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—In its last issue for 1895, the London Freeman remarked: "We do not remember a year less eventful than 1895, in the annals of our denomination. Mr. Greenough has more than maintained the traditions of the presidential chair of the Baptist Union. His two addresses have produced a deep and lasting impression. Mr. Greenough is now the most popular of our leaders. No minister is more acceptable for instance in Salendine Nook or in Rosendale, or among the devoted admirers of the late Mr. Spurgeon than the president of the Baptist Union. We simply record the fact. The unity is full of promise. We shall see how far the promise is fulfilled."

—The Nova Scotia Legislature was opened on Thursday last. The Governor's speech mentions as cause for congratulation the excellent harvest of the year, but expresses regret that the fishing and mining industries had enjoyed a smaller measure of prosperity than in some preceding years. The speech contained also congratulatory allusion to the work of the Provincial Farmer's organization and in the progress of the Yarmouth and Shelburne railroad. The Revenue of the past year is somewhat in excess of the expenditure. The address in reply was moved by Mr. Black of Cumberland, and seconded by Mr. Bancroft of Annapolis. The session, it is expected, will be a short one.

—The death of John Wallace, Esq., of Hillsboro, Albert Co., notice of which is found in our obituary column, removes a man who was not only highly esteemed by the church of which he was a valued member, but one also who had taken a prominent and honorable part in the public affairs of the country. From the confederation of the provinces in 1867 to 1876, Mr. Wallace represented his county in the Dominion Parliament and again from 1882 to 1887. For the last seven or eight years he had held the office of Collector of Customs at Hillsboro. Mr. Wallace was a man of friendly disposition and unassuming manners. He took a deep interest in agriculture and endeavored to promote the welfare of his county generally. He had of course a very wide circle of friends by whom he will be greatly missed.

—The following suggestive and wise sentences are quoted from the *Sunday School Times*: "The child's need is the supreme need. It is said by ballistics that the voices of children are heard to a greater height than is any other sound that goes up from the earth. They travel higher than the screech of the steam whistle, the roar of the caisson or the shout of a mob. So to the attentive ear which can estimate the true source of social appeals, the requirements of the younger generation come the first and rise the highest. They are the plastic elements of the race upon which wise shaping is given with best results. They are the springtime of the world's year from which their summers and harvests derive their possibilities of gain. And they are the channels through which those older than themselves may be reached most effectively. The affection of many a rough and godless father for his child has been the opening of the joints of his armor, where gospel grace smote him to his healing. If we do the best we can for the children, we are doing the best we can for the world."

The intellectual training of the young with a view to their preparation for the important and responsible duties of citizenship, has received a large share of public attention during the latter decades of the present century, both in our own country and in other parts of the civilized world. But it is evident to every intelligent and observant person that we are far from having reached, in this matter, a point of excellence where improvement is impossible. Certainly, a great deal of good and faithful work is being done in connection with our public school systems in the different provinces of Canada. We have no desire to depreciate unduly the value of the results which are being achieved. But when present attainments are compared with what is ideally, and what should be actually, possible, there seems to be quite as much ground for disappointment as for congratulation. If, as we are told, the common school system exist for the purpose of developing the essential qualities of citizenship, we are constrained to believe that the State largely misses its mark by failing to get a proper grasp of the child during the most plastic period of life and in giving such direction in the proper use of its physical, intellectual and moral faculties as, in most cases, will result in a wholesome and useful character. In this connection, we desire to quote some sentences from the *Christian Register*, of Boston. "Scientists, Physiological and

Psychological show the value of the early formative years; yet the community is slow to heed them. Primary school teachers are frequently the youngest, most inexperienced and ill-paid of any in the list. Outside the schoolroom the little ones are allowed to play on the streets, picking up all sorts of acquaintances, and forming bad habits of mind and body at a susceptible period, when it is important to acquire habits that will foster good character through life. If one wants proof of the incontestable importance of good early training, he has only to turn to the records of the San Francisco kindergartens. Of 9,000 children who, during the past few years, have passed through these kindergartens connected with the public schools, children from the home of the so-called 'common people,' not one has been arrested for crime. Here surely is a strong proof that prevention is better than cure. Judicious care of children includes not only wise ways of dealing with them, so as to prevent crime, but it must also consider, how to meet every stage of delinquency from the moment of suspicion up to the time when permanent reform may be assumed."

PASSING EVENTS.

FOR Europe and even for America the South African incident for the past week has been the topic of most exciting discussion, quite overshadowing for the time being the Venezuelan boundary dispute. The action of the Emperor of Germany in sending a congratulatory despatch to the President of the Transvaal on account of the defeat of Dr. Jameson's force by the Boers has caused the most lively indignation in England and the war spirit of the nation has flamed up against Germany with a fierceness that the more pointed insult of President Cleveland failed to evoke. This feeling against Germany is not because of any sympathy with the foolish and futile expedition of Dr. Jameson, which seems to be universally condemned by the public as well as the Government of Great Britain, but because it is felt that in sending such a message, under the circumstances, to a state which is held to be distinctly within the British sphere of influence and for whose external relations the British Government is in a measure responsible, the German Emperor has offered a gratuitous insult to England. This being accompanied by a report that Germany was about sending a body of marines to the aid of President Kruger of the Transvaal has raised the British temper to something near white heat. The Government has taken measures to place the naval forces of the nation in readiness for immediate action, and the Kaiser has had it made plain to him that, however indisposed the old Lion may be to take seriously the tall-talking performances of Uncle Sam's mischievous boys, it is certainly not a kind of game that Germany will be permitted to indulge in with impunity. So far as the South African episode is concerned, matters seem to have been arranged amicably between the Great Britain and the Transvaal Government. Dr. Jameson and his fellow prisoners having been handed over to the Cape Colony Government, it seems probable that the feeling between England and Germany will subside. On the other hand there is a suspicion that the Emperor has determined to bring on war and merely seized the incident in the Transvaal as an occasion for doing so. Unless he is more insane than he has ever been supposed to be, the Emperor does not desire to provoke a war with Great Britain single-handed. He knows that when once the torch of war is lighted in Europe the conflagration will probably be almost universal. But what forces would be allied on one side and the other no one can tell, and much less, what the ultimate results of such a war would be. It seems certain, however, that very little more foolishness on the part of Kaiser William will be tolerated by England.

SOME readers will be asking—"Who are the Boers and who are the Uitlanders of whom we are hearing so much in connection with matters in South Africa?" The Boers, it may be replied, are of Dutch origin, being the descendants of the first colonists of what afterwards became the British Colony of the Cape. In them the sturdiness and stubbornness of the Dutch character find large expression. Some of these people, because they disliked the more highly organized condition of society introduced under British rule, or because of their indisposition to assimilate with new elements of population, moved away across

the river Vaal and formed the semi-independent state known as the Transvaal. The Uitlanders—that is foreigners or outsiders—are people who, attracted by the rich gold mines which a few years ago were discovered in a part of the Transvaal country, have moved in in great numbers and have established towns, villages and one large city, named Johannesburg. The Uitlanders are now, it is said, much more numerous than the Boers and are increasing rapidly through a large and constant immigration. Among them different races are represented, but they are mostly of British origin. The Uitlanders have wealth and intelligence as well as numbers. But though they are heavily taxed for the support of government they are not admitted to any share in it, being wholly excluded from the exercise of the franchise. The Boer government is also oppressive and wholly inadequate to the needs of the people. An efficient police system is entirely lacking. No schools are provided for the children of the Uitlanders, nor are they permitted to provide schools themselves, except on condition that no other language than the Dutch shall be taught in them. The spirit and character of the Boers renders them both unwilling and unable to make any adequate provision for the new conditions which the opening of the mines and the influx of population have induced. Under such circumstances it is evident that a revolution could not be long delayed. But the stubborn and stupid conservatism of the Boer government and its powerful military force made a revolution no easy matter to effect. The Uitlanders may be easily pardoned for feeling great irritation under the circumstances, but they seem to have committed the criminal blunder of seeking to oppose the oppression of the Boers by military force from an external source, instead of trusting in moral and constitutional methods and invoking the influence of the British government to bring about a peaceful revolution and secure a just administration of the affairs of the country. What had passed between the revolutionist party in the Transvaal and the South African Company and whether or not the expedition of Jameson was undertaken with the cognizance and approval of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, the late president of the Company, are matters yet to be investigated. Dr. Jameson, of course, expected by striking a quick, hard blow, to overthrow the Boer government in the Transvaal. But the revolution was not so ripe as he had anticipated. The Uitlanders whom he had evidently expected to rise in great numbers on his approach, were intimidated by the military force of the Boers and failed to come to his assistance in any way. The result was disastrous not only to Jameson and his force but also to the cause of the Uitlanders which seems to be now much less hopeful than it was before.

THE political situation existing during the past week at Ottawa must be humiliating in the extreme to the Government, and is certainly not adapted to flatter the dignity and pride of the Canadian people. After Parliament had assembled and the speech from the throne had been presented and while the country waited full of interest for the movement of its legislators in connection with the important business which was to occupy their attention at this session, suddenly they came the surprising announcement that seven members of the administration had resigned *en bloc*. The reasons for so extraordinary a course are of course sought for with much interest. It is to be noted that the seven ministers who have declined longer to follow the leadership of Sir McKenzie Bowell, do not cast any suspicion upon either the personal or political integrity of the Premier, nor upon the value of the services which he has rendered to his party and the country. Further these gentlemen profess themselves to be in accord with the policy of the Government as outlined in the speech of the Governor-General, including, of course, the introduction of remedial legislation in the matter of the Manitoba School Law. The reason for their resignation may be briefly summed up in the statement that they are convinced that Sir McKenzie Bowell, with all his virtues, has not been endowed with the qualities essential to the successful leadership of the Government and that out of regard for the interests of their party (which of course these gentlemen very closely identify with the welfare of the country) they have concluded it necessary to take the extraordinary step which they have taken. It was evidently expected that in the face of this action the Premier would at once recognize the impossibility of his

continuing in the leadership, and, according to generally accepted reports, it was anticipated that his resignation would be followed by a reorganized administration, with Sir Charles Tupper as its head. But Sir McKenzie Bowell has declined to play his part in accordance with such a programme. He at first announced his determination to continue if possible in the leadership and his expectation of being able to fill the vacancies in the Government. Afterwards he seems to have proposed to place his resignation in the hands of the Governor-General, but was assured by Lord Aberdeen that constitutional usage required that the speech from the throne should be considered and disposed of before a reorganization of the Government could take place. Such was the situation which had been reached on Thursday last, when, at the request of the Government, Parliament adjourned until Tuesday, the 14th, in order that the Premier might, if possible, make provision for the vacancies in his Cabinet and proceed with the business of Parliament. If this programme is carried out, it seems very improbable that the Government will be sustained in the House on its remedial legislation policy, and is therefore likely to meet defeat before the speech from the throne can be disposed of. Sir McKenzie Bowell has certainly been subjected to a severe experience and deservedly receives sympathy. The action of his seven supporters in resigning just after having endorsed the policy of the Government in the speech from the throne is naturally the subject of severe criticism. But it has been pretty evident, ever since the issuing of its remedial order in the Manitoba School matter, that the government was sadly in lack of competent leadership.

THE death of Mr. C. W. Weldon, of this city, which occurred on Sunday afternoon, while it was probably not wholly unexpected by those around him, was received by many of his friends here and elsewhere with profound surprise and regret. For some months past an insidious disease had been undermining a natural vigorous constitution and Mr. Weldon has now passed away at the age of 65. Mr. Weldon was widely and favorably known throughout the province, and, as he was for thirteen years a member of the Dominion Parliament, his acquaintance in political circles was a large one. His qualities were such as to win for him the general esteem of those who were opposed to him as well as those associated with him in politics. The *Sun*, which has been strongly opposed to Mr. Weldon politically, alludes to him as "one of the leading public men in Eastern Canada and one of the most estimable and prominent citizens of St. John." Mr. Weldon was well known as one of the prominent leaders of the Liberal party in this province, and the *Sun* intimates that, if his life and health had been spared, he would have been expected to lead his party in the approaching political campaign, and in the event of that party proving successful, he would doubtless have been accorded a prominent position in the new administration or would have received an early appointment to the Supreme Court bench. Such a position, it is generally admitted, Mr. Weldon's distinguished legal attainments and his judicial mind would especially have fitted him to adorn. Mr. Weldon was actively interested in the cause of education and had been for some years chairman of the Board of School Trustees for St. John. He was also for some time president of the *Telegraph* Publishing Company, and his connection with it had ceased only a few months previous to his death. The *Telegraph* of Monday prints many tributes from leading men of different political complexions, who unite in testifying to the high esteem in which Mr. Weldon was held on account of his ability, integrity, courtesy and other excellent qualities which distinguished him in private as well as in public.

It is interesting to note that an Acadia graduate took an important part in the thirteenth quarterly convocation of the University of Chicago. The convocation was held in the auditorium, Chicago, Jan. 2, the address being delivered by the Honorable William Easton Russell, ex-governor of Massachusetts, on "Individualism in Government—A Plea for Liberty."

For the first time in its history the Divinity school conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the candidate being Elphinstone A. Read, son of Rev. E. O. Read, of Waterville, N. S. Mr. Read graduated from Acadia in 1891. Throughout his course at the University of Chicago he earned high scholastic

rank, holding for two years a fellowship in Systematic Theology as well as the Headship of South Divinity House. In the latter position he was exceedingly popular. Mr. Read took his degree with high honor, winning the grade *magna cum laude*, the highest yet given by the University.

Mr. Read has just accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Pontiac, an important centre of Baptist work in this state.
M. H. MacLEAN,
The University of Chicago.

To the Pastors and Members of the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces.
DEAR BROTHERS.—In our church work here we find many people who have found a home in this land but began life in the Maritime provinces. Many of them are already christians and belong to the church. When they come here they neglect to bring their letters with them and having no special church home, they drift from church to church, dissipating their best energies and finally growing cold and indifferent to religious duties.

Although we find a great many out and invite them to our churches we feel that there are many more we do not find. We ask you now to earnestly cooperate with us in doing something for these people who are away from your watch care, and are here among us and yet we do not know about them. We therefore, have this plan to suggest to you pastors and churches. Will you find out from your church list and also from your people the names and addresses of people, both members and those who are not, living in Boston and vicinity, especially in the Roxbury and Dorchester districts, and send them to us? We will look them up, call on them do our best to throw around them a warm christian influence and also introduce them to good christian friends. Our church is very social and home-like and we feel sure they would soon enjoy worshipping with us. We will promise you that every name sent us will receive attention, and they will be called upon either by us or some pastor or christian friend near them. Mothers and fathers, we may be able to help your boys and girls to find the Saviour, and at church home. Send us their names and address.

We also promise you that when these members go back to their former homes, we will use all means in our power to get them to unite again with your churches.

We are trying to give the Lord's children who are strangers among us, an enjoyable and profitable church home. Will you help us in the Lord's work?
Yours very truly,
AUSTIN T. KEMPTON, Asst. Pastor.
Geo. B. VOSEBROOK, Pastor.
Boston, Mass.

W. B. M. U.

MOOTO FOR THE YEAR:
We are laborers together with God.

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.
For Miss Grey and all the native workers in Bimilipatan. The girl's school and those in the town who seem so near the Kingdom.

The Union W. M. A. S. meeting of St. John will be held in Brussels St. church on Thursday, at 3.30 p. m. A Union ladies meeting of all denominations was held on Thursday afternoon at St. David's Presbyterian church. The subject for prayer was "The persecuted Armenians." Mrs. Burdett, returned missionary from India, spoke of her work there. Many earnest prayers were offered and some enthusiastic and telling words spoken. The meeting was solemn and impressive. A resolution was passed to appoint a day for special prayer on behalf of the Armenians. Jan. 21st was chosen for private prayer in the morning from 9 to 10 o'clock, in which all christians are asked to unite with us. A ladies prayer meeting at 3 o'clock in Centenary church, and a public meeting in the evening. The best talent of the city will be secured to speak upon the subject. Collections in aid of the suffering Armenians.

Tidings.
Our societies have had five copies of *Tidings* in its enlarged form. Many words of commendation and approval have been expressed. The letters in Dec. and Jan. numbers were certainly helpful and should lead us to earnest thought and importunate prayer on the subject of our Mission field and its laborers. The "Suggested Programmes" are a great help to many busy presidents who might spend what little time they had to give for preparation in searching for a suitable passage of scripture to read. The leader should see that not only the letter contained in *Tidings* is read at the meetings, (being sure to send it if anything prevents her being present) but also anything suggested in the programme such as Mr. Morse's letter in *MESSENGER AND VISITOR*, of Dec. 24th. If the president is so unfortunate as not to take the paper or has sent it away, be sure and secure a copy for the meeting from some of your

friends. Let the prayer topic be announced after the singing of the first hymn. All our sisters are earnestly requested to remember the prayer topic every day during the month. While we were praying for Bimilipatan last year, Somaligara, a high caste man was brought to Christ through great persecution. The year previous in January, when we had the same topic, Miss Grey's school was visited by the Holy Spirit's power and several of the boarding girls converted. Let us never neglect this most important part of our work. If there are any suggestions with reference to these programmes that any sister would like to make, please send a post card to Miss A. E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S.

We want to meet the needs of the societies if possible and cannot do so without knowing what these needs are. With reference to the price—it is 25 cents from each society this year. Will you please see that this small amount is forwarded to Mrs. Smith with your next remittance. If all our societies will attend to this the expense will be easily met. Concerning address—many of these may not be correct as your officers are continually changing. Please send Mrs. Smith, Amherst, the address of your President, as she is the proper person to receive the leaflet, not the minister's wife, if she does not hold that office, for some of these seem to regard *Tidings* as a personal letter to them and if they do not attend the meeting *Tidings* fall to reach the society. This is a great mistake, a little care and thought on the part our sisters will make this matter a great success.

The following is from one of the oldest members of our W. M. A. S., and will be read with interest on that account:
An Appeal to the Sisters of our Baptist Churches.

WATCH, WORK, PRAY.—These are the three great words which should ever be present with the christian. They include the whole question of duty. "Oh that my tongue were the pen of a ready writer or that I had a persuasive voice," that I might reach the heart of every sister in our churches, in behalf of our missionary work! In a yearning desire for the salvation of the perishing heathen, and manifesting this desire by giving us their presence, influence, prayers and advice, at our meetings, which would help to strengthen and encourage those who are zealously aiding this glorious work. It is not money alone that is needed for this work, but love, sympathy, and prompt obedience to the command of Christ. Belief and obedience is the law of God, then let us seek to echo the words of our Divine Master, "I do always those things that please him." This will please Jesus. It is the promptness of obedience that finds acceptance before the throne of God, and insures the answer, "The King's business requireth haste." Help us therefore to do his bidding. You cannot serve Christ without works.

The Christian End-avor Society makes a rule that every active member shall be present and take part in the meeting. Love and a sense of what Christ has done for saved souls ought to prompt every member of our churches to this standard of service, the Lord will work in us as we work. How much this work was on the mind of Jesus. He was a Divine missionary and his last words spoken on earth was a missionary command, not intended for a few but every member of his church, as long as time shall last. The evangelizing of the world was given to the church, not to men alone but to all the members of his church, then what a responsibility rests upon the church. We live in an age when woman stands aside by side with man in intellect, talent, knowledge, influence and example. We may not, must not, shirk our duty, this work is for every disciple of Christ. Character shows itself in works. A missionary church is a spiritual church; she must do this work or she will die. Missionary work will keep her pure and alive and make her what Christ intended she should be. If your hearts are filled with the love of God and our souls full of Jesus, we will be in earnest in this blessed work. The Saviour will never ask us, what have you seen, what have you heard, but how much have you loved, and what have you done for me? "What will you say to Jesus and what can the answer be?"
"Not what I did, but what I strove to do, and though the full ripe ears be sadly few
Thou wilt accept my sheaves."
S. J. BLAZER.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. William W. Dodge, of Nauwigwaok, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

THE WAY AND THE REVELATION.

BY ANNANDER MACALEER, D. D.

"We love him because he first loved us."—1 John 4:19.

Very simple words! But they go down into the depths of God, lifting the heart of humanity, turning it into delight, and changing the aspect of all things. He who knows that God loves him needs little more to be comforted than the love of God. He who knows that God loves him needs little more to be comforted than the love of God.

It is no accident that there are but few names of the great thinkers of the world who are not also names of the great lovers of their fellow-men.

Consider for a moment the relation which all the other perfections of the Divine nature have to this central and foundation one.

And that infinite love stands to all these other attributes in the relation of being their master and motive spring. They are Love's instrument, and in the Divine nature Love is Lord of all.

But do not let us forget that, whilst thus my text preclaims the ultimate truth, these other attributes, as they are called, are all smelted down as it were, into, and present in, the love which is their crown.

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PRAYER.

Prayer to the Almighty Father is the high and holy privilege of every believing human soul. It opens for men doors of blessing which no other key can unlock.

Great blessings come through human intercourse. There is large profit in the fellowship of man with man. It is not good that man should be alone, but rather that he should draw near to his fellow men and have communion with them in thought and feeling and endeavor.

But there is a higher and holier relation which binds each individual human soul to God, and the richest and noblest possibilities of human existence can be attained by those only who acknowledge that divine relationship and live according to its law.

Prayer, if genuine, is an acknowledgment and sign of the vital and holy relationship between God and man. It is the filial response of the human heart to the heart of the Eternal Father in Heaven.

When our Lord said to his disciples "When ye pray, say 'Our Father'" He gave to the world in these six words the divine philosophy of prayer. They mean that prayer is the trusting cry of the human child to the Infinite Father.

It is the recognition by the soul of its true relations to Him in whom it lives and moves and has its being. It is the adoration of that which is highest and holiest in human conception; it is the aspiration of the soul in its weakness, impurity and ignorance to the source of all strength and purity and wisdom; it is, in may be the bitter cry of a contrite heart for pardon and peace, but withal it is the cry of a child to its Father, it is that recognition of the divine kinship between God and man which carries the assurance that the earthly child may hold communion with the Heavenly Father.

Whether, then, is ready to come to God in filial reverence and love, whoever is willing to count himself God's child, submitting affectionately to the wisdom, love and righteousness of the Almighty Father, shall enter into the divine fellowship, the golden gates of prayer open at his knock and all the wealth of the Father's house is his.

Regarding the light of Christ's teaching, how grotesquely non-christian appears that doctrine and practice of prayer which makes of it a mere matter of performance—a saying of prayers and counting of beads as if by many wearisome repetitions of words and phrases, God was to be placated and induced to pardon His children's transgression.

that his deepest needs will not be mocked or his largest expectations disappointed. The hungry child is not mocked with stones and serpents and scorpions instead of wholesome food. It may indeed in its foolish inexperience or willful folly ask such things, supposing that they would minister to its happiness; and it is wisdom and love—not mere arbitrary power—which withholds these baneful things, the objects of foolish desire. The ideal earthly parent withholds many things from the prayer of his child, yet more than answers all his prayer and hope by giving all the best he has to give, and most of all by giving himself. It is only after the lapse of years that the child wakes up to perceive this, and to understand that, with all his parents gave, their best gift to him was themselves—the moulding and inspiring influence of their pure, strong and virtuous character on his. The like is true in our relations with the Heavenly Father. "Every one that seeketh God findeth him, and he that seeketh him not findeth him not; but he that knoweth him shall be opened." The choicest things of God are for His children. All things are theirs, and they may ask in confidence, because they are His children.

It is not certain that always the particular thing asked for will be received or the particular door at which one knocks will be opened. But every door will be opened as we are able to enter, and every good gift will be bestowed as we are able to receive it, and the inheritance that God has in store for His children is vastly beyond their present conception. Like the babe that lies in the mother's arms and smiles up into her face, having learned to recognize and freely to respond to the love light in her face, but dreams not yet of the inheritance which the mother's heart and soul is holding in reserve for it, so are we; we have learned to answer (only our Father's smile of love with love again. "Dearly we grasp the truth that now we are the children of God. What we shall be, it doth not yet appear. Our hope, is in God, and it is as boundless as His wealth, and as enduring as His love.

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCHES.

Speaking of religious interests in connection with the year just closed, the New York Independent says: "That the year has not been barren of results, the statistical tables make sufficiently obvious. There has been a very healthy increase in the number of communicants since the close of 1894, although the returns for the Regular Baptists, North, South and Colored, and for the Roman Catholics and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are not yet available. These would swell the increase undoubtedly to a large extent. All the denominations seem to be advancing in the number of ministers, churches and communicants. Only the small and very insignificant ones show any loss whatever. The net gains since the census of 1890 are very suggestive. We are now half way between the census of 1890 and that of 1900, and it is interesting to note that the net gains in communicants are beyond 3,000,000, with an increase of 19,000 churches and almost 76,000 ministers. These are very encouraging figures. They show that the church still has the power of life and growth and that it is advancing faster than the population. Those who are prophesying gloomily about the outlook are prophesying in disregard of the facts of the present and the past. The churches are not decreasing in numbers, they show no indication of a decline in the spirit of aggressiveness which has characterized them, and arguing from the character of their fruits we do not believe that there is any decline in spiritual life. Formalism and indifference and lukewarmness may be afflicted of some small portions of the church, but they are not the characteristics of the whole of it."

BIBLE SOCIETY MARTING.

The 76th annual meeting of the New Brunswick Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held as one of the services of the week of prayer, on Thursday evening last, St. St. Andrews Presbyterian church of this city. A large congregation was present. The chair was occupied by John E. Irvine, Esq., president of the Society. Rev. J. G. McDonald, pastor of the church, read the Scriptures and offered prayer. The president offered some remarks, alluding to the importance and grand scope of the work in which the society is engaged and to the work of the Auxiliary. The secretary, Joshua Clawson, Esq., presented his annual report.

The report showed that in the 91st year of the present society over 3,000,000 copies of the Scriptures had been issued. The general income and special funds amounted to \$140,000, being \$1,400 less than the previous year, but the sales of Scriptures were \$285,000, being an advance of \$1,800, while the expenditure fell to \$215,000, leaving the present society better off by \$70,000. The N. B. auxiliary also does of its 76th year has this ordinary income:

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This amount is \$160.16 less than last year. The special items of income were \$100 from the Rotterdam estate; Ray estate, \$48.32, and a contribution of \$125 by a lady for the support of the Bible women. The treasurer was only able to forward \$225 to the parent society, being \$150 less than the previous year; \$54.48, was remitted on purchase account, Frederickson also remitted \$10, and Miranich ladies \$35 as free contributions. Miss Wesley, the Bible woman, made 1,523 visits in the city last year, read and prayed at 1,233 of these, reported 24 cases of families requiring assistance, sold and gave away many copies of the scriptures and did much other valuable work. Reference was made to the issue of 1,000 Bibles, 1,019 Testaments and 249 portions from the depository on German street, which is doing increased work. The Munro trust fund was charged with \$55.50 for scriptures given to the poor and allowed to be sold at nominal institutions or purchasers. Reference was also made to the zealous work of the society's agent, Mr. MacKellie, and to the success of society's booth at the exhibition.

The Prayer Meeting.

The church member who goes to the prayer meeting to get warmed up is likely to go home again with the impression that he has spent an hour in a refrigerator instead of a summer house for which he was looking. The Christian who goes to the prayer meeting simply to hear what others have to say, is not likely to hear anything that will give him much pleasure. The brother who goes to the prayer meeting to prove that he can make a longer and better speech than the minister, usually succeeds, so far as length goes, and also in making others feel there is no occasion for him to say anything; and those who go to the prayer meeting only to perform an unpleasant duty, will sit out the weary minutes as dumb as oysters, as cold as icebergs, and as expressionless as a fog bank.

The ordinary church when the revival breeze is not blowing, the social meeting is usually burdened by the presence of this interesting quartette in varying extent of multiplication. Some of them spend the time in explosive whimpers or innumerable little movements, others swing themselves into a solid block of oppressive silence; others again illustrate what an immense work surface a few ideas can be made to spread over, while others who are drifting dangerously near to the freezing point, have only one thought a prayer that the prayer meeting may soon be over. Taken together these classes hang as millstones about the necks of those who are there for business. They constitute the true source of a dull meeting—nothing but the special presence of the Spirit can counteract their arctic influence—when the agony is finally ended most of them unite in mourning over a failure which is chiefly their own fault. The say-nothings declare the meeting was entirely too long; the say-too-muchers are sure it was entirely too short; the professional listeners never heard such poor testimonies; the true mischiefer does not know how to run a prayer meeting, and that it is high time we had a new pastor. In many cases affairs drag on in this exasperating fashion, while the minister and his body guard of standstays, are toiling and praying with no visible prospect of reward, therefore, walking entirely by faith; until the thing ends with an explosion that wakes everybody up into a church row, or a revival.

The only guarantee of a successful public prayer meeting is an earnest prayer meeting in private; a private meeting between each believer and Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sing the prelude in your closet and you will have no trouble in sing the tune in the congregation. It is only foggy moonshine to say that a prayer meeting or anything else in church work can run itself—of course the power is all of the Spirit. But the Divine force must have channels of application, and for such, holy purposes it pleases God to employ our faculties. If this business is to run itself, why does the Lord allow us to have a will? Why not have a lot of soft wooden men, so high that it is no trouble to arrange them in any required order; so soft that they can easily be whittled into any desired shape. The perfect and eternal union of humanity and divinity which produces the new man in Christ-Jesus, was not effected for the purpose of letting things run themselves—we are here to do the Lord's work—marvels are not performed where marvels are unnecessary. Most of God's work on earth is accomplished by very natural and intensely human methods. The foundations of christianity are fixed in the unchangeable and inviolable, but the structure is all above ground. Don't forget that our Lord founded a religion for mortal men, and by its effect on mortality, mortality is being prepared to put on immortality. Of course the Master is behind and permeating the whole edifice. Still, we do not see Him as we see material objects, although He is gloriously visible in the Christ-following lives of His brethren and sisters on earth. Those who are willing to use

every ounce of their ability for His honor in the rescue of mankind from the mire of Satan-driven selfishness. Among our resources to realize this ideal nothing exceeds the prayer meeting—when the prayer meeting is conducted with spiritual common sense. Everybody make a good prayer for the prayer meeting. Everybody make a short prayer in the prayer meeting. Everybody talk the prayer meeting up to everybody you meet. Prepare for a brief testimony in the first part of the meeting. Faithfully carry out this programme and you will have a share in making the prayer meeting the very essence of congregational worship!

Why I Object to the Prayer Meeting Pledge as a Condition of Membership in a Baptist Young People's Society.

1. Because it imposes a condition quite other and different from that upon which a member is received into a Baptist church. No Baptist church that I have had to do with would tolerate for a moment such a condition of membership. Any person who joins a Baptist church is received into its membership as a member of the church, and is not to be received into the membership of the Young People's Society, if he desires it, without the imposition of a new and arbitrary condition such as the prayer meeting pledge. It is to be understood that the society wishes to be considered as distinct from the church, a position from which we as Baptists have thus far unanimously dissented.

2. Because it seems to me to proceed upon an unwarrantable assumption concerning the true relation of the individual member to the prayer meeting. Unquestionably, the purpose of the pledge is to secure if possible, either by prayer or testimony or the quotation of scripture from every member at every meeting; thus implying that, with rare exceptions, the best prayer meeting is the one in which the greatest number of persons engage in such exercises. The object intended to be a saving clause beginning "unless hindered," does not relieve the pledge from its implication. My experience has not taught me that the position assumed by every pledge is the true one to take. As a rule, I think, the spiritual power of a prayer meeting is proportionate to the number of persons engaged in these exercises, but the exact relation varies with the character of the prayer meeting.

3. Because in my opinion, it leads to false judgments upon those who appear to break the pledge while in spirit they keep it as well as upon those who appear to keep it while in spirit they break it.

4. Because in many instances the felt pressure of the pledge robs the prayer meeting exercises of much spontaneity and spirituality.

5. Because in all the churches where I have labored, many of the truest, most intelligent and most consecrated young people in the church have had conscientious objections to every pledge and in cases where the pledge has been held as a condition of membership, these have had to stand without the pale of the society, much to its weakness and greatly to the embarrassment of all concerned. We let the pledge in this sense to me to be demanded by our Baptist principle—Liberty of Conscience.

From Yarmouth to Lockeport.

The town, and indeed the county of Yarmouth, is known to be one of our strongest Baptist centres. Every church with one exception has a pastor; and some of these pastors extend over eight years. "Old Zion" is rapidly bringing their new church edifice to completion. It is a spacious, commodious, modern house of worship. The denomination can count on the Yarmouth pastors and churches for every place and in every case where the pledge has been held as a condition of membership, these have had to stand without the pale of the society, much to its weakness and greatly to the embarrassment of all concerned. We let the pledge in this sense to me to be demanded by our Baptist principle—Liberty of Conscience.

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As usual, the week of prayer is being observed by the churches in Halifax and Dartmouth. The different denominational units and hold service in two or three places, in the north end of the city and the same in the south, so as to bring the meetings within easy reach of as many as possible. Every morning there is a meeting for prayer at 9.30, in Argyle Hall, in the heart of the city. Though so early in the day, the large hall is usually well filled. A large number of professional and business men attend and take an active part in the services.

Halifax Notes.

In Dartmouth the churches hold a union service each evening. This year the Episcopal church unites with the other denominations, and the meeting on Monday evening was held in the school room of that church. The services are all well attended, and seem to be heartily enjoyed by the people.

Is giving notice of the cablegram sent by the Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain, to the churches in Canada, to pray that war may be averted, Rev. Dr. Latham mentioned that many years ago a request had been sent to the churches during the week of prayer, that prayer be offered for the abolition of slavery in the Southern States. Such a thing seemed hopeless then, and men wondered while they prayed whether it could come about. Slavery is now a thing of the past. When the time came the slaves were freed in an hour. Prayer was heard and answered. "Twill be so still."

The pastor the West End Baptist church is greatly encouraged in his work. A number of new families are joining the congregation. One person was baptized this month and others have signified a desire to follow Christ. The Sabbath School and prayer meeting have rapidly increased in attendance and in interest, though neither are very large as yet, but the outlook is becoming more hopeful. Bro. Lawson has the sympathy of all his brethren in Halifax in the work he has in hand.

The North church has extended a hearty call to Bro. J. E. Goucher to become their pastor, and he has accepted their invitation. Bro. Goucher has no introduction to you, Mr. Editor, nor to your readers. That he should be called a second time to the pastorate of this city church sufficiently indicates the esteem in which he is held, as a man of God.

Pastor Hall has continued tokens of success in the work to which he still gives himself with all his soul and strength. The congregations continue to be large, and the weekly prayer-meetings full of interest.

The Dartmouth church held its annual meeting on the 8th. Reports from the treasurer of the church, the Sabbath school, the Mission at Tuft's Cove, the Mite Society, the Convention Fund Committee, etc., were presented and discussed and adopted. The Sabbath school has grown in numbers and in attendance during the year, under the efficient management of Mr. G. Whidden, the superintendent. All the departments of church work showed a healthy though slow development. The treasurer's report showed a larger amount raised for all purposes than ever before in the history of the church, giving a very large percentage for each family. The discouraging feature, in the review of the year was that so few had been added to the membership. But the church is united and disposed to expect better things in the year to come, and the outlook is hopeful.

The week of prayer it is to be hoped, will prove a good preparation for the coming of Evangelist Hunter and Crossley, who are expected to begin special services in Halifax, on the 12th inst. May they be as successful in winning souls to Christ here, as they were in doing so in your city last winter. K.

The North Baptist church has at last settled on a pastor in an unanimous call to Rev. J. E. Goucher, who entered upon the pastoral work, Sunday 5th. Bro. Goucher's past year's successful record in the few churches in which he has spent a long pastoral life, is a proof that our church has made no mistake in his choice, and we think it is also the Lord's choice. Since the retirement of our departed and good Bro. D. G. McDonald, the church has enjoyed a pleasing variety of first class preachers, almost any one of whom any church would be proud to call pastor. Some of these churches called but could not secure, others likely would have been, but the church was so richly enjoying this weekly "feast of fat things" that they seemed in no hurry to settle down again to one pastor. We felt, however, that the time had fully come to cease our wanderings and get down to pastoral work, and so the call was extended to Bro. Goucher, who has lost none of his old time ardor, but with his years of ripened experience it has rather increased. The church seems determined to rally around the new and old pastor, if this is done, and done in the strength of the Lord, you will hear of good results and we hope soon.

Fraternally, W. J. GAYNE, Halifax, Jan. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas, of Burke, Florida, formerly of Nova Scotia, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage Dec. 17th. The worthy couple received as tokens of the high esteem in which they are held numerous congratulations from their friends and many handsome presents.

The following extracts from a letter just at hand from Rev. I. C. Archibald will be read with great interest by the friends of Missions. He says: "I have been on a tour since Nov. 9, with the exception of three days. My centres of work have been Pondur, Lalonde, Jalmor and Tekkali." (A glance at our Mission map will help you to locate Bro. A. in his movements. He ought to have one, only 17 cents.) "Start to-morrow for Callingspattam and expect to be in Chilacole about the 10th." Pondur has been an outstation of the Chilacole field since the settlement there in October of D. Amrathal and his wife. The people of one village near have been hearing very well for the past two years, i. e., when we have visited the village. On the whole it is a very encouraging centre from which to work and only about ten miles from Chilacole. While in Palonda I had the pleasure of baptizing the daughter of P. Appana, the collector of that field. She is a smart and rather promising girl. They have Tekkali church had been doing quite well. The attendance at the meeting has been good and the collections quite satisfactory. The church has kept the little church building and the house of their pastor in repair for years. They use in their Sunday School four Telugu wall maps of Bible Lands, and a library consisting of 161 books (mostly small) and the Balaikes series of lessons—all of their own purchasing. They have this year helped their own poor, and given a good donation into the funds for establishing out-stations.

"Well done for Tekkali. Some of us might take a leaf out of the pastor's notebook."

"There have been no baptisms here during the year; but there are evidences of interest on the part of a good many. The resident collector reports that in about two and a half months over 1300 books for over sixty rupees, which is really wonderful."

On the 6th he adds a few lines: "It is not yet daylight. Am starting for a Savara village about four miles distant, where one of our church members lives, and where there are three men for whose conversion we have long been looking. Three from our boarding department are saving their money, and leave that two of them were converted last year." Later—"Had a good time in that Savara village. Saw the Savara young man whom I baptized in the autumn of '94. Although he had been taken back into caste he was still believing in Jesus and praying to Him. He showed me the New Testament that I had given him and followed as out of the village and plead that we would not exclude him from the church, assuring us that he would come back. I told him that if he wished to break caste and be a true follower of Christ he had better come to the Association soon to be held, and then come to see me, and stay awhile and he would teach him until he became stronger in the faith. The woman who was baptized the day he was doing finely."

Dec. 7, Callingspattam—"I came here yesterday morning. The native population stationed here is a worthy young man, C. L. Narain. I have taken the loan of him from the Palonda field. Had a good time in a village this morning."

These extracts are exceedingly interesting and must be helpful to all who are interested in our work. Let us all pray more for our missionaries, and that they may be strengthened. Their peril is great and their need is as great as their peril.

Bro. Archibald says—"Let all at home join with us in the field in praising God for what He has wrought here on our Mission Field—small as it is so often seems—then remembering that He is a great God, infinite in mercy, let us band ourselves together as never before resolving to labor on with the same unflinching walls of heathenism are broken and the reign of our King and Redeemer is ushered in gloriously."

So may it be. J. W. MANNING, Sec.-Treas., F. M. B.

PERSONAL. Rev. Ezekiel Hopper has moved from Gagetown to Hampton, Kings Co. N. B., and wishes his correspondents to note his change of address.

Rev. C. R. B. Dodge and wife, of Bellows Falls, N. B., were again remembered by their people at Christmas, in the gift of a china breakfast and dinner set of 140 pieces.

We were pleased to meet Mr. Gershon S. Mayes on the street the other day and to learn that he was again recovering from the effects of his late severe illness.

The Rev. J. E. Goucher and the North church, Halifax, are doubtless still mutually congratulating on the resumption of their relations as pastor and people. We trust that rich blessings may result from this reunion.

One Gentleman writes: "The response week and the encouraging force of fulfillment of the year-wise sections, needs of man for us to know you represent us. A poor secure who would be well."

Another writes: "The Lord Jesus, ing us of his faith that he would be for whom he was. On the 28th of Dec. I received a letter from your brother was called to rest two years ago, know, our brother's paralysis. He would not move, but gradually, death had nearly strength. The exceptionally so, would go to do so away from his when his company they went in search and surprise found a corpse. It was soiled with an odor, and suddenly one suffering. Bro. Albert the rest of the family training. As he he was convicted deep impression and ministry of faith about two years ago. He would go to do so away from his when his company they went in search and surprise found a corpse. It was soiled with an odor, and suddenly one suffering. Bro. Albert the rest of the family training. As he he was convicted deep impression and ministry of faith about two years ago. He would go to do so away from his when his company they went in search and surprise found a corpse. 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Manager's Corner.

The response to notice of last week and the week before is most encouraging. A number of our force of workers are already supplied with full equipment for first-of-the-year work in their respective sections, and we can meet the needs of many more. It is difficult for us to know just what sections you represent unless you write to us. A post card application will secure what you want. A letter would be welcome.

One Agent, from limited district, has sent good collections, and three new subscribers. Another has sent four new names. One busy pastor writes: "I want to try and increase the circulation here a little if I can." Another: "I shall be glad to extend the circulation of a really good paper." It does no harm to send such words to this office; and it is probable that there are now in our churches one thousand available new subscribers. Let us hear from all. We try to answer letters promptly, but we have been somewhat busy.

Rev. J. E. Fillmore.

The Lord Jesus is continually reminding us of his faithfulness to his promise, that he would receive to himself those for whom he went to prepare mansions. On the 28th of December, 1895, our much beloved brother, Rev. J. E. Fillmore, was called to his rest above. About two years ago, as many of our readers know, our brother was stricken with paralysis. He was not entirely helpless, but could move around somewhat. He kept gradually recovering and before his death had nearly regained his original strength. The day of his death he was exceptionally smart and thought he would go to do some work several rods away from his home. Not returning when his companion thought he should, they went in search of him and to their surprise found his body a lifeless corpse. It was evident that he had been seized with another attack of paralysis and suddenly carried away without much suffering. Bro. Fillmore was born at Turtle Creek, Albert Co., N. B., Nov. 1, 1835. His parents were christians, and he with the rest of the family received christian training. As early as nine years of age he was convicted of sin and received deep impressions under the teaching and ministry of Rev. Patrick Duffy. For about two years he struggled under the idea of a legal religion, thinking he must keep the law. Under a sermon preached by the late James Herit, in the quotation of the words, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God," he saw the true gospel light and was liberated from the burden of sin. About four weeks after his conversion he was baptized and united with the 1st Coverdale Baptist church. He continued a consistent follower and faithful worker in the cause of his Redeemer, always maintaining secret prayer and for many years participated in family worship with his father. His earliest conversion was impressed with the idea of preaching the gospel, believing that God had called him to this great work. For several years, on account of his own unworthiness, lack of education, and youth, he refused. The impression deepened until the year 1856 when he made a full surrender and entered upon the work. For about three years he travelled as an evangelist. He was then ordained by the Baptist church at Follet River as an evangelist. He continued his evangelistic work travelling extensively over the various sections of the eastern part of New Brunswick among the destitute, and assisting pastors and localities in revivals on their various fields of labor. About 1861 he settled as pastor over 2nd Hillboro church. He ever felt that the evangelistic work was his calling, but on account of the destitution of churches he occasionally settled as pastor. The following are some of the churches over which he settled: 2nd Hillboro, 2nd Moncton, 2nd Coverdale, St. Marys, Germanown, the Queensbury group and others. His labors were crowned and blessed of God. He baptized a large number of souls. He was always of the conviction that pastors and evangelists were of divine appointment; that there was a special work for each, but harmonizing in the great work of soul-saving and building up the church of Christ. In conversation with our brother after he was bodily afflicted and his work on earth seemed to be about done, he expressed frequently his great satisfaction in the work of the gospel ministry. He felt that it was the entire joy of his whole life, and down to his last days his intense desire and prayer was for the prosperity of Christ's Kingdom. For the last five years I was most intimately connected with our dear brother, he being a member of the church over which I was pastor for that time. I soon found after my first acquaintance with him that I had a special and sympathizing friend. Many times in my hours of discouragement and perplexity I would go to his home most often down but would always come away cheered and strengthened. I regarded him as a christian father and shall ever feel that in our separation, I, with many others, sustained a great loss. Our loss is his eternal gain. He leaves a lonely and sorrowing widow and an adopted daughter. May God bless and sustain them. I. C. BOWELL.

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Rev. Solomon Smith.

Rev. Solomon Smith passed peacefully away at his home in Grandville, near Harcourt, Kent County, on Tuesday, 31st Dec, 1895. He was born in Elgin, Albert County, in 1829, and there the most of his life was spent. There he was ordained to the christian ministry in 1871. He moved to Kent Co., in 1882, where he has since resided. He was very well known over the greater portion of the province and by his great hospitality and kindness of heart had won the love of all who knew him; and although the frosts of sixty-six winters had touched his hair to almost snowy whiteness, his heart had never grown old. He loved to gather the young people around him and hear them praise God in song—he was passionately fond of music but could not himself sing. A wife and two sons mourn their loss; also a large circle of relatives and a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. M. Addison, of Salisbury, Rev. J. W. McConnell assisting, on Jan. 2nd.

"Servant of God well done Rest from thy loved employ, The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy." Harcourt, N. B., Jan. 6, '96.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Churches and individuals contributing to the work of the denomination should send their contributions to the treasurers of the denominational funds. Rev. A. Colton, Wolfville, N. S., is treasurer of the Maritime Convention funds for Nova Scotia. Rev. J. W. Manning, Mt. John, N. B., is treasurer of Maritime Convention funds for New Brunswick. E. Island, J. S. Tins, E. C. Martin, is treasurer of the funds of the N. B. Convention.

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BUNAVIC, N. S.—I have just closed my first year as pastor of this church. It has been a year of large blessing, for which we thank God, and from which we take courage for the future. Ninety-eight have been baptized and many others received by letter; two were baptized the third Sunday in December, and several now await the ordinance. We are now engaged in special meetings, having begun with the week of prayer. A good interest is already manifest. During the year I have received nothing but kindness from the good people of this church and congregation. Salary has been promptly paid the first of each month and all expenses have been promptly met. Besides this our church debt has been materially reduced and is in a fair way of being entirely wiped out in the near future. We are united and harmonious and are looking for larger blessings in the future. P. BROWN.

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ST. MARTIN'S, N. B.—The members of the first St. Martin's Baptist church and congregation, met in the vestry of the church this evening, New Year's eve, in respect to an invitation proposed by a member by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Thompson. About 9 p. m., the pastor in the chair and Deacon J. S. Titus acting as secretary, the roll of members was called, commencing with the oldest member of the church, as each member's name was called they responded by repeating a verse from the Bible. After the Roll Call the choir rendered some very pretty anthems. Answered by speeches, resolutions, etc., by the members. At 11 p. m., refreshments were passed to each member by a committee appointed for that purpose. After refreshments an address by the pastor followed, commencing with the oldest member of the church, as each member's name was called they responded by repeating a verse from the Bible. After the Roll Call the choir rendered some very pretty anthems. Answered by speeches, resolutions, etc., by the members. At 11 p. m., refreshments were passed to each member by a committee appointed for that purpose. After refreshments an address by the pastor followed, commencing with the oldest member of the church, as each member's name was called they responded by repeating a verse from the Bible. After the Roll Call the choir rendered some very pretty anthems. Answered by speeches, resolutions, etc., by the members. At 11 p. m., refreshments were passed to each member by a committee appointed for that purpose. After refreshments an address by the pastor followed, commencing with the oldest member of the church, as each member's name was called they responded by repeating a verse from the Bible.

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GASPAREUX, Kings County, N. S.—In November we commenced holding cottage meetings with good results. There are very favorable indications of good, a number of the brethren and sisters are quite revived in their minds. The young people, too, appeared to be much interested. It was also at the school at Acadia, we procured the assistance of Rev. J. W. Kerstead, who worked among the young with good acceptance for two weeks, and on the first Sabbath in January baptized ten persons and received them into the church. Two others were received for baptism but were not present; they will be baptized some time in the future. Mostly all these are members of the Sabbath school. I am sorry to say our meetings have been discontinued for the present. Bro. Kerstead has returned to school again, and I being sick and unfit for work. Death keeps on at his work, and a dear sister of the church, Mrs. Edward Kinney, fell asleep in Christ on the 3rd inst., leaving a large family and a number of friends to mourn their loss. J. WILLIAMS.

HANTSPOUR, N. S.—On the 3rd inst., the church held a Roll Call and special business meeting. Nearly all of our members were either present or accounted for. A pleasing feature was the presence, by special effort, of quite a number of the oldest of our members. The first-aid society were responded to without a break except for two who have answered to the Roll in heaven. After tea, served in the vestry, and the singing of some of the old time hymns, we listened to reports from all departments of church work which indicated a healthy state of affairs in general. Two brethren have been appointed and ordained as deacons and with an efficient Board of officers appointed or re-appointed during the year, the outlook is very encouraging. We have been holding special meetings at Mt. Denon section of the church with encouraging results. Bro. Brad Hardy, Lic, and Bro. C. L. Forbes, W. F. Wolfe, are rendering valuable assistance in the meetings. We are now holding special meetings in Hantsport, and the prospect for a good time is bright. We hope to baptize next Sunday, and will report on membership later. D. E. HART.

BROOKFIELD—CALADONIA, A. S.—I am now nicely started into my second year on this field, I feel that I should not be doing my duty to the people of my charge or to the denomination to which we belong if I did not send a few lines of great good work to our dear friends and visitors. The year that has just past has been as pleasant as heart could desire. No jar between pastor and individual or between members of the church has marred the perfect harmony which we have been permitted to enjoy. The year has been a busy one and we have had our discouragements as well as our blessings. But altogether the hand of God has been upon us for good. The people are ever mindful of the comfort of their pastor and his family. When we returned from the convention we found a very pleasant surprise awaiting us. The people had taken possession of the church and had renovated it up so that we hardly knew where we were when we got home. Then, a few weeks ago, a number of the people came in and spent the evening with us and presented with a nice letter and several other valuable articles. Besides these more marked occasions, we are continually being remembered kindly by the people and our hearts encouraged by their sympathy. May God reward them for their kindness and consideration. What pastor enjoying so much of harmony and sympathy with his people could fail to thank God and take courage. Truly the line is falling to us in pleasant places. And our prayer to Almighty God is that we may be made the instruments in his hand of bringing great blessing to the people with whom, in his Providence, our lots have been cast. E. C. BAKER.

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Thomas Slater from the Sunday school, showed that out of the 45 baptisms during the year, 29 came from the school, which is indeed very encouraging to us, and but especially to those who have the young every Lord's day to teach the Word of life too. Death has entered our ranks and claimed two of our members during the year. Rev. Dr. J. E. Hopper, a former beloved pastor of this church, passed peacefully and quietly away to be with Jesus at about sunset Saturday evening, Jan. 12th, 1895. As he awaits his reward in the land that knows no shadows, we feel keenly his loss. Brother W. W. McKeown, a valued member departed this life suddenly on the 29th day of December last. Letters of dismission and commendation have been granted to two members to join sister churches in other localities, making the total membership to date 280. With but few exceptions, such as sickness, death, and attending meetings in connection with our denominational work, as assessed pastor, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., has encouraged us from the Word of God every Lord's day with his usual vigor and earnestness, that has characterized his pulpit ministrations since he preached his first sermon to us as pastor on Lord's day morning, Aug. 6th, 1893. We are anxious that our pastor's heart may be cheered as he leads down into the baptismal waters happy converts. We hope to be able as a church to do more for the upbuilding of Zion than in the past, and pray that we may be so energized by the blessed Spirit that we will do the work of the God in his own way and depend more upon Him for gracious results, and thus advance the cause of our existence as a church.—"Till He come" H. S. COSMAN, Church Clerk. Jan. 11, 1896.

The Gaspereaux church, per its pastor, Rev. John Williams, extends an invitation to the N. S. Central Baptist Association to hold its next session with them. J. MURRAY, Clerk of Association. The P. E. Island Baptist Association having completed its secretary to procure a complete set of its published minutes, any person having copies on hand are requested to forward them to the undersigned at Bay View post office. ARTHUR SIMPSON, Sec'y.

The Cumberland County Ministerial Conference will convene with the Rev. Hebert church on the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock, p. m. We earnestly desire the presence of all our ministerial brethren, and as many others as can make it convenient to be present. H. B. SMITH, 4 Springhill, Jan. 11, 1896.

The Shelburne County Quarterly meeting will hold its regular session with the church at Osborne, January 28th and 29th. A programme has been prepared which is likely to prove especially interesting. The Divine Spirit is sure to be with us! Every church must send three delegates with the pastor; all who come will be made welcome. A very important part of the service will be a collection each evening for denominational work. A. D. F. BROWN, Sec'y.

WANTED.—10 All the Minutes of the New Brunswick Association, from 1821 to 1847, except the years 1841, 42, 43 and 46. 2. Minutes of the Eastern N. B. Association for 1850. 3. Any copies of the Eastern, Western and Southern N. B. Associations that have been published since 1881 apart from the year Book. 4. Baptist Missionary Magazine of N. S. and N. B. for Jan., April and July 1827 and April 1829. 5. Reports of the Canadian Baptist Telegu Mission previous to 1882. 6. Any pamphlets containing histories of Baptist Churches or Associations in the Maritime Provinces. The stamps necessary for transmission will be forwarded if names and addresses of senders are given. Address: REV. A. C. CHUTE, Halifax, N. S.

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Richmond, Jan. 13.—(Special)—This has been a day of unusual crowds and excitement here. The talk of the farmers and others in town for holiday trading is mostly all about the recently published cure of Wm. McCord, a farmer living not far out and one of our oldest inhabitants. The presence of Mr. McCord made assurance visible for very many who heard of his cure thought recovery impossible. Among other things in praise of Dodd's Kidney Pills he said: "After the doctors pronounced my trouble diabetic, no one thought I should ever be cured. "I was partly paralyzed and to get out of bed had to roll out. "Was nine months unable to do even a chore about the place, could hardly trail myself along. "In all I took nine boxes and there was little left of me but the shell. "But when I commenced taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I stuck close to directions and I could see great improvement before the first box was finished. "In all I took nine boxes and am as well as ever I was in my life, though past sixty years of age. "I always say that Dodd's Kidney Pills should be bought the same as groceries and kept in the house for colds, and the first signs of rheumatism and such like. "Sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, price 50c, or by mail. Address: The Dodd's Medicine Co., Toronto, Ont.

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MISS BECKY'S COMPFORT BAG.

ANNIE L. HANNAH.

"It's most too late, but I guess I can make one any way. Dear me! If I had only been at home when the note came, I should have been so glad to make half a dozen at least. But who knows, perhaps it was just as much the Lord's work, setting up with an 'angel' Susan Maria, as making comfort bags for sailors; though I mistrust, Becky Cathcart, you'd rather make the bags. Well, I'll get at this one right off."

And Miss Becky laid down the note which she had found lying on her hall floor (it having been found slipped under the door by some obliging neighbor), hurried off hat and shawl, and, in a clean apron over her neat dress, and going to the closet, brought out her "piece bag," and carried it, with her work-basket, to the lamp-lit table.

"It does seem real sort of nice to be home again," she mused, as she sorted over the contents of the bag in search of a suitable bit, then lifted her eyes to glance about the cozy little room. "Not that I grudge Susan Maria the work, but I expect I'm getting to be real sort of carnal in my love for having things sort of neat and comfortable about me. This will do for selecting a piece of bright, strong cotton; and now for a bit of that red braid for a drawing string."

That also having been found, with quick, strong stitches Miss Becky pieced her bag, laid the hem, and ran in the string, after which she chose buttons, needles, thread, and a pair of blunt scissors from her stock, and added a mold of her best wax, placing each article carefully in the pockets of the bag. Then bringing a box from her closet she selected a bright New Year card, carefully saved from last year, and having erased the words, "Aunt Becky, with Doris's love," she substituted: "With loving New Year wishes and a God bless you," and having laid that, with a box of cough candies, a tiny Testament, and a handkerchief which had once belonged to her father, in the bottom of the bag, she drew up the red strings with a sigh of satisfaction.

"It's real handsome if I do say so that should, and I hope it will make some poor lad happier that might be feeling kind of homesick away from his folks." But in spite of her admiration for her handiwork she did not seem quite satisfied. "It looks like a piece of work that I ought to write a few lines to him; it might make him feel as if somebody was taking a real interest in him, and maybe it would lighten his up a bit, poor lad!" By this time Miss Becky had come to feel quite proprietary in this unknown "lad," for, for some inexplicable reason, it never occurred to her that her bag could fall into the hands of other than a boy.

"Yes, I believe I'll do it!" and opening the table drawer she took out pen, ink and paper, and in her stiff, formal little hand wrote the following note:

My Dear Boy.—You never saw me, and more'n likely you never will, but all the same you will let me say that I hope that the New Year will be a happy year to you, and it surely will be if you love God and do your duty. Be a good boy, and then you will be a good sailor too, as you ought to be if that's your business; and remember always how much the dear Lord loves sailors. Try to be the kind of a sailor He would like you to be. And now no more.

From your friend,
MISS BECKY CATHCART.
Centerville.
Not for a moment did Miss Becky think of withholding her name and address; it simply never occurred to her so to do on the contrary, as she slipped the note into the bag, she felt so deep an interest in the "boy" who would some day read it, that she thought perhaps she ought to have signed it "Aunt Becky," as she always did to her other young friends.

Before she fell asleep that night she had asked God to bless and keep "that boy," and the next morning she hurried to the post-office with her bag, that it might be in good time to be packed in the box which was to start that day for the nearest seaport town, some twenty miles away.

Christmas came and went, and New Year's Day followed in its train and became a memory as well, and then, one night a strange thing happened.

"Oh, you're awful particular!" laughed his mate, and there he sits the others went away, leaving "dandy Jack," as they had dubbed him, to "make himself fine."

Left alone, Jack sat down on the side of his bunk with the little bag still in his hand, and presently, untying the bright red strings, he spread the contents out beside him, wondering vaguely who had taken so much trouble for an unknown sailor. There was everything that could be in his situation, could be in those pockets; he smiled at the sight of the cough drops, his eyes softened as he read the inscription on the card, but when, from the Testament, the notes fell out, and he had read it through, once, twice, three times, then Jack Nelson laid it tenderly away, and with his elbows resting on his knees, his chin in the palms of his hands, sat thinking.

The forecastle faded away, and he was back again in the wide old kitchen of his boyhood's English home, kneeling beside his mother on that last night before he went to sea, listening to that much worn as he had read in this note from his unknown friend. It was the last time he had looked into that dear face or listened to that voice; for when his ship came back again the mother had this will do for selecting a piece of bright, strong cotton; and now for a bit of that red braid for a drawing string.

But was it too late? Must be, because those years were wasted and unrepented, waste and misspent those which might still be before him? Like a breath of sweet fresh air from the country lanes the new hope came. But oh, if there were not some one to counsel and advise him!—some one, like his mother, to lay a hand upon his head and bid him go forward! And with the thought came the memory of that blessed little note. Might not that help him in this hour of his great need?

Eagerly he opened the letter and looked at the name and address. He knew about where the little village lay; he would go there as soon as matters could be arranged. His pay was lying untouched in his pocket; he would buy a new suit and make himself presentable, and then he would go, though he were obliged to walk the whole distance there and back.

Miss Becky lifted her head and listened. Yes, she had not been mistaken, some one was coming up the little flagged walk leading to her cottage, and when she saw the man in the long coat, she knew it was he. He was on no familiar face that her glance of welcome fell, and the voice which asked, "Is this Miss Becky Cathcart?" was all unknown to her. But bidding him come in quickly out of the driving storm, she led the way back to the cozy little sitting-room and motioned him to a seat beside the stove.

But he did not take it. Standing before her with his cap in his hand, he said: "I am a sailor, and I came to thank you for the note which came to me—the one you wrote and placed in a little bag around the outline of a boy. He sits on the ground, smoking a pipe. His square make the task of guessing by the hand three questions, which the guest must answer, disguising his voice if he chose. The host had but one chance, and if he guessed correctly the caller disrobed and became the host, or, as the children expressed it, became it, former host taking his place among the guests.

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Not was that the last by many, many times that his first mate on that pillow. Third, second, first mate, and captain, he came back to the little cottage, bringing such gladness to the loving heart that people said that Miss Becky was growing younger every year. And when, finally, a new little home was started where he was master, and that same Doris whose New Year card was among his most precious treasures was the gentle mistress, why, it had not been long that the two women could be always together when "my boy," as Miss Becky called him, was away on a voyage.

And what those voyages were to the men who sailed with him, perhaps not the only reason, but the fact that he had been known even to himself till that great day when the Lord comes to make up his jewels.—Zion's Herald.

TWO GAMES FOR RAINY DAYS.
BY CAROLINE A. CHERVEY.
This is how the children played them, at a seaside boarding-house on one rainy day. They had been with one begonia, and the first of them, the boy and girl began to race up and down stairs, and tear through the halls, till the patient old ladies looked dismayed and were threatened with headaches. Cousin Ruth came to the rescue. She was wearing a beautiful young lady, who could do anything with children. Hunting up a pad of paper and some pencils, she clapped her hands and called out, "All who want to play a nice, quiet, sitting-down game, a new one, draw up to this table."

The flock came, and, after a little scrambling for coveted places, next to the dear friend, they became quiet and expectant. The old ladies in the next room were seated and unrepentant, waste and misspent those which might still be before him? Like a breath of sweet fresh air from the country lanes the new hope came. But oh, if there were not some one to counsel and advise him!—some one, like his mother, to lay a hand upon his head and bid him go forward! And with the thought came the memory of that blessed little note. Might not that help him in this hour of his great need?

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the ship got safely in before the storm broke, and the poor fisherman held his little granddaughter on his lap that night while he ate his supper."

"Was that your idea when you outlined your picture?" said Cousin Ruth to Cliff.
"No," he answered, "but her picture is so much prettier, I would rather not tell mine."

Janie came next, a bright boy of nine years, Cliff's brother. It was Nellie's outline which he read. "A flat-roofed house, towers, cupolas, an elephant, lots of people." This said Janie, "is called 'Life in the Orient.' A large flat-roofed house is there, with a ladder reaching to the top. An elephant is climbing the ladder."

Lord-shouts-of! "Ho! what you giving us? Elephants don't climb ladders." "Yes, they do, at least some of them. This was one of Barnum's performing elephants, escaped. He can climb ladders easy. Lots of monkeys squat on the towers and cupolas. They are watching the elephant telling him to help himself with his tail, as they do. He replies 'No, thank you; my trunk is good enough for me.' A large crowd of people are looking on. They have made bets about the best's being able to get to the top, and some hope he will, others hope he won't."

Nellie said that the picture in her mind was not at all like Janie's. It was a scene in a country in the East, the Prince of Wales was having a royal procession in India. It was highly colored, with hundreds of people bowing down and standing around.

After several more pictures had been described, the host said, "I want to say my picture."
"So you shall, darling," said Cousin Ruth, putting her arm around the little one.
"That's your picture?"
"She had it up. Dust angels, bid angels here, and twenty-twenty angels in this corner."
"But what else, Rosey?" queried the children.
"Vain's else; dust angels."
"Have some clouds, then, for the angels to fly in."
"No, no, I s'ant mate any kouds. Dust angels, I tell you, nuttin' else at all."
Cousin Ruth drew the dear to her lap, and hugged her, "Just angels, my pet, and nothing else. And the sweetest little angel of them all is the one that drew them."

The children were all surprised when the luteen-bell rang. They declared the game of "Painting Pictures" to be worth trying again when they should get home.

After luncheon Cousin Ruth showed them how to play "Recognition." One was chosen to be the host and sent into a room by himself. The other united in dressing up and disguising one of their number. A broom, a pillow, and a sheet were called into requisition to help make taller or larger, and to cover the whole dress. The right hand alone was left exposed. The dressed-up guest then called upon the host, who greeted his visitor, of course shaking him cordially by the hand. If he could not recognize by the hand alone, the host might ask three questions, which the guest must answer, disguising his voice if he chose. The host had but one chance, and if he guessed correctly the caller disrobed and became the host, or, as the children expressed it, became it, former host taking his place among the guests.

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A SCOTCHMAN'S EXPLANATION.

"Well, you may say what you please," said Smith, "I, for my part, cannot believe that God would first impose laws on nature, and then violate his own laws. What would be the use of making them if they are to be so rapidly set aside?"

"I dinna ken, sir," said uncle, "or I've never seen, 'what God may do, or what he will do, but I don't regard a miracle to be a violation of the laws of nature. There is no violation of the laws of God that I ken o', save the wicked accounts o' wounded men."

"And what, then," asked Smith, "do you make a miracle to be?"
"I regard it," said uncle, "to be merely such an interference w' the established course o' things as finally shows us the presence and action o' the supernatural power. What o'clock is it w' you, sir, if you please?"
"It's half past twelve, exactly—Greenwich time," replied Smith.

"Well, sir," said his uncle, pulling a huge old timepiece from his pocket, "it's one o'clock w' me; I generally keep my watch a bit forrit a little forward. But I may have a special reason for setting my watch by the railway; and so you see, I'm turning the hand 't round. Now, wad ye say that I had violated the laws o' a watch? True, I have done what watchdom w' a' its laws could nae do for itself, but I have done violence to none o' its laws. My action is only the interference of a superior intelligence for a suitable end; but I have suspended nae law. Well, then, instead o' the watch, say the universe; instead o' moving the hands, say God, acting w' the hand o' himself, and we have it contained for in a miracle, that is, the unquestionable presence of the Almighty hand working the divine will. And if he see fit to work miracles, what can hinder him? He has done it oftener than once or twice already; and who daur say he'll not get leave to do it again?"—Sunday Afternoon.

A PROPER RETORT.—A good story is told of a self-respecting carpenter who was sent to make some repairs in a private house. As he entered the room in which the work was to be done, accompanied by his apprentice, the lady of the house called out, "Mary, see that my jewel case is locked." The carpenter understood, and, as he was an honest man, he was indignant. He had his opportunity, however, and he used it. He removed his watch and chain from his waistcoat with a significant air, and gave them to his apprentice. "John," he said, "take these back to the shop. It seems that this house isn't safe.—Harper's Round Table.

A proud papa, not many hundred miles from the centre of Syracuse, is boasting of the alleged brightness of his ten-year-old son. The said ten-year-old was looking over a newspaper the other day, not forgetting to take in the advertisements. "Papa," he said, "I thought that Job and Lot was two different people?" "Why, they were, my son," was the proud father's answer. "Well, this newspaper is off its base, then," said he, "for ten years." "Look here! If you say 'Job Lot' at the head of this advertisement. Who's he, then?"

"How thin you never spoke of this except to the deceased, do you?" queried the lawyer. "That's what I said," answered the witness. "Now, don't you know, as a matter of fact," pursued the lawyer, raising and pointing his long finger impressively at him, "that deceased had been dead for ten years when these events took place? If you talked to him at all, you talked to his bones. Will you please tell me how you would communicate with a skeleton?" "I would wire it, sir," stilly rejoined the witness.

A quaker who was investigating the connection between drink and crime, obtained permission from the authorities to visit a jail. He entered a cell, and said to the prisoner, "Friend, what brought thee here?" The man, replied, "Two policemen, sir." "But," said the Quaker, "had drink anything to do with it?" "Well," said the prisoner, "I am sorry to tell you it had, for both the policemen were drunk!"

any benefit. Then I went to Clifton Springs," took the treatment, and felt better; but after coming back I became very much worse, and was confined to bed for a time. I then went to 'Preston Springs,' and really improved; but after returning home I got worse, and was a perfect martyr for more than two years, often confined to bed, and gradually becoming worse.

One of the stories told by Dean Hole in his "Memories" is of an old-fashioned cathedral vergen, "lord of the ailes," who, one noon, found a pious visitor on his knees in the sacred building. The vergen hastened up to him, and said in a tone of indignant excitement, "The services in this cathedral are at ten in the morning and at four in the afternoon, and we don't have no fancy prayers." This is not unlike what took place at the Chester Cathedral when the Rev. Richard Knill asked the vergen "if any conversions ever took place there?" "Do you think, sir," was the reply, "that this is some Methodist place?"



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room, and hence are favorite plants for the window garden, but they are very susceptible to frost. A few varieties, the Vernon and Weldonias among them, will sprout up from the roots after being frozen down, but my experience with other kinds has been that it is useless to try to save them in such a case.

MY HOME.

MY SHIPS AT SEA.
If all the ships I have at sea. Should come a-sailing home to me. Weighed down with gems and silk and gold—
Ah, well! the harbor could not hold So many ships as there would be. If all my ships came in from sea.
If half my ships came home from sea. And brought their precious freight to me, Ah, well! I would have wealth as great As any king who sits in state, So rich the treasures that would be. If half my ships now out at sea.
If just one ship I have at sea. Should come a sailing home to me. Ah, well! the storm clouds then might crown,
For, if the others all went down, Still, rich and proud and glad I'd be If that one ship came home to me.

With glory, honor, riches, gold, The poorest soul on earth I'd be If that one ship came home to me.
Okies, be calm! O winds, blow free, Blow all my ships safe home to me! But if thou sendest some a-wrack, To never more come sailing back, Send any, all, that shall please thee, But bring my love ship home to me.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

CONDITIONS OF HEALTHFUL LIVING.

In the first place, it is quite evident that due regard for the welfare of the body does not permit one to eat a full meal immediately following very hard labor, either physical or mental. The vital energy has become depleted and needs a period of rest, during which it can gather its scattered powers and prepare them for exertion in a new direction—because the labor of digestion is labor, just as much as that of digging a trench or plotting a novel, though in a different way.
The exhausted housewife who drops in her chair at the dinner table, after having prepared food for a large family, declaring that she is "too tired to eat," states in a non-technical phrase a truth which students of the science of nutrition have long recognized. A suitable period of rest should intervene before any solid food is taken into the stomach. The middle-aged person who feels an unaccountable "drowsiness" soon after dinner should recognize that it is the normal, becomingly operative of nature, calling for the opportunities to do its work of digestion, and the rest of the system naturally falls into the condition of repose which will aid the natural processes.
Observe yonder group of laborers upon the public highway. They have never received technical education; but an intuitive sense directs their movements. Their dinner is at hand, awaiting their attack in a row of tin dinner pails; but they have an hour for the meal, which can easily be despatched in a fourth of the time. They throw themselves upon the grass by the roadside, resting for a few minutes perhaps indulging in some light sport or "horse play." Then the meal is taken, and the remaining half-hour is given to a post-prandial rest. These men simply realize that they feel better by dining in this way; in fact their meal is probably more attractive in its composition, yet it gives them health and strength, with plenty of brawn and muscle for their laborious occupation.—Good Housekeeping.

TREATMENT OF FROZEN PLANTS.

"When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen," is an old weatherwise saying which is so true that often the "window plants" which have come through December unscathed will be frozen in January. When one rises in the morning to find them in such plight making up the fire and warming the room as soon as possible will be fatal to them in the long run. On the other hand, if they are removed to a closet or the cellar and allowed to thaw gradually in the dark, many of them will be injured very little. I have frequently had geraniums come through the ordeal unscathed. Many persons out the plants down at once when they have been frosted, but this is not necessary with geraniums or alibany plants, as they will usually put forth new leaves in a short time.
Begonias thrive better than most plants in the warm air of the sitting-room.

IRON IN FOOD.

Prof. Bunge has been ventilating some ideas which are as much matter of general science (and therefore extremely important) as they are details connected with the ironing of a domestic. He is strong on the point that iron should reach our blood through the medium of our food, rather than through the druggist's specialties. Iron, as everybody knows, is essential for the proper constitution of the body. It is as rigidly demanded by the plant as by the animal, and it is from plants that Professor Bunge shows we should chiefly receive our iron supply. Spinach, he tells us, is richer than the yolk of eggs, while the yolk contains more iron than beef. Then succeed apple, lentils, strawberries, white beans, peas, potatoes and wheat—these substances being given in the order in which they stand as regards the plentifulness of their iron constituents. Cow's milk is poor in iron; but, as balancing this deficiency in the food of the mamma, it is found that the blood of the young quadruped contains much more iron than the adult. Thus, in a young rabbit or guinea pig one hour old, four times as much iron was found than occurs in these animals two and a half months old.—Scientific American.

POISONED AIL.

Air-tight bedrooms are among the evils of civilization. We do not mean to say they are quite air-tight, but they come so near to it that health is much impaired by sleeping in them. The poorest economy is to have large, airy parlors, and small, ill-ventilated bedrooms; and yet nothing is more common. In the bedroom we spend from seven to eight consecutive hours—on an average one-third part of our lives. A person goes into one of those rooms with the door closed. How long will this air last him? Even if we suppose the sleeping room to contain one thousand cubic feet, it would last its occupant two hours and a half. What is he to breathe the other five or six hours? Carbolic acid gas, in other words, a deadly poison. Though people do not die from the cause, yet many of them are suffering with dizziness, headache, dyspepsia, and a host of kindred diseases induced by sleeping in such contracted and ill-ventilated rooms.

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THE FARM.

THE EARL AND THE HONEST FARMER.

A farmer called on the late Earl Fitzwilliam to represent that his crop of wheat had been seriously injured in a field adjoining a certain wood where his lordship's hounds had, during the winter, frequently been to hunt. He stated that the young wheat had been so cut up and destroyed that in some parts he could not hope for any produce.
"Well, my friend," said his lordship, "I am aware that we have frequently met in that field, and that we have done considerable injury, and if you can produce an estimate of the loss you have sustained, I will pay you."
The farmer replied that, anticipating his lordship's kindness and consideration, he had requested a friend to assist him in estimating the damage, and that he thought that as the crop seemed quite destroyed, £50 would not more than repay him. The Earl immediately gave him the money.
As the farmer, however, approached the wheat grow, and in those parts of the field which were most trampled the wheat was strongest and most luxuriant. The farmer went again to his lordship, and being introduced, said, "I am come, my lord, respecting the field of wheat adjoining the wood."
His lordship immediately recollected the circumstance.
"Well, my friend, did not I allow you sufficient to remunerate you for your loss?"
"Yes, my lord, I find that I have sustained no loss at all; for where the horses had most cut up the land the crop is most promising, and I have already brought the fifty pounds back again."
"Ah!" exclaimed the venerable earl, "this is what I like; this is as it should be between man and man."
He then entered into conversation with the farmer, asking a number of questions about his family. His lordship then went into another room, and returning presented the farmer with a check for £100, saying, "Take care of this, and when your eldest son is of age present to him, and tell him the occasion that produced it."
We note not which to admire most, the benevolence or the wisdom displayed by this illustrious nobleman; for, while doing a noble act of generosity he was handing down a lesson of integrity to another generation.—Primitive Methodist.

SHORT ANSWERS.

Hashed and browned potatoes are not so difficult to make, and there is a little "knack" that those who do not know miss and the consequence is the dish is a failure. The potatoes should appear on the table a dark golden brown and are especially nice with a broiled steak or broiled potato. Chop them in the same way you would prepare them for a meat hash, in rather coarse bits, add pepper and salt, a tablespoonful of butter and enough rich brown stock or gravy to moisten them thoroughly, effect of broiled steaks and melt a tablespoonful of butter in it. When the butter melts, pour in the potatoes and spread them until they are not two inches deep. Cover the top. Let them brown in the spider for half an hour, setting the fire so that they will cook slowly, but not burn. Slip a flat-bladed knife under them to see how they are cooking. They should have an even rich crust all over the bottom. Fold the potatoes over like a complete and dish them on a hot platter. You can vary them by adding a tablespoonful of minced onions or of Parmesan cheese, or using cream or milk in place of stock.
—For a subscriber.

Apple pies will not hold over in the oven, or they will be spoiled. There is a rim of pastry added to the crust above the tin. In filling the pie heap the sliced apples in the centre, leaving a hollow around the edge for the juice of the apples to collect. After putting on the cover of pastry, cut a strip of pastry an inch wide and long enough to reach around the pie. Press this strip around the edge, rolling it in slightly to form a circular border. The best apple pie is one baked after the apples are baked. As soon as the apples are well done, remove the upper crust and add sugar, a teaspoonful of butter and nutmeg or any other flavoring. Then level the pie by stirring and replace the upper crust, and bake as usual.

WINTER MANAGEMENT OF COWS.

Arrange the stable with convenience in feeding and care of the cow. The central idea. Visit the best dairy barns and utilize all their good points. A stable having two thicknesses of boards with tar paper between is dryer and warmer than a stone basement. A rectangular barn, with two long rows of cows facing each other, is the most desirable. Have sufficient room for driving on the feeding floor and also behind each row of animals, for removing the manure. Make the building larger than is needed, or plan so that additional room can be easily provided. By all means have a silo conveniently situated. Put in plenty of windows. The south side of our barn is largely glass. The stable must be tight made so that when the temperature is 30 degrees below zero very little freezing occurs on the inside. Don't, however, keep it so warm that it will fairly steam when the doors are opened. For keeping the air pure, box ventilators are the best. 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SUMMARY NEWS.

Jan. Bain, of Kelly's Cove, 55 years old, committed suicide at New Campbellton, C. B., Wednesday.

It is reported that some fifty families will leave Prince Edward Island for Manitoba about the first of April.

John Clancy, a Kings county pauper, has been missing from Sussex for some days and it is feared has been drowned in Salmon River.

Judge Wells is to act as Judge of the County Courts of Kings and Albert during the absence of Judge Wedderburn from the Province.

John McDermott distinguished himself at Lower Cove a few days ago by a heroic rescue of a young lad named Allan who was drowning.

The coal output in Nova Scotia in 1895 was fully half a million tons behind the output of 1894. The decrease was general in all the districts.

Full returns from Westmorland give a majority of 399 for the Scott Act. It is said the liquor party will demand a recount because of irregularities.

Mr. W. D. Wilbur, who has been running the hotel at Dorchester, has decided to close up on Saturday next. Vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act is the cause.

Moncton Transcript: Some scoundrel a few nights ago visited the Metropolitan Rink, lashed the ice, and the result was that for several nights there was no ice in the rink.

The session of the Nova Scotia House will be short in consequence of the early approach of the Dominion elections. The revenue of the province for the year was in excess of the expenditures.

Byron Stillwell, of Chipman, Queens Co., while chopping timber cut off one of his toes. There was no M. D. handy to dress them with a portion of his undergarment and resumed work as though nothing had happened.

Two accidents are reported from Queens county. William Simpson, of Lisegrove, had both legs broken and was otherwise badly crushed by a falling tree. Councillor Camp, of Cambridge, had three fingers taken off in a hay cutter.

In the year ending 31st December there were 692 deaths in N. S., 322 of whom were males and 371 females; 297 were married and 345 were single; 92 were widows and 49 were widowers; consumption caused 127 deaths; heart disease, 31; pneumonia, 35; old age, 42; cholera infantum, 27; apoplexy, 21; bronchitis, 22.

A lad named John Carroll was standing beside a vat of boiling water at Lester's Bicycle Factory, Toronto Junction, when he slipped on the wet floor, and fell into the water, which contained a solution of soda. When he was taken out it was found that he was literally boiled from head to foot. He died almost immediately.

On Saturday last a little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cameron, who live at the corner of George and Northumberland streets, Fredericton, but it was not noticed until yesterday morning that the child was the subject of a freak of nature. She has twelve perfect toes, there being six on each foot. Otherwise the formation of the body is perfectly natural and symmetrical.—Gleaner.

Nominations in the Manitoba elections took place Wednesday. In eight constituencies, including South and Central Winnipeg, represented by Ministers McMillan and Cameron, there were acclamations, all of those being government supporters. In the other thirty-two constituencies there are contests. The opposition were disappointed in not getting two or three acclamations.

A HARD EXPERIENCE.—On Thursday four shipwrecked sailors arrived at Portland from Boothbay and went to the British consular office. They are Allen Spicer, Henry Dickey, Wm. McSeely and Thos. Condon. They belonged to the schooner Aurora, Harborville, N. S., for Boston. Last Saturday in a heavy sea they went ashore on rocks, near Boothbay. For an hour or more they stood in the cabin while the schooner pounded. When the tide had risen the schooner fell on her beam ends and lost decked. The cabin filled and the men took refuge on the top of the houses. They remained there with the thermometer below zero and the waves dashing over them until midnight, when their light was seen at a lighthouse station on an island near by. A crew of men came in a dory and rescued them, being obliged to take them off one by one on account of the heavy sea. They were terribly chilled and lost everything they had. An attempt to tow the schooner to Boothbay was made on Wednesday, but half way up the channel her chain caught on a rock and she now lies there on her beam ends.

THE APPEAL CASE.—The appeal case of H. H. Holmes, the convicted murderer, will be argued in the Philadelphia Supreme Court on Feb. 3.

The window glass plants throughout the country will close on Saturday and remain closed four weeks, throwing several thousand skilled workmen out of employment.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate Tuesday was one, signed by the House tariff bill and re-enacting the provisions of McKinley law on stone, iron ore, coal, farm products, wood and timber.

The new form of the popular loan presented to the consideration of the Senate on Tuesday in a bill provides for an issue of postal savings notes of a face value of \$100, with interest thereon at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent, with total interest of \$16 if the notes are not presented at the expiration of five years. After five years, in addition to \$16 the government is to pay \$4 for

each year's interest. These notes may be issued in sums of \$50, redeemable at the pleasure of the government after five years.

British and Foreign.—Bullion to the amount of £235,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England Thursday, to meet the demand from Cape Town and South Africa.

Board of Trade returns for December show an increase in imports of £3,900,000, and an increase in exports of £1,680,000 compared with December, 1894.

At a Spanish cabinet council, Thursday, it was decided not to accept the revision of the Monroe doctrine and carrying through a system of arbitration.

It was resolved to increase the military and naval force in Cuba.

Lord Playfair suggests that a conference be held between American and English delegates, for the purpose of defining the Monroe doctrine and carrying through a system of arbitration.

In the tank of the steamer Hermann, which arrived at Hull from Buenos Ayres on Thursday, were found fifteen stowaways. Six were dead and the remaining nine miserable and would have died in a few hours.

Abyssinians made an attack on Makelle, Tuesday last, but were repulsed by Italian troops and afterward retreated. King Menelik was present with the Abyssinians. The Italians lost three killed and six wounded.

A violent storm in northern Italy has done much damage on shore and to shipping along the coast. It is feared many lives have been lost. A torpedo boat employed at the customs service on Lake Maggiore foundered, and twelve persons aboard were drowned.

Mr. Chamberlain has called to Hofmeyer, leader of the Afrikander bond, a party having a large majority in the Cape Parliament, and a supporter of his own. He is the British South Africa company, informing him there will be a full inquiry into the British South Africa Company's raid into the Transvaal.

The flying squadron, composed of the battleships Albatross and Revenge, and the cruisers Gibraltar, Herminie, Charvillat, and Theseus, which is now fitting out, will when all preparations are complete, assemble at Portsmouth for final orders. The admiralty has ordered the Despatch dockyard to fit out six of the swiftest torpedo destroyers into commission and get them in readiness to join the flying squadron at Portsmouth on January 14th.

MARRIAGES.—KELLY-ROBERTS.—At Lakeville, N. S., Jan. 4th, by Rev. F. Freeman, Edward Kelly, to Mary J. Roberts, of Gasperaux.

BLAKENEY-FOLEY.—At West Jeddore, Jan. 1st, by Rev. L. J. Slaughterwhite, Aaron Blakeney, to Delilah Foley, all of Jeddore.

FRIZLE-BISHOP.—At the Baptist parsonage, Hantsport, Jan. 8th, by Rev. D. E. Hatt, William Frizle, to Josie Bishop, both of Hantsport.

GROSS-STEVES.—At St. John, Jan. 1st, by Rev. W. Camp, L. N. Gross, of native birth, to Mrs. Clara J. Steves, of St. John, N. B.

CONAN-BISHOP.—At the Baptist church, Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., Dec. 23rd, by Rev. J. B. Colwell, Herman B. Conan, of Harvey Albert Co. to Bertie J. Bishop, of Hopewell Cape.

BURNEY-BUNNOR.—At the Baptist church, Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., Dec. 23rd, by Rev. L. B. Colwell, Nelson W. Brown, B. A., of Middle Southam, York Co., to Mattie E. Bishop, of Hopewell Cape.

BANKS-BANKS.—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. S. Banks, on Dec. 25th, by Rev. R. E. Gilliland, Zenas Banks, of South Farmington, to Effie Faye Banks, of Meadowville, both of Ann. Co., N. S.

SLAUGHTERWHITE-SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 31st, by Rev. J. Harry King, James E. Slaughterwhite, to Esther Smith, both of Inglesville, Annapolis Co., N. S.

SEAMAN-GILLESPIE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 8th inst, by Pastor J. M. Parker, John W. Seaman, of Shulee Lumber Co., and of J. H. J. W. Seaman, Barronfield, Cumberland Co., to Susie F., eldest daughter of John Gillespie, Esq., firm of Prescott, Gillespie & Co., of Shulee, Cumberland Co. Many and valuable were the presents. Miss Gillespie is a graduate of Acadia Seminary and highly respected by her many friends.

DEATHS.—HARTLAND.—At Oyster Pond, East Jeddore, Dec. 24th inst., a little daughter of Dea. Geo. Hartland, aged two years.

FILMORE.—At Turtle Creek, A. 700, Dec. 28, '95, Rev. J. E. Fillmore, in the 60th year of his age, leaving a widow and an adopted daughter to mourn their loss.

CLOSE.—At Macaque, Nov. 23rd, Mrs. Abraham Close, aged 76. Sister Close was born in Freedom, Me., but has been a resident in N. B. for a number of years. Her end was peace.

KINNEY.—At Gasperaux, on the 3rd inst, after a tedious sickness, Mrs. Edward Kinney, in the 55th year of her age. Leaving a large family and a number of friends to mourn their loss.

LONGLEY.—At Paradise, on Sunday Dec. 22nd, of acute gastritis, Muriel Ermina, youngest and dearly beloved child of Israel M. and Ermina J. Longley, aged 9 months and 15 days.

CONY.—At Macaque, Jan. 4th, of typhoid fever, Nina, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Currie, in the 16th year of her age. Although never having united with the church, she was a firm believer in the saving power of the Lord Jesus. She trusted in Him until the end.

RAND.—At Brooklyn Corner, Cornwallis, N. S., Jan. 3, Rachel, widow of the late C. W. F. Rand, Esq., in the 80th year of her age. She was a consistent member of the Billtown Baptist church, and bore her sufferings with a cheerful spirit. Her end was peace.

MOLLEY.—At Marlborough, Mass., Dec. 17th, James Parker, son of John M. Parker, of Berwick, N. S. James was a member of the Berwick church having been baptized some years ago by Dr. Saunders. He was a general favorite and his death by drowning cast a gloom over the entire community. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The remains were brought home and interred in the family lot at Berwick.

MOLLEY.—At the Range, Que-Ma Co., N. B., on the 7th inst., after a brief illness, Gideon B. McLean, aged 28 years. This young man had just come home from Maine two weeks previous, and was taken sick while in that State. He leaves a sorrowing father and mother, five brothers and a sister, to mourn his departure. A short time before his decease, he assured his parents of a new found hope in Christ.

TRAVEL.—At Hampton, Annapolis Co., N. S., Jan. 4th, Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Thomas Templeman, aged 48 years. The deceased was a member of the Wilnot Mountain church, and was much esteemed by all who knew her. During her long illness her greatest desire was to have the presence of Christ and to be submissive to his will. This desire was increasingly realized by her. She died happy in Jesus love. Death to her had been conquered and robbed of its terror. A husband, daughter and adopted son mourn their loss.

WHEELER.—At Torbrook, Dec. 23rd, Mrs. Benjamin Wheeler, aged 89 years and five months. Sister Wheeler was baptized in the Baptist church by Father I. E. Bill, of precious memory. She had been for many years a mother in Israel, her christian life being most exemplary. During the last few months of her life she was a great sufferer, patiently she awaited the call and welcomed it when it came. Thus one by one our aged members are passing away. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Wm. W. Rees, at the home of her son.

BISHOP.—On the 27th of Dec., 1895, Elias Ann, wife of Dea. Henry Bishop, of New Minas, N. S., passed away to the eternal rest, aged 83 years. Many years she was baptized in the Baptist church by the First Horton Baptist church. When the third church was organized at New Minas, she was dismissed to unite with it. She was a good woman, and adorned her position as a mother and a wife. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, two advanced in years, with children and many grandchildren. May the Lord bless and sustain them all and give them grace to walk in the footsteps of her who has gone only a little before the rest of us.

MORTON.—At the residence of her son, Albert Morton, Brookfield, Queens Co., N. S., Sept. 27th, 1895, in the 65th year of her age, Maria Morton, widow of the late Alexander Morton, of Middlefield. The deceased was a daughter of the late Elisha Freeman, born at Pleasant River in March, 1830. Early in life she found peace in believing and united with the Baptist church at New Minas. She was a consistent and active follower of Jesus her Lord. When the summons came she triumphantly went to reign with Him whom she had striven to serve on earth. She leaves six sons and one daughter, besides a large circle of other relatives and friends, waiting to meet her on the other shore.

WALLACE.—At Hillsboro, N. B., on Jan. 1st, John Wallace, Esq., aged 74 years. Mr. Wallace was a prominent member of the Baptist church at Hillsboro Baptist church. As a citizen Mr. Wallace was very highly respected and for a number of years represented Albert county at Ottawa. Mr. Wallace was a kind and courteous, sympathetic and charitable. In business life he was upright and honorable. In his church relations he was generous and active. He was a member of the Baptist church at Hillsboro, and was a frequent attendant at the social and conference meetings. He held very strongly to the atoning work of Christ and rested his soul wholly upon Jesus. Truly God has taken from us a noble and true brother.

DIMOCK.—Fell asleep in Jesus, at Ashdale, Hillsboro, N. B., on Dec. 26th, in the 67th year of her age, Susan, relict of deacon Levi Dimock. At the early age of fourteen our dear sister devoted herself to the cause of Christ, and united with the Baptist church of Kemp, Hants Co., being baptized by the late Rev. Benjamin Vaughan. Her was a beautiful life of steady trust, her faith in God never for one moment wavered. She loved the church of Christ dearly and her interest in the Newport church, of which she was a member, never abated. The cause of missions was near to her heart, and almost the last act of her life was to give her dollar to the W. M. A. S., of which she was a valued member. The community where she spent so many years of her life, and the host of friends will miss her. In her, the pastor feels that he has lost a true friend, always kind and helpful to him.

SPINNEY.—Rufus Z. Spinney, son of Joseph Spinney, of Argyle Head, departed this life on the 21st of Dec, in his father's home, aged 18 years. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church in Argyle, baptized into its fellowship some three years ago by Rev. F. Brown, of which he constituted a member till by death he changed his name. We trust he is with the glorified spirits. He had been away for some time in the United States, when disease settled itself upon him. He came home to rest and recruit his strength. We none of us thought he was so near his end, but alas the disease was hiding itself under a deceptive appearance. His funeral

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