Young Foiks.

PLUCKY.

The boy marched straight up to the counter.

"Well my little man," said the merchant, complacently, he had arms, and hugged him and kissed just risen from such a gloriously him, the tears streaming down her good dinner What will you have cheeks. But they were tears of are addressed to "my dear uncle to-day ?"

"Oh, please, sir, mayn't I do some work for you?"

It might have been the pleasant blue eyes that did it, for the man was not accustomed to parley with such small gentlemen, and Tommy was'nt seven yet, and small for his age at that. There were a few done tweaking them, he gave the ends of his cravat a brush, then his

"Do some work for me, eh? Well, now about what sort of work might your small manship calculate to be able to perform? Why you can't look over the counter.'

"Oh, yes, I can, and I'm growing, please growing very fastthere! see if I can't look over the counter!"

"Yes, by standing on your toes: are they coppered? "What, sir?"

"Why, your toes. Your mother couldn't keep you in shoes if they

"She can't keep me in shoes anyhow, sir," and the voice hesitated, The man took pains to look over the counter. It was too much for him; he couldn't see the little toes.

Then he went all the way round. "I thought I should need a microscope," he said very gravely, but I reckon if I get close enough, can see what you look like."

"I'm older than I'm big sir," was the neat rejoinder. "Folks say I'm very small of my age.'

"And what might your age be, sir?" responded the man with em-

"I'm almost seven," said Tommy, with a look calculated to impress even six feet nine. "You see, my mother hasn't anybody but me, and this morning I saw her crying because she could not find five cents in her pocket-book, and she thinks the boy that took the ashes stole it -and-I-haven't had any-any breakfast, sir."

The voice again hesitated, and tears came to the blue eyes.

"I reckon I can help you to a breakfast, my little fellow," said the man, feeling in his vest-pocket. There, will that quarter do?"

The boy shook his head. "Mother wouldn't let me beg, sir," was his simple reply.

"Humph !- Where's your father?" "We never heard of him, sir, after he went away. He was lost, sir in the steamer City of Boston "Ah! you don't say that. That's bad. But you're a plucky little fellow anyhow. Let me see;" and he pondered, puckering up his mouth, and looking straight down into the boy's eyes, which were

ders," he asked, addressing a clerk, parcels, "is Cash No. 4 still sick?" "Dead, sir; died last night," was

"Ah. I am sorry to hear that. she feels that it is the grace of God | Well, here's a youngster that can

with whom she is not greatly pleased. | ear - then his glance travelled curiously from Tommy to Mr. Toweres. "Oh, I understand," said the lat-

> ter; "yes, he is small, very small did No. 4 get?" "Three dollars, sir," said the still

astonished clerk. "Put this boy down four. There, youngster, give him your name and run home and tell your mother you've got a place at four dollars a

"Work, sir-work all the time?" "As long as you deserve it, my

Tommy shot out of that shop. If ever broken stairs that had a twist through the whole flight, creaked and trembled under the weight of a small boy, or perhaps, as might be better stated, laughed and chuckled on account of a small boy's good luck, those in that tenement house enjoyed themselves thoroughly that morning.

"I've got it, mother! I'm a cashboy! Don't you know when they take the parcels, the clerks call 'Cash?' Well I'm that! Four dollars a week! and the man said I had And here's a dollar for breakfast; and don't you never cry again, for I'm man of this house now!

The house was only a little tenby fifteen room, but how those blue eyes did magnify it! At first the mother looked confounded; then she looked faint; then she looked-well it passes my power to tell how she looked, as she caught the box in her thankfulness now.

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THE PREACHIN

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FEBRUARY 13, 1881.

THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAP-TIST.-Luke iii. 1-22.

I.-Who the Preacher Was.

The lesson tells us plainly. He was John, the son of Zacharas. We have heard of him before as an infant, and have heard nothing about him since. But now he emerges suddenly from his seclusion in the wilderness, and appears before us a man—plain, stern, simple in appearance, attire and habits (Matt. in. 4)—but evidently no ordinary man, and come to fulfill no ordinary mission. Who was be? John,

II .- What He Preached.

" The baptism of repentance for the their future lives bring forth the fruit of repentance. He warned them that it was no use simply to pride themselves on their descent from Abraham, and think that would avail them in the day of wreth. All the promises to Abraham could be fulfilled independently of them. God is Almighty, and could raise up childen to Abraham, even from the stones around them. The allusion, of course, is to the Gentiles; and the explanation is to be found in St. Paul's words (Rom. iv. 11-16). He warned them that the axe was already laid at the root of the tree, preparatory to its being cut down -that is, unless they repented, their rejection was already decreed and prepared for. Such was the substance of | John's preaching. And though it took its form and colouring very much from the special character of his mission, and had a special relation to the times, and special adaptation to the Jews, yet we see in it the type and model of all preaching to unconverted sinners. There is no subject on which men are prone to make greater mistakes, than on the true nature of and necessity for repentance; therefore it ought to be a very prominent topic in Christian teaching. It is not only a topic for the preacher, but for the Sunday-school teacher. Children need to repent—they are capable of repent- but impoverish the son, contains much ing : the Holy Spirit is given to them | truth. for this purpose; and the fruits of repentance may reasonably be expected from them.

III .- How He Preached.

1. Plainly.-He was a plain man, and he spoke to the people in a plain, homely manner. He did not study any of the adornments of speech, nor use grandiloquent expressions, nor try to

2. Practically.—He had a message to deliver, and he came to the point at once. His preaching was full of practical statements and exhortations.

3. Faithfully .- He was not atraid to tell them the truth; he did not shring from describing their sins, and telling them of the consequences; there were denunciations and warnings, and searching appeals to the conscience.

4. Earnestly. - John spoke as we sometimes say—" as a dying man to dying men." He spoke as though he really believed the axe was laid at the come was awaiting his hearers if they did not repent. Knowing the terror of the Lord, he persuaded men.

5. Successfully.—Success does not follow always, even where it is deserved-that is, visible success-and we must not be discouraged if we do not see it. But the right way to be successful is to copy the example of this great preacher.

IV .- Anxious Enquirers.

The most signal proof of his success was that such numbers of people of such diversified classes came to him, asking. "What shall we do?" Not only the people, by which we may understand those belonging to the general community of the Jews, but the rot. publicans, who represent the most morally degraded class, and the soldiers, who were Romans and heathens, came with the question on their lips. The time had not come for the full and complete answer to that question which Peter and the other apostles were afterwards able to give. But John gave answers suited to the time and the occasion, and most shrewdly adapted to the well-known characteristics of each class who came to him. Avarice was a besetting sin of the Jews food and clothes to the needy. Extor. tion was the sin of the publicans; an oppressive and overbearing spirit that of the soldiers; and so the exhortation ter. Each exhortation was intended to

fessed repentance.

V.—The Forerunner and the Christ. It was not strange that the people began to wonder about this great preacher whether he were the Christ of John's character was shown in the He not only spoke of the superior glory of Him who was to follow, but after Jesus had been baptized, he plainly pointed Him out to the people as the Messiah, whom they were to expect (John i. 19-36). So constant, repeated and emphatic was his testimony that Jesus himself appealed to it as one of the proofs of His Messiahship (John v. 33-36) -Condensed from Wes. Meth. S. S. Magazine.

AN ELOQUENT LIFE.

Some twenty years or more ago the Presbyterian Board sent out to India the son of Zicharias, is but the least part of the answer. That was the question which puzzled the scribes and question which puzzled the scribes and by no means a "choice young man;" a young man as a missionary. He was the Pharisees much (John i. 19-22). in fact, his standing at the seminary It was a question which could only be was rather low. The professors did answered by a right understanding of not endorse his application for a for-Isaiah's prophecy. He was the fore-runner of the Messiah, whose kingdom intensity of his desire, and the unwas at hand, and as such, bore a chardoubted nature of his piety, that the acter and held an office so great and Board sent him. He went; studied glorious, as to lead Him, whose way five years, and was unable to acquire he prepared, to say—" Among them the language so as to preach in it. He that are born of women, there hath not sent to the Board his resignation, humrisen a greater than John the Bap- bly confessing that he had not suffi cient intellect to serve as a good missionary. The whole Presbytery, composed of a dozen educated and successful Presbyterian missionaries, protested to the Board against the remission of sin." He told the Jews that the times of the Messiah had admitted his limited intellectual faculcome-the kingdom of heaven was at ties, but said that his life was such, that hand—and those who would enter into even the heathen would point to him it and be saved, must repert of all as be walked the street, vainly trying their sins, be baptized by him, and in to make himself understood, and say, "There is a good man." They de-clared that his daily life did more to exhibit Christianity than their preaching, and therefore they desired him to be retained in the mission. He was retained, and died a good man, a comfort to his brethien and an attraction to the heathen; and yet he was not a "choice young man." But God chose him-a weak thing to confound the mighty. His life made converts, even though his lips could but lisp to them the way of salvation."

The House and Farm.

The presence of the red spider in a hot house is an indication that the air

As little light as possible should be

admitted into the milk house. Light is liable to blanch the cream. The Massachusetts Ploughman asks if oxen have not been abandoned for horses too much in doing farm work.

Add a little wood ashes to the flower pots of favorites and see how quickly it will flourish and improve the growth. The old adage which says lime applied to the land will enrich the father

Cold boiled potatoes used as soap will clean the bands and keep the skin soft and healthy. Those not over boiled are the best.

Charcoal powder is good for polishing knives without destroying the blades. It is also a good tooth powder when finely pulverized.

Straw matting may be cleaned with produce an oratorical effect. Al. that a large coarse cloth, dipped in salt and kind of thing was out of his line, and water, and then wiped dry. The salt inconsistent with the nature of his prevents the straw from turning yel-

From Bradstreets we learn that there is a decrease in the potato crop of the United States the past season of upwards of 13,000,000 hushels as compared with the year before.

Professor Roberts says that fifty bushels of wood ashes per acre increased the yield of grass in a certain location more than any other manure. while ground bone improved the clover.

Broil steak without salting. Salt draws the juices in cooking; it is deroot of the tree : and the wrath to sirable to keep these in if possible. Cook over a hot fire, turning frequently, searing on both sides. Place on a platter; salt and pepper to taste.

A Maine farmer who has been very successful in cultivating the blueberry says his best success has been on dry uplands, and he has always transplanted his bushes from where he found

The New York Herald recommends as an excellent remedy for sprains, sores and bruises, sprained hock joints and stiff joints generally in domestic animals, a liniment composed of creosote, one ounce; turpentine, one ounce; clive oil, two ounces; mix and rub upon the affected parts. It is also of great advantage in thrush and foot

Insects, caterpillars, and larvæ are not destroyed by heavy frosts or intense cold. Common caterpillars are uninjured by cold of eleven degrees below zero, and after being frozen hard nevertheless revive by return of heat : hence the gardener must not depend upon this source for assistance in ridding himself of these pests.

Dont take the mica from the stove in order to clean it, and don't wait till the fire burns low to do so. Take a generally, and so they are told to give little vinegar and water, and wash the mica carefully with a soft cloth; the acid removes all stains, and if a little pains is taken to thoroughly clean the corners and to wipe them dry the mica in each case is adapted to the charace will look as good as new. If the stove is very hot tie the cloth to a stick and be a test of the genuineness of the pro- so escape the danger of burning your

INFORMATION.

While weighing powder for a customer in a store at Climax. Mich., or not. And one of the noble traits Monday evening, one hundred pounds exploded, blowing the store to atoms great pains he took to set them right. and wounding twelve persons, four of them fatally.

> REST AND COMFORT FOR THE SUFFER ING.

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THE WESLEYAN.

FINDAY, FERRUARY 4, 1881.

OUR HERITAGE.

By the concurrence of many important measures, the people of this age are put into most advantageous circumstances for acquiring a knowledge of the Divine will. There is a revolation : and it carries the strongest evidences of its authenticity and full sufficiency with it. A twofold process of securing the right of every one to possess the Scriptures, and of providing as nearly perfect a translation of them into our own language as is possible, has been going on for centuries, and has attained complete success. The triumphs of ingenuity in ne printing press, and the progress of Christian philanthropy, have cheapene! the production of copies of the Bible, till every man, woman and child in our land may rejoice in the possession of the entire volume of revealed truth.

But priceless as is this boon, it may, perhaps, be questioned whether it is as highly valued as it ought to be. Few, indeed, among us are without a copy of the Holy Scriptures; but how many give attention to daily, systematic and devotional reading of the word of God How many to the thorough searching of the Divine record, and to the personal application of its teaching to the opinions of the intellect, the movements of the heart, or the various details, great and small, of our busy life? Yet this is the very design for which the holy word of God was given.

It is one hopeful sign of the times that more regard is being paid to the public teaching of the Scriptures than formerly. Those revivalistic services which have done so much to quicken the interest in Christian faith and morals, in late years, have been generally characterized by the reading and exposition of the word of God. "Bible realings' have in many parts become ex ceedingly popular. It is another good sign that religious controversy is much less frequent and less sharp than it used to be. And where it is engaged in, by tacit consent the ultimate standard of appeal werecognized to be the united volume of the Old and New Testaments. Notwithstanding the sophistries of rationalists, and the speculations of those who do not treat the Scriptures with the fair and honourable methods of enquiry with which they would approach any other book, practically and generally, men are disposed to bring their tenets to the test of the Bible, and, giving diligence to ascertain its true meaning, make its decisions the end of all controversy. To this end, even the efforts of opposers, as well as of friends, by calling attention to the sacred volume, have undoubtedly contributed.

But with all this, there ought to be more personal and painstaking study of the word of God. We plead for a consecutive perusal of the Holy Scriptures. There is not a chapter, not a single sentence, without its peculiar significance. It is a book for all times, for all places. for all persons. Such is the vitality which is connected with it-transfused through its whole extent-that it is always suggestive, always stimulating and always inexhaustible. Yet it never acts as a charm. It requires the silence of the soul. It demands humility, candor, diligent and prayerful examination, and the patient endeavor to bring our whole being into harmony with its instruction. It will well repay all this, with knowledge of the best things, with strength and courage in the day of active toil, and with richest consolation in the time of affliction and of sorrow. Nor is such a course beyond the reach of the humblest individual. Forethought and economy of time will secure the needed opportunity. A chapter in the New Testament, and a Psalm, daily, will well supply the need for purely devotional purposes; and two additional chapters in the Old Testament, each day, will take the reader through the latter once, and the former twice, durng the course of the year. Where there a stated family worship and private devotion, this should prove a work of asy accomplishment-a delight, and not a task. By such means may ever ne of us "know the Scriptures," and se made "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

Several of the missionary meetings for which the present week has been set apart by our churches in this city have already been held. The sermons on the Lord's Day, by the Rev. W. H. Heartz, and several of the city pastors, were well adapted to awaken an interest which has been well sustained by succeeding services. A crowd literally packed the Charles Street Church on Sunday evening; and on Monday and Tuesday evenings our large Churches. on Brunswick and Grafton Streets, were well filled. On Monday evening the chair was taken by W. H. Webb, Esq. ; at Grafe n St. Church, Edward Lloyd, Esq., presided.

Throughout these anniversary services general expressions of satisfaction have allen from the lips of both speakers and hearers. The former have been pleased with the character and attentiveness of the audiences : the latter have listened with pleasure to the numerous addresses. Of the address of the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Chalmers' Church, on that most suggestive theme, our Great North-West territory, it need only be said that it was appropriate and effective. The speeches, too, of the Chairmen, and the city pastors, as well as those of the former pastors, Messrs. Huestis and Heartz, were well calculated to advance the interests of the Missionary Society. Perhaps, however, the interets centered in the several addresses of the Rev. II. B. Steinhauer, who, at the request of Dr. Sutherland, the Missionary Secretary, left his station near the Rocky Mountains last autumn, on what he is beginning to regard as a queer kind of "furlough." We have been more than pleased with Mr. Steinhauer's visit. Ever since, years ago, we listened to John Geddie's story of mission work in the New Hebrides, we have regarded the presence of some laborer from our mission outposts as almost indispensable to the success of our annual meetings. If our people decline to grow enthusiastic over incidents told at second hand, and prefer to give their money when

But to return from a digression which may have been unnecessary :-- Mr. Steinhauer's visit has been, we believe, of benefit to our Society, as well as of hesitation. Yet this, in his case as in seems to be of slight importance.

AN EXPLANATION.

A recent issue of the Mail contains a letter from the Rev. John Padfield, of this city, who asks its insertion in the ' interests of fair play." The letter in question was addressed to ourselves, and forwarded to this office for publication, but was returned to the writer with an intimation that we were not at liberty to accept it for our columns, though a simple and courteous denial of not space for further reference. the truth of certain statements would readily have been inserted. Had Mr. Padneld stated this fact he would have accorded to us that fair play which he professes to seek from others. We have further to add that a statement of his objections to our remarks in the WES-LEYAN of the 21st ult. had been prepared, but at the very moment when we were about to place it in the printer's hands, we were informed that Mr. Padfield had rushed into print in another direction. In availing ourselves of the earliest possible opportunity to make that statement, we were impelled by a desire, as far as possible, to deal justly with all. A reasonable delay would have demonstrated this even to Mr.

which, in the use of pen or type, has North-west. Yet the visit to their home tution of "alone" for "above." Mr. that "the Church is alone the word of interests of an Indian tribe of Canada God," but that it is "above the word of Guided by the Holy Spirit, no doubt there may be some similarity, but there | youth the name of the deceased and the is certainly some distinction to be mark- money that would have been spent in ed. These words are not quoted again his education. Would adaily visit to some with any desire to give ofence. We costly mausoleum have given them a tithe leave them, in the belief that these lest; of the comfort afforded by a contempla-

between our statements and Mr. Padfield's objections.

In common with other adherents of the Ritualistic party, Mr. Padfield seeks to identify himself with the Church of Ridley and Latimer, and therefore pro- for the opinion which I now venture to fesses to regard any opposition to his views as evidence of the existence of bitter feelings towards the members of that Church at large. In view of this pretence we take the liberty of saving in public that we are accustomed to discriminate between the several parties in that Church, as Mr. Padfield has doubt less of en done in private. We have no hesitation in asserting that not a few of the excellent of the earth are to be University was organized. No better found in the ministry and laity of the test could be instituted of the character Episcopal Church. We have often met such in the past; and yet meet with them; nor shall our respect for them as followers of our common Master be lessened in any degree by the personal act of any who may bear the same name, them to greater effort towards excellence while impelled by a different spirit.

By these we might submit to be catechised, for we are confident that any questions addressed would be marked by the utter absence of aught supercilious in tone or offensive in style. They would meet us as friends and not shout from the top rail of the fence. It was not merely because of the style of a certain communication, however, that we felt unable to accept it. We took exception to its style, it is true, but we took further exception to it, because, to our surprise, in its preparation, an Englishman had so far departed from the rules of propriety as to call the ministry and laity of the larger Protestant Churches in "this Canada of ours," where no State Church exists, by a name which is not tolerated on this Western continent, nor used by men who are capable of enjoying its atmosphere of freedom. Least of all were we prepared to learn that the teaching of those to whom this epithet is thus applied had led to those truly terrible results which are said to have taken place. We think that our readers, prepared by this time to accept our statements of previous teaching without the proverbial "grain asked for it, let us not be too ready to of salt," will conclude with us that under these circumstances any discussion could only be carried on at the cost of imparted. self-respect on our part.

One should remember, as he turns interest to our people. A native Ojeb- away from a would-be disputant, that way, employed for many years in questions asked by him may occasion the his thoughts in English without a little word on a topic which, we confess many others, only adds to the interest the sacred writings as they are, men, of his utterances. He has a story to alas, know too little. In defence of the tell, of personal rescue from heathenism, limitation of the Canon of Scripture to of the formation of his colony at White our sixty-six books, we have only space Fish Lake, of early and rude attempts at our disposal to remark that these at agriculture, of years when no bread books were generally and early re was seen on his table, of perils from the | cognized as of Divine authority by those heathen, and of many souls won for whose proximity in time and place to Christ, some of whom have already en- their origin, and intimacy with their tered heaven's rest, and simply and authors, gave them the best opportunity effectively he tells that story. We wish to judge of their claims, while they at that on many of our circuits our people the same time exhibited their caution could have the pleasure of listening to and freedom from prejudice by rejecting many other more pretentious ones as unworthy their acceptance. We may add the additional argument that "the universal Church, with few and unim portant exceptions, has ever since not only cordially acquiesced, but firmly re tained, in the face of almost every con ceivable effort that the ingenuity and force of those of an opposite opinion could bring to bear upon the question the same traditionary persuasion." To other and important arguments we have

> While listening to Mr. Steinhauer on Sunday evening one was reminded of the importance of incidents we label 'trivial." A mission teacher in an Indian settlement left his desk and went out to bring in the little heathen lad. Shawanee-keesick, who was peeping through the cracks in the rear of what the baser sort were wont to call "Slab College." That teacher probably attached little importance to the act and yet he was taking the first step in the preparation of an Indian missionary for the North-west.

How little, too, did the parents of a bereaved Methodist family in Philadelphia think that their very sorrow was to affect the personal interests of a Cana We take the liberty of correcting a dian Indian youth, and through him of quotation in the Mail, the meaning of those of many of the Red men of the been quite changed through the substi- of the venerable William Case, the pioneer of Indian missions in the Dominion. Padfield was not charged with teaching | linked the death of a child with the best or insincere. Between the two statements the bereaved parents gave to an Indian informed will strike a correct balance tion of the results of their kind deed?

COLLEGE GRANTS. THIRD LETTER.

Mr. Editor. - Those of your readers who have followed the course of my remarks in former letters will be prepared offer directly, viz .- that the wisest collegiate policy for the government and egislature of Nova Scotia to pursue under present circumstances is the mainenance of the status quo, so far at least as the continuance of the grants is concorned. Whether or not the University of Halifax should still be maintained is a question that depends wholly on the natitude towards it which the Colleges may be disposed or induced to take. here can be no doubt of the soundness of the general principles on which the the training given and received at the tive and less invidious method could be sily suggested of weeding out worthcontinue to be encountered, as in the past: but with the co-operation of the prove insurmountable. Is there any reasonable ground to hope for the heart co-operation of the colleges in the future! I am sorry to say that this out look to me presents but little encouragement in that direction. The University was met at its very inception by the open hostility of one of the Colleges. Of others the friends of the University

"They keep the word of promise to our ear,

Good words will neither clothe the naked, nor feed the hungry, nor build up a University. It is true that from each of the Colleges, Acadia excepted, one or more students came up for examination : but for reasons best known to themselves, and which I need not here dwell upon, some of them neither came again nor sent successors. Such has been the past as for the future, unless the Colleges which have been hitherto adverse or indifferent can be induced to send their it seems useless to incur the expense which the continued existence of the University would involve. The government may be able to institute some other tests of efficiency, or to exercise superin order to satisfy themselves and the country that the Colleges which receive public grants are rendering an equival-

I propose now to state in conclusion two or three of the reasons upon which I base my opinion in favor of the continuance of the grants to the denominational colleges as such.

1. It is the most economical policy for preaching in the language of the Crees, be echoed by the thoroughly sincere. the country. The Colleges now receive he could hardly be expected to clothe It may therefore be wise to say a about seven per cent of the whole It is sheer folly to suppose that a l'rovincial University will be maintained in efficiency for any length of time at an expenditure by the government of a sum not exceeding this amount. Government institutions are proverbially expensive. The withdrawal of the grants implies, as I showed in my first letter. the establishment of Dalhousie as the Provincial University. How long would the unsightly and inconvenient pile on the Grand Parade be regarded as adequate for the purposes of a Provincial University, provided Dalhousie were accepted as such by the people generally expenditure of \$100,000 at least would soon be needed in order to provide suitable buildings and grounds. Half that amount would not be too much to expend for furniture and for additional philosophical and scientific apparatus commensurate with the dignity and demands of such an Institution. We have now the buildings and equipment. What about the salaries of the Professors Has the government of Nova Scotia any guarantee that the Presbyterian church or people will continue to maintain three or more chairs! Indications are not wanting that many of the Presbyterians are already beginning to chafe under the financial burden which the present arrangement imposes on them. In its last issue the Witness says "We have borne this expense as well as we could; but we should be most happy to be reneved from it." Of course. And how would it be if Roman Catholic and Episcepalian and Baptist and Methodist students should flock to Dalhousie, and each of these religious denominations should have equal influence and control with the Presbyterian denomination in governing and moulding University af-Would the "more than four thousand dollars a year" of which the Witness speaks be forth-coming under such circumstances ! I trow not. The truth is, the sum paid by the Presbyterian body for the support of Dalhousie chairs may continue to be paid so long as that body has the controlling influence in the government of the University. but not a day longer. When Dalhousie ceases to be a Presbyterian college, if not before, the golden stream which flows into her treasury from Presbyterian coffers will be dried up. It is not reasonable to expect otherwise. Recourse must then be had again to the public revenue, else the University will languish and perhaps die. Those who demand the withdrawal of the grants on econo-

> 2. The withdrawal of the grants will not only embarrass for a time the denominational Colleges, but it will reopen the whole University question and unsettle existing arrangements with regard to Dalhousie College. To substantiate this statement I need only refer to the public records. It will be remembered that the bill for the re-organization of Dalhousie College was passed through both Houses and became law housie.

mic grounds must be either short-sighted

without having attracted much attention outside. As soon, however, as its bearing upon the other Colleges was perceived a feeling of indignation was manifested throughout the country, and numerous petitions at the next session of the legslature proved how deep was the sense of injustice which that legislation had aroused. A perusal of the debate which took place in the House of Assembly on that occasion will show that had it not been for the fear of doing injustice towards Professors who had been brought to the country in consequence of the obnoxious legislation, the bill would have whole matter was referred to a Committee, who reported, as a compromise, should be increased. The friends of he denominational colleges consented o this compromise upon the pledge of the Provincial Secretary that the grants should be permanent. The following miracts from the official report of the lebates will prove what I have stated :

"The Hon. Provincial Secretary in goving the adoption of the report of the committee said : * * * He could only say that it was before the House as embracing the views of all the gentlemen on the Committee. The loan of £5000 Dalhousie was undoubtedly a legal laim, but in the present financial conlition of the country, it would be most unwise to withdraw that sum. * * * * He thought the activity and enterprise of the various denominations in the subet of education deserved additional onsideration, and that the appropriation recommended by the Committee should be made. * * *

In reply to Mr. LeVesconte, who said he would withdraw his opposition if the Government would pledge themselves to bring in an act making the grants permanent, the Hon. Provincial Secretary said: "The grant would be permanent; the moment it was withdrawn the condition of the settlement will fail."

There is no disposition on the part of the friends of denominational Colleges to disturb the settlement then made. But to allow these colleges to be stripped of all public aid while Dalhousie is left in the enjoyment of a pubic endowment of about £50,000, and a loan of £5,000 held without interest since 1823, would be a frank admission that the denominational Colleges should never have been established, and that they are not now worth saving.

3. There is no substantial ground for believing that the establishing of a Provincial University on the ruins of the denominational Colleges would raise the status of University education, and advance the educational interests of the country. I have already touched upon ent in the character of the education this point and dare not trespass further upon your space by adducing facts to support it. Such facts are at hand; the whole history of collegiate education in America abounds with proofs of my po-

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I venture to express the hope that this vexed question will be definitely settled during the approaching session of the Legislature. If the friends of the denominadid in 1862-3, and allow judgment to be entered against them by default, subscopent acitation will be of little avail. Colleges cannot live and thrive upon un-Yours truly,

At the request of the Evangelical Al liance of this city we publish a letter from D. Pottinger, Esqr., Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway, on the subject of Sunday Traffic. Our insertion of the letter will not be understood to commit us to the sanction of the views of the writer in every respect. We mark in one paragraph a reference to the prosperity of the country which leads us to fear that under pressure the Sabbath might be sacrificed. We trust that no such pressure will be yielded to. The true prosperity of an individual, and of a country as well, depends upon the treatment of the law of God as a matter of necessity, intended for our good-and not as a matter of con-

Educational topics continue to be at the fore. We publish to-day a third letter from "Layman," whose contributions on the subject are well worth preervation. Professor Smith of Mount Allison has laid down his pen, and Dr. MacGregor, of Dalhousie, has set his quill in motion again. Surely we ought to get some light on the matter. By the way, let us assure our young friends of the Dalhousie Gazette who seem inclined to swing a briar-bush at the WES-LEYAN that the editor entertains only kindly feelings towards Dalhousie. His high regard for Presbyterianism guarantees that fact. He only speaks boldly -never spitefully, be it rememberedwhen there is necessity. His blessing, on Dalhousie, as one of the family of Colleges, would resemble that given to one of the members of a representative family by the old Patriarch-" Let Reuben live, and let not his men be few." For all our Colleges we cherish a similar On one point we fail to comprehend

the Presbyterian Witness, that is, when sets the Presbyterian Theological Hall, designed only for the training of the ministry of that Church, against such institutions as Acadia, King's and Mount Allison, and boasts that it receives no government grants, in pure forgetfulness all the time about Dal-

English temperance workers have learned that men are not to be saved from drunkenness, by the constant cry of "Don't, don't!" In the belief that that vice is a social evil, and that many have been led into its toils through instincts only natural, some true friends of humanity-foremost, we think, among them the Rev. Charles Garrett of the English Methodist Church-prepared the institution of coffee-houses, where at cheap rates food of good quality probably been summarily repealed. The might be supplied, with the additional attractions of the newspapers and freedom to sit and rest and chat with one's friends. The result of the experiment has been successful beyond the expectation of these who promoted it. Works ingmen have found a sort of club-house. where no danger from the seductions of drink threatened them, and managers have been able to pay a dividend of ten per cent on their capital. Similar institutions in all our cities, though not so imperatively necessary as in those of Britain, would act as a means of pieven tion as well as of cure. The Committee of the Woman's Temperance Union of this city did a wise thing when on New Year's day they offered a free lunch as a means of counteracting the influence of the "free-drink" of certain liquor-sellers.

> In his "How to Pay Church Debts, and How to Keep Churches out of Debt." Sylvanus Stall says : The first remedy we would suggest is.

to place a Church paper in every famly, whether members of the Church or not. It should be a paper setting forth the interests of the denomination with which the family worships. While a religious paper of some other denomination may be good, it will not render half the service that the organ of one's own Church would. The Rev. B. B. Collins, missionary of the Lutheran Church in India, while collecting funds in this country for missionary purposes, informed us that he found it almost universally true that those families which read the Church papers were better informed and contributed more liberally : while those who did not read the Church papers usually gave little or nothing for mission purposes. And every pastor will have observed the same thing in his own congregation. A Church paper will liberalize the minds of its readers in many ways; helping them to know what other congregations are doing, and how they do it; what is expected of Church members, and a host of things which the minister could not mention without giving offence. A good Church paper is a great power, and any minister who fails to use it among his people is neglecting one of the great instruments for good. A Church paper is the greatest auxiliary and helper which a miniser can have in his work.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rev. T. H. Porter, of Fredericton, N. B. offers his services as a teacher of Elccution. His testimonials are of the

More than one hundred dollars, unasked for, have already been handed by friends in this city to Rev. II. B. Steinhauer, to be used for a Church at White Fish Lake. Bro. Steinhauer highly appreciates the kindness of friends. The Sunday-school at Charles St. led off in this good work on Sunday last, by placing in his hands fifteen dol-

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., is now the senior minister of the Baptist Churches in the Lower Provinces.

S. A. Crowell, Esq., superintendent of one of our Yarmouth Sunday-schools. left for England, per Sarmatian, on Saturday last.

The address of Mayor Ray, of St. John, N. B., delivered at the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Boston, is given in full in the very handsome volume printed by order of the Boston City Council.

We tender our sympathy to the widow and sons of the late Captain Johnson, whose death appears in our list to-One of the two sons is Rev. W. E. Johnson, of the Hopewell (N. B.) circuit. Captain Johnson, who had been away for three years, was on his way home to remain on shore.

Rev. Thomas Duncan gave a very instructive and interesting lecture at Cobourg Road school-room on Friday evening last. The next lecture of the course will be given, it is expected, by Rev. Robert Wilson, pastor of our Church at Baie Verte, N.B. Mr. Wilson's ability in this direction is well known, especially in the neighboring Provinces. Possibly, our citizens may have more than one opportunity of listening to him.

Thomas Carlyle is sinking fast and his physicians pronounce his case as hope-

The executive committee of the Dominion Temperance Alliance have arranged for the annual meeting on the 9th of February. A committee was appointed to wait on the Minister of Jusice and suggest certain amendments to the Scott Act.

Mr. Robert Graham, the Church of England Temperance Society delegate, who was in Montreal the other day, as decided to visit the Provinces Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, after the completion of his tour through OnThe Old Mille

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The Old Miller and His Mill, by Mark Guy Pearse, and published at the Conference Office, will secure for that really writer the thanks of many readers. Time, the "old miller," turns out various characters. Our young readers

copy may be obtained for 35 cents.

More Heroes than One," is a new book by Rev. J. Jackson Wray, whose "Nestleton Magna" has found its way into so many homes. The Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, issue it in good style, pay the author a royalty, and yet offer it-a pretty bound, illustrated volume of 376 pages, 12 mo., to any subscriber to the Canadian Methodist Magazine for 30 cents additional to the subscription price-\$2.00-of that excellent magazine. The book thus obtained, is a marvel of cheapness. which only a prosperous firm could pro-

usual vivid style, a description of his replaces of note in Europe, while those should certainly give it a careful reading, and then take it with them. Numerous illustrations add to its value.

The Pastor and People is a new periodical, published bi-monthly at Cincinna'i. Rev. Dr. Mease is managing editor, and at the head of the list of "representative contributors," composed of ministers of several Evangelical bodies, appears the name of Bishop Wiley, of the Methodist Episcopal writing about the To Church. This new particular has of England, says: its "mission." It aims to be "a helper in Christian activity," and to bring the ministry and laity into "intelligent and effective co-working, the one with the other, and both into a learning contact with the ministry and laity in general." The subscription price is \$1.50 per annum. A specimen

From Messrs, W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto, we have Miller's Swinton's | ruin drags down to shame.' Language Lessons, by J. Macmillan, M. A., Outlines of English Grammar for the w of Junior Classes, by C. P. Mason, B. A., and the Epoch Tringer of English History, by Mandell Creighton, M. A. All these books are included in Mesars. Gage & Co's excellent " Educational the way admirably for Mason's Gramour language with which we have met. From the Epoch Primer, children will pal events in English history. the samples of the Sliding Copy Book, much pleased. The style of the copies is good, and the "Hints for Class Instruction" well worthy of attention.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The friends of Rev. Joseph McLeod, Fredericton, a fortnight since made him donation of \$182.

into the Congregational Church at Northfield, Mass., January 2nd, were the mother and two brothers of Mr. Moody.

The Rev. Dr. M'Intosh, Presbyterian, of Belfast, is not only called to Chicago, but has received an invitation from Philadelphia. The Chicago church offers a stipend of £1600.

The Baptist mission in Germany reports 134 churches, 26,656 members, 1497 stations, and 11,813 Sunday-school scholars. The churches raised \$65,000 last year for church purposes.

The Rev. John Ross, of the Scottish United Presbyterian Mission in Manchurio, China, has completed the transstion of the New Testament into the Corean, and already four Coreans of the sterary class have been baptized.

The Free-Will Baptists of New Engand recently appointed a committee of lifteen to select a site for a summer resort for the denomination. They have decided to purchase a farm at Old

Fifteen Indians were at the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Idaho, one of them an ordained minister, four ruling elders, two licentiates, three ap-Plying for licensure, and all of them church members.

The Union church on the Back Road, Mear River John, has been finished and meeting at which \$200 were collected. reshyterians, taking part in the service. cere ywish we could believe it.

THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST COUNCIL.

A member of the Western Section of week were "excellent, interesting and

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An outline programme prepared by the Eastern (British) Section, transmitted by Mr. Bond from London, was read by Dr. George and discussed by the committee, after which it was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Drs. Summers, George, Allison, Gardner and Revs. Byers, Travis and Giffen, and Mr. Daisley. At the close of the general committee meeting the sub-committee met and discussed the programme further. They will meet again this morning an hour carlier than the general The Rose-Belford Publishing Co'y., committee for its further consideration, Toronto, have recently issued "A Cana- so that they can report to the general dian in Europe." Under this title, committee at ten o'clock. This programme is merely tenative. The Congress will meet in September, when 400 cent visit to "homes and haunts of the old world." Those who stay at home thodism, will be present. The United may learn much from it respecting States and Canada will send half that number and European and Oriental Mewho contemplate crossing the ocean thodism the other half. The grand total of Methodists in the world numbers 23,455,655, of which there are on this continent about fourteen and one-half millions, including nearly five millions of communicants.

STERN FACTS

FOR TEMPERANCE WORKERS. The London Methodist Recorder, in writing about the Temperance literature

Certainly, whether we be abstainers or non-abstainers-and we know there are multitudes of earnest opponents of the drink-curse in the latter class-it behooves us, by literature, by every kind left Mohammed and gone to Jesus;" to reclaim the 600,000 drunkards of our land and "save the millions, that their

Hen. W. E. Dodge, of New York, re-

cently said at a Temperance meeting: There are to-day 10,000 places in this city where intoxicating liquors are sold; 7,000 licensed by the city authorities and 3,000 carrying on business in open such a thing exist in a civilized commumar, one of the best aids to the study of | nity! It is because they are the right arm of the dominant party in this city. These 3,000 grog-shops can furnish at easily obtain a knowledge of the princi- any time their 50,000 or 75,000 voters, With and, therefore, are indispensable. And yet there has been progress made even forwarded by the same firm, we are here, and there are extenuating circumstances. Many of those who engage in this traffic are foreigners. They bring their national habits here with them. and, as the Germans for instance, conthere a time when such a public sentithe success of the prohibition law in Maine other states are now agitating the question, and we may soon see just such Among the eight persons received a law in force in Kansas, Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania. It has been calculated that the sale of intoxicating liquors last year in Germany, France, Great Britain \$2,700,000, a sum which would more ous. than pay the entire debt of this country. Yet this sum is insignificant when compared with all the crime and pauperism which must have resulted from this enormous sale.

And the Chicago Tribune has this : The prohibition question is in something like this shape: There are 600,-000 male adults in the state; about 400,000 of them drink more or less beer, wine, or whisky, and a large number altogeter more than is good for them. In short, several thousands are inebriates. It is probable that as many as 40,000 men in this state drink in various degrees of moderation. There are 200,000 men who are practically teetotalers, and never or rarely drink any intoxicating liquors. The problem with Miss Willard and the other leaders of the non-drinking minority of men is how to prevent the 40,000 excessive drinkers from getting any liquor. The plan Miss Willard has devised is to forbid by female votes any of the 10,000 saloon keepers from selling beer, wine, or spirits to any of the 400,000 adult males in the state who want "to take something." It is assumed that such is the gallantry of the 10,000 saloonkeepers in Illinois. and of the 400,000 male voters who imre-opened. The several congregations bibe, that the former will emp y their Meres ed in the building held a tea liquors into the gutters and the latter never again ask f raghas beer, -all

SOME LECTURE FEES.

The Canadian correspondent of the

London Watchman tells a story or two the Ecumenical Committee, informs us about American "Star" lecturers. Simithat the meetings held at New York last | lar stories, if we are not in error, might be toldelse where. "On this side of the Atlantic, there are several "Star" lecexhaustive." As the programme pre- turers, some of whom are in great dewill gather good lessons from this pretty pared is merely tentative, and must be mand, and are able to secure almost any followed by much correspondence, but a amount of money for their services. David C. Cook, Chicago, sends us a small part of the arrangements can at Some, however, are of opinion that the time has come when lecturers must copy of Choir Anthems, a book of 160 present be given to the public. Of the in derate their charges, or their services pages, wen points. The author, T. Maram Towne, has, we think, succeeded Maram Towne, has, we think, succeeded Martin towne, nos, we think, succeeded in the following fifty dollars is the price demanded for a in his effort to compile a "book for choirs of average musical culture, which day. In the absence of later intelligence, budy has got to make considerable expenses alaif accompils the true end of another through delay in the mails, we copy ertion in the way of disposing of tickets. Methodist Church. thems for Church services." A sample from the N. Y. Herold of the 27th ult. or elsethere will be aserious financial less. thems for Church services. A sample cory may be obtained for 35 cents,

Checity: A Tole of the English Reformation, a recem publication of the Vigos-leys Conference of the Vigos-leys Conference of the Vigos-leys Conference of the Vigos-leys Conference of the Science of the Sc Western Section, exiled the committee tent with a less fee, but no, he had made pected his fee, but he would write to the gentleman on his return home. He took the whole amount, left the committee to pay the expenses of advertising, &c., and has not yet written to them as he promised. Another case came under the writer's notice. A certain minister was situated as many are at present, with a huge debt on his church, and as the Conference of which he was a member was to meet in his vicinity, he conceived the idea of getting a divine to preach on a Sabbath evening and deliver his lecture the following night in the same church where the Conference was sitting, feeling assured that he would obtain at least one hundred dollars for the Trust Funds, but, alas! when the dear brother paid the lecturer's fee-150 dollars and other expenses, he was minus about four dollars. The lecturer, however, took his full fee, though he delivered the same lecture at two other places fore he returned home; and it must be favor. remembered that the said gentleman is in receipt of a salary of five thousand dollars. Surely such disciples of Christ cannot say as those of the olden time were wont to say, "Silver and gold have we none." &c. A fair remuneration should be given to all ministers who may devote a portion of time to the lecture work; but, surely when helping a poor brother they might give their services on condition of their expenses being defrayed.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

recently attacked by a lion in Birmingham, Eng. He entered the cage in order to clean it. To separate the aniof effort, to wipe away this foul blot mais from that part of the cage that was from England's fame; to make it im- to be cleaned a wooden panel was used. copy will be forwarded by Rev. S. possible for the successful Mohammedan to be cleaned a wooden panel was used.

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ENGLISH CEMETERIES.

The Nonconformist says: "It is evident that many of the clergy intend if possible to defeat the purpose of the new Burials Act, so far, at least, as churchyards are concerned, by getting them closed, and so compelling parishes to provide a cemetery. The plan adopted appears to be for the incumbent to represent to the Home Office that the churchyard is full. Thereapon an inspector is sent down, and he meets the parson, and perhaps the churchwardens. and, accepting their statements and without hearing any contrary representations on the part of the parishioners, who know nothing of what is going on, he reports that the churchyards should be closed, with or without exceptions. Then a notice appears in the London Gazette, and on the church and chapel doors, that on a certain day the representation made will be considered at a meeting of the Privy Council with a view to the issuing of an order for the closing. Too frequently the plan succeeds in country parishes, the inhabitants not | communicants and 162 itinerant minis being sufficiently on the alert or energetic enough to send such protests to the Home Secretary as may lead to the abandonment or modification of the proposed order.'

OUR OWN CHURCH.

The secretary of the Building Committee invites tenders for finishing and painting the outside of the new church at Dorchester.

Several conversions, it is believed, have resulted from the special services taments and catechisms. now being held in the Brunswick Street Church in this city.

The friends of the Rev. W. Dobson, of Hopevell, recently presented him with a purse containing \$47. and with other prosis of their regard.

A series of " sheigh es" is being held at Waterville, Carieton Co., N. B. The fends areto be used in repairing the Tender have been accepted for the

The Transcript says that Mr. P. " lent The Reporter speaks in high terms re-

specting a lecture on "Lord Chatham," recently delivered at Fredericton by Mr. Jas. R. Mace, A.M., under the auspices of the "Young People's Institute " of that city. "Sabbath Observance" was the sub-

ject of a powerful sermon recently delivered by Rev. Thomas Rogers, A. M., at Wolfville. The preacher found illustrations in Sunday movements on the "Intercolonial" and some other recent occurrences

A Cape Breton correspondent writes | dist. that "Bro. Scott is holding special services at Gabarus. God is abundantly blessing his labors. Souls are being saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers strengthened. God be praised.'

Just after we had gone to press last week, we received this message from Rev. Caleb Parker, of Bear River, N. S. :- "We have continued services since the veek of prayer, and the Lord (and it is presumed at the same fee), be- is granting us special marks of his St. John, for the Intercolonial.

The Rev. Benjamin Chappell, A. B., pastor of the Portland Methodist Church, was recently presented with an address, accompanied by several articles expressive of the good wishes of the members of his church. The organist, Mr. A McMurtry, also received similar drowned. tangible tekens of regard.

The following amounts we have been informed were contributed at the recent anniversaty service at Brunswick Street Church: Collected on Sunday-\$30.00: collected in Monday evening-\$73.54: contributed by Sunday-school-\$139.40; An under-keeper in a menagerie was sums provised-\$162.50; total, \$405.44.

F. Sero. Esq., of Charlottetown, worked up.
has for the years held the superintend- The French Canadian, Charles La-Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite,—the newly-elected superintendent, Mr. S. F. Hodgson, and other officers and teachers pre sented Mr. Moore with an address, and a further expression of good will in the shape of a very handsome silver watercooler and saiver. The address and reply are at once indicative of ability and faithfulness on the part of the retiring superintendent, and of valuable assist-

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., four persons were received into membership with the Grafton St. Church in this city. Three of these are connected gnawing at his body, from which the with the Sunday-school, in which are some thoroughly carnest teachers, aimscholars. On Sunday 190 pupils were difficulty. present, to whom, with their teachers, Miss Russell of Dartmouth, gave a most interesting Normal Class lesson on the the scholars filled up all available seats. In the special services, now being held, the pastor, Rev. S. B. Dunn, has much to encourage him.

Since the late meeting at Windsor for the Pronotion of Holiness, a special service has been held on each Monday evening in our Church there. A coreyes appeared to stun it. The lion respondent informs us that this meeting has proved a blessing to many. Thursday evening last was devoted to the pleasure and profit of the members of the Sunday-school. After tea, the doors of the basement were thrown open to the public, who soon occupied all vacant seats. After an address from the esteemed superistendent, John Stirling, Esq. in which he spoke in high terms of all associated with him in Christian work Rev. J. M. Pike, pastor of the Church, uttered some earnest and appropriate counsels. The remaining part of the evening was devoted to short speeches, recitations and music.

ABROAD.

The Watchman announces the death, in the 82rd year of his age, of the Rev. Robert Jackson of Hull, the youngest and last surviving brother of the Rev. Thomas and the Rev. Samuel, Jackson

Mrs. Frances Wyatt of Philadelphia, was born in 1771. She joined the Methodist Church in 1780. She remembers Asbury and Jesse Lee. She is a preacher's widow. She was lately strong enough to partake of the Lord's supper.

The Methodist Episcopal Church for the first lalf of 1830 gained about 23,000 ters. The deaths among lay members for the year ending July, 1880, num hered 21,350. The total number of Methodist communicants in the United States, according to the Methodist Al manac for 1881, is 3,485,999. Total in Rev. John Astbury preached at the repening, Revs. McKay and McCann, males generally vote no-license. We s.nin the event that Miss Willard and the fein the event that Miss Willard and the fein the event that Miss Willard and the feing discs rous. Much damage has been of itinerant ministers is 31,731,
whom 22 304 the world, 4,639,990. The grand total whom 23,304 are in this country.

During the past year the Wesleyans in Fiji report an increase of 835 members for the year, with 5438 on trial, while attendants on public worship are contract. increased by 2254. Books have been sold during the year to the value of £329, and reports came from all the circuits that the people were crying out for Tes-

Through clerical intolerance, the Methodists have been driven out of a village near Cavau, Ireland, in which they worshipped for many years. They are about to build a new chapel in the neighborhood, in the village of Ballinagh, where there is no Protestant troduce I a bill into the Rouse of Compace of worship. Captain Flexing has generously granted a site on lease for and amending acts. He explained that

congregation (Arch Street), under a series of direct and powerful appeals from that pulpit recoully. The almost unprecedented speciacie at that church ments to the Pacac Rallway contract, presented of penitents invited and Booking to the altar of prayer ; and the ing came to a vote on the main resoluworking members, made and female, tion by a vote of 108 year to 46 mayagav-joining in the old-fashioned way to help ing the government a majority of 62, their faith by good, carnest singing and many of the older members being unaprayer, until they are converted. - N. Y. bie to remain to the close.

Eight hundred and more vessels, flying the Norwegian dag, entered the pert of New York in 1880. The labor bestowed upon their crews is not in vain, for it rarely happens at the Norwegian Methodist Mission in Brooklyn that the prayer-meetings of the Sabbath and other evenings of the week have not one or more sailors as earnest seekers at the altar. These are the men who make the "messengers of the nations" for Christ's sake.—N. Y. Metho-

SECULAR GLEANINGS.

MARITIME PROVINCES. Mayor Dawson, of Charlottetown, P.

E. I., has been re-elected by a very large

been made by Messrs. Harris & Co., of The Legislature of Prince Edward Island will meet for the despatch of busi-

ness on Tuesday, the 1st of March. At Liverpool, N. S., on the 27th ult... Charles Peterson, aged 11 years, while skating, fell through the ice and was

The work of putting the Normal School building at Fredericton in order for the convenience of the Legislature of New Permswick has been commenced.

A ligner seller, of Lower Woodstock, has been fined \$50 for violation of the Canada Temperance Law. At Fredericton several cases are being quietly worked up.

ency of the Sunday-school of the First mothe, arrested at Moneton last week Methodist Church there. At his recent on a charge of bigamy, has been dis-

near Cheverie were cutting brewood, a tree fell, striking the head of a young man, 19 years of age, named Tucker, who was instantly killed.

Mr. George B. Burkard, a resident of Newcastle, Grand Lake, N. B., who retired to rest in his usual health, on the ance on the part of the associated officers | evening of the 19th ult., was found dead the next morning. Heart disease was the probable cause.

A large hole was burned in the roof of the Roman Catholic Chapel at Edmundston on Monday right of last week. Fortunately a hogshead of water was at the door of the hotel, by the aid of which ing after the present salvation of their | the fire was extinguished without much

> A despatch received on Monday reports that the steamer Prince Edward of Charlottetown, which sailed from Baltimore, Jan. 1st, for Liverpool, G. B., and for whose safety fears had been entertained, put into the Azores, Jan. 25th for coal.

> The ship Indian Chief, of Liverpool, G. B., Capt. Marmaduke Fraser, went ashere on the 5th ult., at the mouth of the Thames, and became a total wreck. Eighteen of the crew perished. Capt. Fraser, and his brother, the second mate, were among the drowned. The captain belonged to Pictou.

> The steamer Edinburgh, sailed on Monday night for London, with 422 head of cattle, 80 tons of meat and poultry, five tons of butter, 752 cases of canned meats, about 2200 barrels of apples, 80 tons of cattle feed, and 153 tons of coal. The whole cargo is from the Provinces of New Brunswick and

> At Digby, on the 25th ult., Mrs. John Wilson, 65 years of age, went to the woods in search of her son. He returned and immediately went in search of her, but she could not be found. The next morning her lifeless body was discovered in the snow near the barn. where she had perished from exposure.

> On the night of the 16th ult., when about 300 miles from Bermuda, the steamer Beta, Capt. Shaw, was run into by a barque, which sheered off before her name could be ascertained. The Beta lost her topgallantmast and sustained some damage to hull. Captain Shaw followed the barque for a short distance. but as she made no signal, and continued on her course, he supposed she was not much injured,

> > UPPER PROVINCES.

At Montreal, at a meeting of the Joliette Mutual Insurance Company on Saturday, the President and three directors were arrested at the instance of some of the shareholders on a charge of conspiracy. The directors were liberatat Natal from India with 1,245 mfantry. ed on bailing bonds of \$200 each.

M. H. Richey, Esq., M. P. for Hali fax, spoke at some length on Tuesday afternoon in favor of the Pacific Railwa.

The Canada Pacific Railway Syndicate are preparing land regulations for the sale of their 20,000 acres. It is said their arrangements will be liberal.

The funeral of the late Mr. Letellier de St. Just, took place on Wednesday at River Outle. It is said that he was unable to partake of took for some days be-

On Priday afternoon Mr. McCualg init was proposed to restore the clause There is somewhat of a shaling granning a judge power to grant disamong the "dry bones" in Dr. Thany's charge waere no trand had been com-

and at a quarter to eight in the morn-

Lake Michigan was so frozen lately that pedestrians could walk from the shore to the crib about two miles out.

Nearly a thousand immigrants arrived at Castle' Garden on Tuesday. They are from almost every part of

It is said that Lord Lorne's brother, Lord Walter Campbell, who studied business in New York and afterwards became a Liverpool merchant, has failed.

The House-Armory and White Tower containing the armories at the Tower of London are closed to the public on account of an apprehended Fenian distur-

Two school-teachers at Berlin have been reprinanded for a personal encounter with Jews in a transcar. One teacher has been fined for actively participating in the anti-Jewish agitation.

The Greek Parliament met on Monday; there will probably be a ministerial crisis. New army corps are being formed daily. It is reported that Greece has ordered sixty torpedces.

The stockholders of the Philadelphia Centennial exhibition have decided to close the building, remove the exhibits, and sell the property. The institution has been in a decining condition for

Albert B. and Chas. E. Talbot were sentenced on Saturday, at Maysville Mo., to be hanged on the 25th March, for the murder of their father in September last. Both protested their in-

The Mayor of Liverpool, G. B., has been communicating with the commander of the troops in the district and the captain of the guardship in the Mersey. to arrange for co-operatian with the military in the event of some sus actions on the part of Irishmen.

The House of Representatives on the 28th ult., adopted a resolution calling on the the Secretary of State for all information in his possession upon the alleged fictitious statistics used before the Halifax Fishery Commission, and also as to any steps that may have been taken to verify Professor Hind's statements.

Debates on Mr. Forster's bill were resumed in House of Commons Monday night, and the effort of the Home Rule members to obstruct the debate was desperate. Mr. Parnell was very defiant. He said that the Tories and Liberals were united to bully, crush, and degrade Ireiand, but he would resist the nation and their backing. He spoke with insult, and the Speaker called him to order many times. Mr. Parnell threatened to prolong the sitting for three days. His colleagues, in speaking on the bill insulted Mr. Glalstone and Lord Hartington .-- On Tuesday Mr. John Bright declared that the Government will accept the responsibility of the position, and he believes that Mr. Gladstone is prepared to submit resolutions to the House for dealing with obstruction unparalleled and the grossest insult to Parliament. - The Standard says: "The Cabinet met informally yesterday to consider the obstruction. The authorities of the House also had been consulted. We believe Lord Hartington has: had a brief interview with Lord Beaconsfield on the subject." Gen. Colley's advance guard consist

ing of a portion of the 58th regiment and a force of horsemen, attacked the Boers' position a few days ago. The attack at the first was partially successful, but subsequently the Boers were strong-ly reinforced and repulsed the British troops with heavy loss. The enemy suffered severely. Both maintain their position. The Boers fought with determined courage. They captured the col-ors of the 58th Regiment, killing two officers. The colors were recaptured at the point of the bayonet. Colonel Dean and Captain Inman are among the killed. Forty Boers fell close to British lines. -The troopship Euphrates has arrived from Bomoay with reinforcements of artillery, cavalry and foot, 1,313 strong. The Basutos are reported in want of food and tired of fighting. One thousand Boers and in sight of the scouts of the British advance column. At a meeting, at Amsterdam, of sympathizers with the Boers, Professor Hastings, of the University of Utrecht, pre-siding, they resolved to forward an address to the King of the Netherlands praying him to direct his government to make diplomatic representations to Great Britain with the object of terminating the war in the Transvaal, granting independence to the Poers .-The troopship Crocodile has arrive l

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MEMORIAL NOTICES.

The pains of death are passed, Labor and sorrow cease;
And lite's long warfare closed at last, Their souls are found in peace.

The 12th of November, 1880, will be remembered as the day on which occurred at the Albion Mines one of the most fearful explosions resulting in the loss of life and property in the his-

tory of coal mining in Nova Scotia. Among the more than forty men lost were Lewis Thomas and Job Skinner. LEWIS THOMAS

was born in Wales in 1845 and came to this country eighteen years ago, the Last nine of which were spent at the Albion Mines. He became attached to our church through the kindness of Rev. A. D. Morton visiting his family when in affliction. During the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Tuttle he experienced the pardoning mercy of God, and united with the church. His conversion was very clear and happy, and his Christian life most

He was a very liberal supporter of the church, and aided to the best of his ability all its interests. As he had opportunity he endeavoured to be useful, and his pious exportations will long be membered not only in our own prayer meetings but as he met with men in their daily avocations. He was also an efficient Sabbath-school teacher and Steward in the Church. He left a widow and eight children to mourn their loss of one of the best of fathers; children that we hope will follow him as he followed Christ.

JOB SKINNER

was born in England in 1852 and emigraced to Nova Scotia ten years ago. He had professed religion in the old Weldon, and became an active member, diligent in attending the means of | feel the solemn importance of feeding | portation, and which, if the road be- subject. grace, teaching in the Sabbath-school immortal souls. We cannot tell who and becoming Recording Steward of shall reap from the seed thus sown, the circuit. As a Steward he was energetic and faithful and a valuable help in this part of the work of the Church. The night before he and Bro. Thomas were called away they were in the week night prayer-meeting and Fit is rather remarkable that the last ther." One good result was seen last bility of being detained, should the words we sang together were:

'Our souls are in his mighty hand, And He shall keep them still,
And you and I shell surely stand, With Him on Zion's hill.

JAMES TURNER another of our members, we killed by a tall of coal in the Acadia Mine, Dec. 24, 1880. He was a child of pions parents who endeavoured to train their children in the tear of the Lord and sought by prayer their early conversion. His mother—a most devoted Christian lived to see her children savingly converted. About three years ago James sought salvation and became a member of the Church, and his relirious life was earnest and consistent. The memory of these beloved brethren will long be a blessing to the Church. Their places were never vacant in the public or social services when it was possible for them to attend. The Savdour whom they loved and served called them away suddenly and the transition was from the darkness of the mine to the glorious light of the Angels'

I. E. THURLOW. Stellarton, Jany. 22nd, 1881.

GEORGE FORREST

of Newport, N. S., departed this life on the 27th of Dec., 1880, in the 67th year of his age, in full assurance of a resurrection to eternal life.

While his widow mourns her loss she does not mourn as those without hope, having the assurance of the word of God, "that if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so also them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Inim." His brethren in the church also miss him. He was always in his place, From the time he united with the church. mearly thirty-seven years ago, during a revival when the Rev. William Croscombe was on this circuit. As a Sunday-school teacher, a Class-leader or Steward, it was his endeavour to do all to the glory of God. The writer remembers with what earnestmess, after he began to meet in class, he sought the witness of the Spirit to his adoption as a child of God. Often did he mourn over the little progress He made in the divine life; often did he pray for a brighter light to shine apon the road that lead him to the Lamb. His earnest prayer for the ssalvation of souls during the revival of East winter will not soon be forgotten by his brethren, nor will his exhortations to those out of Christ, to "flee from the wrath to come," and seek reauge in the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," soon pass from their recollection.

His delight was in the prayer and class meeting, as in those means of grace he always had his own soul blessed, even more than in the more public

Of those who were in class with our brother when he first joined the church, three have gone home, three have passed their three score years and ten, the sothers are bordering on their allotted Limit of life, and to which of us the call mext will come, is only known to him who knoweth all things. May we too, be ready to enter into the marriage supmer of our Lord.

The finest portrait extant of Oliver Cromwell is said to be in the Baptist eight inches. So deep was the water sgravings have been made from copies. storm.

Correspondence.

AT THE LUMBER CAMPS.

Methodist preacher.

In and around my circuit, (Havelock, N. B.) are four camps containing | was being done. about one hundred and fifty men in all, who are away from the refining Believing, as we all do, that the Gospel is adapted to cheer and help men

To the first camp I went one day at | of fuel. noon. Here were thirty-six men, some They seemed glad to have such ap hung the lighted lanterns around, giving the place archeerful appearance,

one of the most interesting I ever took country, and united with our church part in. About forty hard working during the pastorate of Rev. A. F. | men, as eagerly attentive as they could possibly be, made the preacher shall reap from the seed thus sown, some days, it was deemed advisable to tain that he was sowing the seed of the | The number of additional wheels in the and he that reapeth shall rejoice toge- the road and placed beyond the possithe Sunday.

to-morrow evening at a third, and on the regularly as usual. following night in a fourth. \ With the men I leave a few papers and tracts fined to the main line, and noeffort was which may profitably occupy a little made on Sunday to break the ice on while in the evenings, giving them the Pictou line. The consequence was material for vure thought which will | that on Monday several engines were bless them now and when they shall thrown from the track in trying to have returned to their homes. At the make their way over the road, although close of the service already held. I gave notice of another appointment a tortnight hence, which I shall probably the cuttings on the Picton line afford which contained seven sermons. do in the other camps.

neighborhood of other circuits there the main line in the neighborhood of may be camps similar to these, other Londonderry. If it had been possible brethren in y be encouraged to seek to to spare engines and plows to break save those who at this season of the the ice on the Pictou line, it would year call for our sympathy and help.

Permit me, Mr. Editor, to add that, expense. as a Methodist preacher on a Home spare for literature either for himself or others, I will very gladly receive a package of illustrated papers or tracts, ing, from any triend interested in such

Petitcodiac, N. B.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

To the Editor of the Wesleyan : MY DEAR SIR, -Some correspondence respecting Sunday trains has passed between the Evangelical Alliance and the railway authorities. The communication which I inclose was written in reply to a note from me, in which I conveyed to Mr. Pottinger a statement of trains run on Sunday, the 16th Jan., -a statement furnished by Mr. Mc-Connell of Truro. I submitted Mr. Pottinger's communication to the Evangelical Alliance, and I am directed to ask you to publish it, or as much of it as you can conveniently give in your

> Yours respectfully, ROBERT MURRAY.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT. MONCTON, 22nd Jan'y., '81. Rev. Robert Murray, Halifax, N. S.:

My Dear Sir,-I duly received your letter, dated January 19th, with en-closures, which letter I now return. The statements of Mr. McConnell, with reference to the running of trains last Sabbath, the 16th, are perfectly correct. When I have explained the circumstances, however, you will, I think admit that it was a work of ne-

The circumstances which existed last Sabbath along the line in Nova Scotia were very exceptional indeed. On Friday night and Saturday a heavy rain storm prevailed, followed on Saturday night by a hail and sleet storm.

On Saturday night the men in charge of the track reported that in many places the track was covered with water and slush to a depth of six or College at Bristol, for which \$2,525 on the track in many places, that tears | ter, I have read in the newspapers the has been refused. It is small, and de- were expressed by some of the officials resolution of the Picton Presbytery, in picts the Protector without armor. It is lest the engines going with trains on which they refer to the transportation us resolve to make the coming year sequence of an attempt having been put out. The telegraph wires were a Sunday during the summer. This no made to substitute an engraving for it. broken down in all directions by the doubt, in the light of information that issue of his paper he requests his read There is no engraving from it, but en- weight of the ice and the force of the was received atterwards, was a mistake ers to throw ashes where the boys are

necessary to run engines over the line to keep it open; for, if this had not been done, the track would have frozen These are not the large camps usually | up solid, and the only way in which it heard from about the head of the could have been opened for traffic again Nashwaak, but smaller ones which, would be by employing large numbers

however, have a sufficient number of of men to cut the ice off the rails with men in them to warrant the visits of a picks. This would have been a work of days, and traffic of every kind would have been stopped during the time it To show you that this would have

been the result, it trains had not been influence of wife, mother, and sisters. | run, it is only necessary for me to say that the branch lines in the Fictou Coal District remained closed until yesterat their daily toil, by elevating their day, the 21st, as the ice had to be pickmoral life, even amid untoward circum ed off the track by gangs of men. The stances, I concluded that these camps | consequence of this has been that the presented a field for useful Christian | Londonderry Iron Works were in imminent danger of being closed for want

This sleet storm is said to be the from my own circuit and others from most severe that has occurred for many distant places. When dinner was over | years, and a large tract of country is I read and prayed with those teamsters | covered with ice. I read a paragraph and others who had not yet gone out to a few days ago in a newspaper stating their work; and then spoke to the pro- that a man had skated over the country prietors about an evening service. | from Green Hill to Westville, and you | know the condition of the country in our Book Room at Halifax for a pack- can imagine the railway track covered age of attractive and useful papers, with ice in many places six or eight such as the British Workman and inches thick, you can form some idea others. Five evenings later I went, of what its condition would have been taking Bible and hymn books with me. had some effort not been made to keep The cooks had cleaned up the camps, it open. The means adopted for this arranged green boughs in the root, and | purpose were simply the running of engines, plows and flanges over the track at frequent intervals while it was and causing the preacher to feel that | in process of freezing, to break the ice somewhere among the men there was as it formed, with the wheels, and then a thorough appreciation of the appoint- scrape it from the track when loosened. The running of one engine or train About seven o'clock, the tables being | would not have sufficed to de this work. cleared, we began service. The sing- A succession of them had to be run at ing was very hearty, and the service intervals, as the process of freezing was

continually going on. As there was a large accumulation of came blocked, might be detained for but the preacher never felt more cer- utilize the engines to haul this freight. kingdom, which would bear fruit train rather assisted the operation of From this service he looks forward to breaking the ice, and the perishable the time when both "he that soweth | freight was forwarded one stage upon Sabbath, when at a service at my track freeze up notwithstanding the expreaching place nearest to that camp, ertions which were being made to keep were found a dozen of the men who it open. The efforts made were, howwere too far from home to reach it for ever, successful, and there was no in- how." terruption to the traffic on the main To night I preach in another camp, line on Monday, the trains running

The exertions of the men were conthe water an opportunity of draining I write this thinking that, as in the away readily, which is not the case on have saved considerable trouble and

On Monday and Tuesday when it Mission Station has but little money to I was attempted to run wing plows upon the Pictou line to widen the track, in consequence of ice having been allowed to form alongside the track, they attractive to weary men in the even- mounted on the ice, and this bed of ice on the side of the track will either have to be removed with pick and shovel, or it will remain a source of danger all winter. I think I have fully explained the reason for running the trains as they were run last Sunday from Truro.

With reference to the general question of the running of trains on Sanday. I should say that it is the wish of Sir Charles Tupper, the Minister of Railways, that as little work shall be done, in connection with the Railway on peatedly given orders that Sunday work be reduced to the smallest possi-

It seems almost superfluous to say that neither myself nor the Traffic Superintendents have any wish to work on the Sabbath-that, on the contrary, our time is so fully occupied on week days that we are glad of the Sabbath rest. When trains are moving on Sunday it requires the personal attend tion of the Traffic Superintendents; they are, therefore, not likely to cause this to be done, if it can be avoided without loss to the Railway, or incon-

venience to the public. I would not consider it necessary to make this last explanation were it not that some of those who speak and write upon the subject, seem to think that the Railway officials are auxious to cause work on Sunday, and have some personal end to serve. On the contrary, their sole aim is to make the Intercolonial a success, and its success means increased prosperity to the country through which it passes. It is. during the winter, the only means of communication between the Upper and Lower Provinces, and it is, meretore, of great importance that it should not carry." be obstructed. Those charged with the duty of operating it feel the responsibility which rests upon them, to keep it open and in running order, and this is no light task in winter time.

After some remarks upon the successful efforts of the Intercolonial officials to prevent the diverting of traffic to the port of Boston, the writer adds:

To return to the subject of Sunday trains. Since receiving your first letand need not have been done. The sliding down-hill.

facts, however, are these:-A large Under the circumstances it became number of sheep were brought over by the Prince Edward Island steamer to Britain. While empty sheep cars were being brought from the New Brunswick end of the line to Pictou to load these sheep, the train got off the track and was delayed. The owner represented to the Traffic Superintendent that it was of the utmost importance that his sheep be loaded and torwarded at once, because unless this was done they would miss the steamer in which he intended shipping them. The Traffic Superintendent was unable to make inquiry into the correctness of this statement, and took it for granted, and therefore, as the sheep cars had been detained on Saturday in getting to Pictou Landing, he took them there on Sunday. The sheep were loaded and taken to Moncton, where they arrived Sunday night. These are the facts with reference to the transport of the sheep. There can be no doubt, in view of the intermation which was afterwards re ceived, that there was no real necessity for transporting them on Sunday, but the Traffic Superintendent acted upon pointment made. I then sent away to the neighborhood of Halifax. It you the information he had at the time. It may be called an error in judgment, although that is, perhaps, too strong a | Capt. Russell's Watchword.

term to apply to it. In my last letter to you I said that I was having a statement prepared of Digging a Grave with a Wine-glass. the trains run upon Sunday. This statement I got from the Traffic Superintendent a few days ago, but as he had neglected to insert the hour of the day at which the trains were run, I return- | Eleanor Willoughby's Self. ed it to procure this information. Instead of waiting until it was received, I have deemed it best to reply to your last letter, and give you the particulars I have just written.

You are at liberty to use any portion of this letter, or of my previous letter, or any information either of them con- | Heart's Delight. perishable freight and English goods tains, in whatever way you see fit. 1 Harry Maitland. for the Upper Provinces awaiting trans- will write you again further on the Hetty's Hopes.

Yours very truly, D. POTTINGER.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Do plumbers' pipes ever burst? If not, why not? It they do, how can they find time to mend other people's pipes

An editor who was told, that his last article was as clear as mud, said, "Well, that covers the ground, any-

Every person should pay due respect to his personal appearance; to do more than this would be as irrational as to eat to excess. A cunning man is often shrewd, but

seldom wise. He sets so many traps for others that he generally gets into some of them himselt. "Dried tongue," was the answer

dist church in West Philadelphia is said to have been accomplished by the members without the "assistance of When you have had impressions,

upon which you have acted wisely, but could not give a reason other than your sagacity, acknowledge that it was God leading you. There are few better epitaphs than

this, inscribed on a simple free stone slab at Cedar Grove. New London: "What sort of a man he was the ressurrection morning will reveal.

Judge Black is quoted as saying of General Garfield's mother: "She is a sterling, admirable woman, who has done her life-work well under very dis-

We are ruined not by what we really want, but by what we think we do: Sunday, as possible; and he has re- therefore never go abroad in search of your wants. If they be real wants, they will come home in search of you; for he that buys what he does not want will soon want what he cannot buy.

Mr. Spurgeon never ushers in his text by any such stereotyped phrase as "I invite your attention to the following passage of Scripture." He just stands up and tells where the text is. reads it, and goes on with his ser-

One watch set right will do to set many by; but on the other hand, one that goes wrong may be the means of misleading a whole neighborhood; and the same may be said of the example we each set to those around us.

"It isn't loud praying that counts with the Lord so much as giving four quarts for every gallon, sixteen ounces for a pound, and thirty-six inches to the yard," said an Arkansas circuit rider.

Secretary Evarts puts it this way The peasant of Ireland or Germany. he said, "carrying a soldier on his back, cannot compete with the American peasant, who has no soldier to

Whenever you see anything grand and colsssal, whenever anything tiny and beautiful, the labourer has been there. He has stamped it with his sign manual. He is its creator. All that nature has given us proceeds from the Most High. All that art has bestowed on us is the gift of the laboror. All artificial capital is the work of his

This is the hour when the editor of a weekly newspaper commences an editorial with this sentence: " Now that the old year has passed away, let

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the Prince Edward Island steamer to Picton Landing to be transported to Quebec, and there shipped to Great Reliair. While appropriate the Prince Edward Island steamer to Picton Landing to be transported to Quebec, and there shipped to Great Reliair. While appropriate the Prince Edward Island steamer to Picton Landing to be transported to Quebec, and there shipped to Great Reliair.

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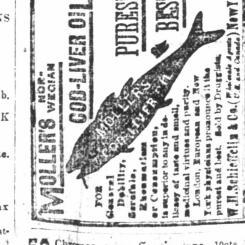
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to Hannah E. Beatty, all of Parrsboro. On the 27th Jan'y, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. John Read, Anthony II. Bond, of Devonshire, England, to Annie, third daughter of the late James Bell, Esq., of St. John, N.B.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Hopewell Corn r, on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. W Dobson, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Johnson, Mr. Wallace Beatty, of Hillsboro, to Miss Eliza McLaughlin, of the same place. On the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Studholm, King's Co., N. B., by the Rev. S. James, Mr. Byron McLeod, of the Parish-of Cardwell, to Miss Ella, eldest daughter of A. Kennedy, Esq.

At the residence of the bride's father, South-At the residence of the bridge states, South-port, P.E.I., on the 10th ult., by the Rev. Geo. M. Campbell, Mr. James A. McMillan, of Brackley Point Boad, Lot 33 to Julia F., daughter of W. M. Farquharson, Esq.

At the Methodist Personage, Gibson, N.B., by the Rev. J. S. Allen, on the 19th ult, Mr. John Finnamore, to Miss Ida M. Wade, both of Marysville, N.B.

At the sam place, by the same, on the 12th inst., Mr. G. W. Bailey, of St. Mary's, to Miss Elizabeth Rideout, of Marysville. On the 25th of Dec., at the residence of the groom's father, by the Rev. Win. Brown, Mr.

Jonas Young, and Miss Barbara McKay, all

By the same, on the 23rd of Jan'y., in the Methodist Church at Little Harbor, Mr. Thos. Penney of Jordan, and Miss Sarah L. Decker of Little Harbor.

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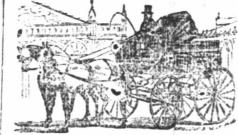
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