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RENEWALS.—The time has come for subscribers to renew. All our pastors are agents, and will forward all subscriptions handed them. Where there is no pastor or agent, if two or more subscribers should send together, it would save trouble and expense. We hope many old subscribers may send us in a new subscriber each.

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PERMITS AND OFFICE BAPTISTS.—We have already referred to the action of the London Baptist Association in refusing to adopt a credal basis, as it was called. Since then over thirty ministers have handed in their resignations. The authorities of the Association have requested them to meet them in conference, hoping that their action is based upon a misunderstanding which may be arranged.

EXHAUSTION.—All the old systems of philosophy have been pushed aside by newer ones. There is scarcely a treatise on any subject which has not become out of date. Newer thinkers begin where their predecessors have left off, and have dug deeper or laid another round on the ever-ascending temple of knowledge. What, however, do we find in the Bible? Here is a book written by writers whose lives, as we trace them back, stretch from a remote antiquity back to the time when the world was new. And yet its teachings have kept their place in advance of the best thought and the highest moral culture of the ages as they have come and gone, and are still recognized as peerless by the most advanced thinkers and the best and most reverent men of to-day.

What adds to the significance of this fact is that the Gospels in which the purest and most wonderful teaching is found, were written by simple fishermen. Men may say that they please about the unreason of a divine revelation; but to believe such men could, unaided, have produced such teaching, is still more unreasonable. The life of Christ is inexplicable, except on the supposition that he was what he claimed to be.

WHITECHAPEL MEMBERS.—The death of half a dozen unfortunate women in the crowded streets of the East of London has sent a shudder of horror and a wave of indignation over the civilized world. This is well. But have the people generally not become so used to what is a thousand-fold more terrible than this as to be almost stolid in their indifference. There were but a half dozen destroyed in Whitechapel; there are thousands killed every year by the rum traffic. It is true, these poor creatures had a moment of mortal terror and of pains of pain, but it was soon over, through the rum traffic multitudes have to face a fate worse than death, and see it approach nearer and ever nearer until the awful end is reached. The victims in Whitechapel had no friends whose lives would be rendered wretched, and they were themselves of no service but rather a curse upon earth. The rum traffic is rending and breaking the hearts of thousands besides its immediate victims, while it strikes down those whose lives give promise of great usefulness. It is well for the people to be stirred to indignation by those who have fallen beneath the knife of the Whitechapel fiend; but what about the fiendish business which is a monster untold more terrific? How long before we arise in our might and crush it out? There is no rant in this—nothing overdrawn. The need is a thousand times more urgent that this traffic be crushed than that any "Jack the Ripper" be brought to justice. "How long, O Lord, how long?"

GOOD EXAMPLE.—We have just received the following from Bro. J. F. Kempton:

I know a man in Albert County who has it in his heart to give \$5,000 to be expended in supplying several families with the MESSENGER and VISITOR for one year—and he has left the money with me for that purpose. He is a man of education, intelligence and position—and though not a Baptist by profession, sees and acknowledges real value in the paper, and in his commendable generosity desires to place several copies of it in as many families for the year 1889.

We tender sincere thanks to the unknown friend and hope the papers which go as his gift may be of great service. Are there not others who wish to do likewise?

THE WITNESS AND CLOSE COMMUNION.—Referring to our last, the Witness says:

Our brother thinks Presbyterians are close communionists in the same sense in which Baptists are, because we regard baptism as a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. Well; Presbyterians are by no means perfect, and have much to learn; but let us see how they apply their principle of "close communion." They gladly extend communion to Baptists, Free-Will Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Congregationalists, in short, to all who profess their faith in Christ and their obedience to Him.

He then continues along the track he has worn so deep that he cannot easily get out of it. Baptists would not sit at the Supper with Chalmers, Guthrie, Rutherford, and all the other worthies whose names he has mentioned so often in pre-

cisely the same connection, while the Presbyterians would. And does this prove that Presbyterians are not close communionists in the same sense in which Baptists are? To make this plain, or to give our brother an opportunity to convince us of error, we ask him a few questions, which we request him kindly to publish in the Witness and answer. Did you believe immersion only to be baptism, could you receive the sprinkled to the Supper and abide by your belief that baptism is its prerequisite? You do not believe pious Quakers to be baptized, would you invite them to the Supper? If you would, how could you at the same time abide by your principle, as stated above, that baptism is prerequisite to it? If you are compelled to admit that your principle of baptism being prerequisite to the Supper would compel you to adopt our practice at the Lord's Table did you hold our view of baptism, how can you justify yourself in using all your skill to show up our practice so as to arouse the bitterest prejudice against it? Do you think that for us to stand by a principle is wrong, while for you and yours to stand by it would be praiseworthy? Do you think God to be a respecter of persons? When our brother has published and answered these questions we may have a final word to say.

Toronto Correspondence.
The first term of the present session in McMaster Hall closed last Thursday, the 20th, with the monthly missionary day. Rev. John McLaurin and Rev. E. C. B. Hallam, returned missionaries, were present and contributed much to the interest and profit of the discussion, which turned largely on affirmations recently made by Canon Isaac Taylor to the effect (1), "That the man who can best touch the hearts of the Indians must be a celibate and an ascetic, either a mendicant or working with his own hands, exhibiting in practice absolute self-renunciation, which is the only language the natives can understand." (2) That only Asiatics can appeal successfully to Asiatics. (3) That argument and discussion touching the evidences of Christianity are practically futile.

An emphatic denial was given by the returned missionaries to the first of these affirmations, and a modified denial to the second and third.

The session so far in McMaster Hall has been a prosperous one. The attendance has been respectably large, and attention to study has been as close and enthusiastic as could be desired. Principal Castle is sufficiently recovered to attend fully to his college duties. For the first time in six months, he preached last Lord's day; but his physician advises him not to repeat the act till his recovery is more complete.

The Moulton Ladies' College is so far a great success. A large number of applications have been rejected from lack of room. Probably steps will soon be taken to provide larger accommodation.

The Woodstock College is also in a healthy condition, and the present accommodation is being found inadequate to existing wants.

Chancellor McVicar is devoting himself with great energy to the working out of the educational problem that has been put into his hands, and present indications are that all the departments of McMaster University will be in vigorous operation at an early day.

Federation with Toronto University on the part of the Methodists and Victoria College appears to be hanging fire. The vote in favor of federation was carried in the General Conference by a very small majority, since which time a good deal of opposition to the scheme has been developed. Quite recently the Senate of Victoria voted against federation, and with such champions as Dr. Sutherland heading the opposition, it is doubtful if the measure finally carries. For the sake of the cause of education, I shall be glad if the Methodist body decides in the end to keep out of federation. I do not believe the cause of higher education would be helped by having it all conformed to one pattern or run in one mould, especially when the pattern and mould are far from being perfect, which is the case, I believe, with Toronto University. A system that favors special work before men are properly prepared for it, that permits non-attendance at lectures, and adjudges merit by examiners, can hardly be deemed worthy of universal adoption. If strongly and symmetrically developed men are produced under such system, it can never be by the system, but rather in spite of it. It is doubtful if any one of the six or seven B. A. courses in Toronto University is as valuable, educationally, as the one B. A. course in Acadia.

The Baptist cause is moving prosperously forward in Toronto. Last Saturday the corner-stone of the new chapel of the Parkdale church was laid, which makes the fifth corner-stone laid by Baptists in Toronto within the last fifteen months. This building, with furnishing and lot, will cost about \$11,000.

Up to the year 1866 there were but two Baptist churches in Toronto—the Bond street and Queen street (colored), with two small mission Sunday-schools. In that year the Alexander street church was organized. In 1874 there were six churches; while now, in 1888, there are twelve churches and eleven mission stations.

Last week the census of Toronto was taken, which reveals a phenomenally rapid growth. Fifty years ago the population was 20,000; twenty years ago it was 50,000; ten years ago it was 70,000; while now it is 171,000. That is to say, in the last ten years it has grown 100,000. D. M. WELTON.

Boston Letter.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

At a recent meeting of the Baptist ministers of the city, this subject received a most earnest consideration. The Rev. Dr. Jutten, of South Boston, led off with a very able and clear presentation of his side of the question, which was, "That there is by far too much machinery and organization of church members into societies, and bands, and committees, etc., etc., which tends to divide the body of Christ rather than unite it—in fulfillment of our blessed Lord's prayer in John's Gospel."

The various methods were held to be unscriptural. For they cannot be carried on by all churches alike, and therefore must be foreign to the spiritual life which is the common lot of all true Christians. That cannot be a natural method which can only be employed by a very few with success. The life of the church is one—its organizations clear and defined in the New Testament, and no place found there for the one thousand and one appendages of church work as we behold them to-day. The tendency of this state of affairs is to shirk personal responsibility in church work off upon the broad shoulders of this society or that, with the usual formula, "Let us refer the whole matter to a committee." Thus it comes to pass that no one moves, unless the body or society moves, and often the work, though much needed, is left undone. "It is a purely military system introduced into the service of the Prince of Peace."

Pastor Hoar, of Charlestown, followed with a paper, in which he maintained that Missionary societies, Sunday school, church choir, &c., were the natural outgrowth of the church's life—forgetting, it seems to me, that the only missionary organization on record in the New Testament is that of which every member was a part—the returned Apostles, reporting directly to the assembled church at Jerusalem of the progress of the Gospel in regions beyond. The only benevolent society for raising funds for church purposes is that outlined in 1 Cor. 16: "On the first day of the week," &c. The church was the great worker—every one, without waiting for any signal organization, were everywhere preaching the Gospel.

One speaker held that no organization should be admitted into the church which has not spiritual help for its object. Hence he would rule out all that savors of fair-weather cooking stove apostasy, &c. And truly it does seem out of place for a minister, after he has been preaching Christ to his people and offering the unconverted the Bread of Life without money and without price, to proceed, and in the name of some church society or other, to give notice "That on the next evening, in that place, stewed oysters will be served at 20 cents a bowl"—proceeds towards sending the free Gospel to the poor heathen.

Another held that "Every organization, in the church should be a sample of the whole spiritual life of the church." This would remove many a little body that now acts more like a wedge to divide than a body to unite.

A BROTHER'S FUNERAL IN CHRISTIAN BOSTON.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, there was a novel sight in the shape of a Chinaman's funeral, with all the appendages of heathen sepulture. It took place in Mt. Hope cemetery. Han Toy Sing had been for a long while resident in Boston, but had not been converted from idolatry to serve the true God. After the usual and weird ceremonies had taken place, and the body lowered into the grave, a basket of rice, and parcels containing boiled chicken, apples, oranges, cigarettes, and a bottle of wine, were

placed on the coffin, the grave closed. But no hope shone in the faces of his comrades as to the future—it seemed all dark before them. And all this in Christian Boston—and sadder still to know—

"That a million a month in China Are dying without God."

CHRISTMAS IN BOSTON.
Never before, at least in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, did Christmas Day dawn so brightly and its sun smile so warmly as it did this year. The elements seemed in league with the devout New Englanders, in their effort to celebrate, with holy mirth and joyful song, the birth of the world's Redeemer. The poor of the city were cared for with a liberal hand; children, poor and rich, enjoyed the old time Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus. Gifts were bestowed with a lavish hand, as well they might, when all the memories of the day told of the bestowal of God's greatest gift to the world—even His Son Jesus, and with Him life eternal.

WATCHMAN.

Boston, Dec. 28, 1888.

Our Ministerial Students.

From equisimade, I find that there are, at least, 55 of our young men of the Maritime Provinces engaged in study at different institutions, with a view of preparing themselves for the work of the Baptist ministry.

They are divided among the different schools as follows:

Acadia College and Horton Academy, 31
Dalhousie College, 1
New Brunswick Seminary, 5
Toronto Baptist College, (McMaster Hall), 7
Newton Theo. Seminary, 9
Rochester Theo. Seminary, 1
Brown University, 1

A few of these men will be ready to settle in the pastorate in the spring; but now is the time to secure them. Those that are abroad are willing to return to us if sought after and reasonable encouragement is held out. They must not be expected to come and beg for the privilege of preaching to our church when churches where they are, are pressing them to become their pastors.

From personal acquaintance with nearly all of these young men, I can testify that they are worthy of the confidence and esteem of the Denomination. It is a pity that our Ministerial Education Board is not in a position to give them more pecuniary aid. Many of them have to work their own way, and consequently, have to endure no little hardship. If, instead of \$25.00 each (the amount given last year to the ministerial students at Wolfville), we could give them \$50.00 each, at the least, it would make their burdens a little lighter.

Besides those at school, there are a few others at work on mission fields endeavoring to do some work for the Master, and at the same time gather something to start themselves in a course of study.

Surely we have reason to thank God that he is calling so many of our young men into this work. Let us see to it that we treat them in such a way that we can, with good conscience, ask Him for more.

A. CONOON,
Cbr. Sec'y H. M. Bd.
Halifax, Dec. 28, 1888.

Westport Notes.

The inefficiency of the Bay Service gives us tardy mails. The MESSENGER and VISITOR comes irregularly. But with well provided means of grace and grub we are about as independent of outside people's talks and stocks and works and worries as we well can be. Few people can understand the select advantages of a genuine sea-girt habitation; especially in the winter, when communication with all the world is irregular and difficult. How well it is to be thrown on our own resources for enjoyment. How marvellously abundant we find them. How wonderfully susceptible of development. "Neglect not the gifts that are in thee," gets a new meaning here. And then when one is not a strong man it is so fitting for him to contend with the world, the flesh and the devil on a small scale. As one looks out on the harmless yet magnificent furs and foam and fury of old ocean, as it is stirred to desperate endeavor by tides and tempests, our faith in God catches a fresh inspiration. "Thus far shalt thou go," is heard and

the tide ebbs. When the enemy comes in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him, and the dominion of evil is circumscribed.

Our Sabbath-school enjoyed a well filled Christmas tree and social entertainment on the 25th inst. Some one hundred and fifty presents were distributed to the scholars, teachers and officers of the school. A large audience was entertained by songs and recitations.

A short address was given by the pastor on the work of the Sabbath-school teacher as indicated by the Incarnation of Christ. A good collection was taken for the benefit of the school. Near the close of these exercises a very neat surprise was sprung upon the superintendent. On behalf of the school, Capt. Thomas Peck came upon the platform and presented a very kind and flattering address, in which was set forth in well chosen words, the work and character of just such a minister as the pastor of this school greatly desires to do and be; and at the proper time young friends rolled in a very nice easy chair as a gift token of appreciated services and good wishes. The recipient did his best to make a suitable reply. Our Sabbath-school starts on its New Year's course very hopefully. To my brother ministers and to you, Mr. Editor, I gladly send the Compliments of the Season. While you wrap yourselves in your fur coats and Japan bear sleigh robes, and turn out in storms and long drives to carry the Divine message to the people, I with no such appliances or demands will seat myself in my easy chair and study to show myself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. May we each in our place so do the Lord's work in the Lord's way as shall command His blessing upon us and our people.

Dec. 31. J. H. G.

Lunenburg County Items.

Truen.—The earnest pastor, under trying circumstances, is nobly steaming the tide. Death has removed some of the members, and one of the largest helpers has met with reverses; still the good work goes on, and the church is well established, but the balance still due is a heavy load for the struggling band to carry. The kind-hearted should further aid them.

Mahone Bay, etc. have the earnest labors of Bro. John Williams and the work goes on favorably.

Bros. Dodge and Mutch are doing good service in the Bridgewater and surrounding fields.

Deacon Isaac Durland, one of the best workers and highly respected by all classes, was called to his record on Saturday, Dec. 22, and will be greatly missed.

Chesler.—Bro. Taylor is occupying this field with earnestness, and Bro. Stephen Langill (late of the New Ross field, on Sunday he preached with good acceptance at Chester and Chester Basin in Bro. Taylor's place. Two more practical half-hour sermons I have rarely listened to. I feel especially interested in this good brother, for he is one of our most earnest temperance workers in the Grand Division, S. of N. of Nova Scotia.

I regret to report that in the three first named places much sickness and death prevail, but are abating.

The rails on the Central railroad are laid from New Germany to Bridgewater out almost to Mahone Bay.

The gold mines are opening up richer than ever.

Vessel building is pushed forward rapidly.

The fishing business is fairly successful and large prices obtained.

So good worldly prospects are in view and our people would do well to better themselves to push forward equally their religious work. W. J. G.

Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer, of Chicago, has inaugurated what will be known as the Vineyard Literary and Scientific College at Cottage City. This association will number thousands from the Baptist denomination all over the country. Four new buildings will be erected near the Baptist Temple, and the first annual session will be held next summer with a term of six weeks.

In a late address, from which we have elsewhere quoted, Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, said: "I have seen a man whose piety was so effusive that in conversation with him you would think that his wings must be all grown and plumed for flight; I have seen such an one march into church with his family, half an hour late, and order the usher to turn out a paw full of young men who had been seated there almost half an hour before."

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BIBLE LESSONS.

STUDIES IN MARK.

First Quarter.

Lesson III. January 20. Mark 1: 35-45.

HEALING OF THE LEPER.

GOLDEN TEXT.

As soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.—Mark 1: 42.

EXPLANATORY.

I. JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS WORK BY PRAYER.—Vern. 35, 36. 35. In the morning. After His exhausting labors of the previous day. Late at night, after the multitudes had departed with all their sick healed, he came simply dressed for the souls of all, Jesus retired to rest. He was human, and needed rest as truly as we do. Rising up. The great burden of souls rested upon him and awoke him early. A great while before day: lit. while it was very much night, i. e., before the approaching day, had scarcely diminished the darkness. And departed into a solitary place: desert place in Rev. Ver., "desert" being Old English for the modern "deserted." A remarkable feature of the Lake of Gennesaret was that it was closely surrounded with desert solitudes. And there prayed. The original word does simply mean "asking." All the depths of His being would be laid open to the full and filling influx of the mind and heart and will of His Father.

NOTE. (1) Early morning prayer will be the best preparation for the day. It is assumed to be a Christian habit in the language of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." Here is the correction of a nation, popularly current in these days, that one can pray equally well at all times and in all places.—Christ was accustomed to seek solitude for special occasions of prayer (Mark 5: 46; Luke 5: 16; 6: 12; 22: 41).

WHY JESUS PRAYED. The going forth alone, taking time from his needed sleep, lost no other opportunity should come to him, shows the importance which Jesus attached to secret prayer. Jesus was human as well as divine, and his human nature needed prayer as much as we need it. (1) Jesus needed communion with His Heavenly Father, to invigorate and refresh His spirit. (2) Jesus needed the things He asked for in prayer. The answers to His prayers were essential to Him. (3) He especially needed the power of God and the Spirit of God in the new movement he was about to inaugurate, the new missionary work into which he was about to enter.

SECRET PRAYER. Prayer in a solitary place was necessary in order to have opportunity to pray at all in undisturbed communion. Eloquent prayer is the blessed privilege of those who are in the height of battle, in the rush of business, in the crowd of cares; but this alone is never enough for the soul, which needs the refreshment of leisurely eating the Bread of Life.

36. And Simon. Peter, as usual, was leader in this search. Luke says the people sought Him. Followed after Him. Implying others besides the disciples, or that the disciples bore the people's message.

II. THE FIRST MISSIONARY TOUR IN GALILEE. 37. All men seek for Thee. The people wanted still to hear more, and to see more.

38. And He said unto them. The soil was ready for the good seed, and this was a reason why the time had come to inaugurate His missionary work. Let us, Jesus and His disciples. Go into the next (neighboring) towns. This I may preach there also. St. Luke gives more fully, "to publish the good news of the Kingdom of God." He worked miracles indeed, but His great object was to preach the Gospel, and the miracles were to aid Him in preaching. For, therefore came I forth (from heaven), and for this also he started out on His tour through Galilee.

THE MISSIONARY IMPULSE. (1) Here is an example of the missionary impulse—not only an illustration, but an example. It is not enough for His Gospel to bless any Capernaum; it must go out into other regions.

(2) This is utterly opposed to that spirit which is too prevalent in some churches, that they must wait till their own community is wholly converted before they give and do for the wider field.

(3) Capernaum would be evangelized all the sooner and better because he went to other places.

39. And He preached in their synagogues, as the best place for reaching the people religiously. Throughout all Galilee. Galilee at this time had probably a population of between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 people, and Josephus says there were 204 towns of over 15,000 inhabitants.

III. THE HEALING OF THE LEPER. 40. There came. Some time during this tour of Galilee. A leper. One infected with the leprosy (lepra vulgaris), the most dreadful of all the diseases to which the Jews were subject.

(1) It was a living death, as indicated by bare head, rent clothes, and covered up. In the Middle Ages, a man seized with leprosy was "clothed in a shroud, and the masses of the dead sung over him." In its horrible repulsiveness it is the Gospel type of sin.

(2) Leprosy is contagious, according to Dr. Saxe in his report of Hawaiian leprosy.

(3) All agree that it is hereditary.

(4) It is practically incurable. No certain case of cure has ever been certified.

LEPROSY AS AN EMBLEM OF SIN. "Sin is a deadly leprosy which has involved our whole race in one common ruin." (1) Sin, like leprosy, is the most loathsome, polluting, deforming, unclean thing in the universe.

(2) Sin, like leprosy, separates from the pure and clean.

(3) Sin, like leprosy, is constitutional.

charity. The first step toward salvation from sin is to realize how sinful and guilty we are.

GOING TO JESUS FOR HELP. Jesus' marvellous cures of others had awakened hope in the leper, and he went to Him as the only possible source of health. What Jesus has done for others in saving them from sin, encourages us to go to Him for our own salvation.

THE PRAYER OF FAITH. And kneeling down. Not an act of worship, but a gesture of entreaty. If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. If Thou art willing, Thou art able. Make me clean. Cleanse my whole body from the taints of the disease. Not restore every lost limb, but take away the disease. Cleansing in what sinners need.

41. Moved with compassion. An exceedingly fine translation. Jesus felt for the leper what He and His Father feel for all sinners.—an unutterable compassion and love. Put forth His hand and touched him. The evangelists picture the act, and you see it. The Saviour did not fear contamination from contact with the leper. So we are safe about meeting in contact with him, while it is to cure and help, and only then, I will, be thou clean (cleansed). The curative power of earthly physicians is in the fitness of the means they employ. The curative virtue of Christ is in His will, and not in instrumentalities.

42. Immediately. The cure was instantaneous and complete, showing that it was the result not of human, but divine power. The leprosy departed. The cause of this uncleanness; and then, as the result, he was cleansed.

44. See thou say nothing to any man; I, e., till you have shown yourself to the priest. We do not know whether the miracle was done in private, or in public, but it was in a town. (Luke 12: 4).

WHY THIS PROHIBITION. (1) There was danger that the people would become greatly excited upon hearing of His miracles, with the idea that he was about to set up a splendid earthly kingdom.

(2) Jesus would not have the leper make a boast of his miraculous cure, glory in it, and in himself as a special object of divine favor.

(3) There was need of solitary thought and meditation on the great cure wrought in the man's body, that it might have the due spiritual effect on his soul.

(4) There was danger that the minds of the people would be drawn away from the great truths of the Gospel to dwell too much on bodily and temporal blessings. Jesus' chief wish was to save men from sin, and bring back their souls to their Heavenly Father, and miracles, blessed as they were in themselves, were a means to this greater end.

For a testimony unto them. (1) Unto the people that thou art healed. The danger of meeting all the reasons of suspicion as to the validity of the cure, by having the attention of those recognized authorities who were enemies to Him.

(2) In order that the officiating priest, and the other officials who are associated with him, might learn from the facts that are so transparently in Galilee.

(3) The testimony was concerning Jesus himself, that He kept the law.

45. But He went out: from the place where he was cured, into the city, and, perhaps, into the surrounding country. He went to publish the good news of the Kingdom of God. In his rash eagerness, he had failed to keep in the open and uninhabited places. And they came to Him from every quarter. The people kept coming to Him, notwithstanding the difficulty of reaching Him, and the inconveniences connected with a journey, even for a very limited period, in an unpopulated district. Luke says they came to hear and to be healed.

It's Good Enough.

"There! I guess that will do," said John, as he took a shovelful of ashes out of the stove. "The pan isn't empty, but it's good enough, nobody will see it. If I can get the stove swept in about five minutes, I can finish the story in the Fireside Companion before any one comes."

The stove was swept very much as the open space, as the best place for reaching the people religiously. Throughout all Galilee. Galilee at this time had probably a population of between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 people, and Josephus says there were 204 towns of over 15,000 inhabitants.

III. THE HEALING OF THE LEPER. 40. There came. Some time during this tour of Galilee. A leper. One infected with the leprosy (lepra vulgaris), the most dreadful of all the diseases to which the Jews were subject.

(1) It was a living death, as indicated by bare head, rent clothes, and covered up. In the Middle Ages, a man seized with leprosy was "clothed in a shroud, and the masses of the dead sung over him." In its horrible repulsiveness it is the Gospel type of sin.

(2) Leprosy is contagious, according to Dr. Saxe in his report of Hawaiian leprosy.

(3) All agree that it is hereditary.

(4) It is practically incurable. No certain case of cure has ever been certified.

LEPROSY AS AN EMBLEM OF SIN. "Sin is a deadly leprosy which has involved our whole race in one common ruin." (1) Sin, like leprosy, is the most loathsome, polluting, deforming, unclean thing in the universe.

(2) Sin, like leprosy, separates from the pure and clean.

(3) Sin, like leprosy, is constitutional.

(4) The tendency to sin, like the tendency to leprosy, is hereditary.

"You have been teaching me how well I could get along without you. I thought the stove needed cleaning and the stove sweeping every morning, but it seems they don't. So I shall not need you longer than this week.—Selected.

Ages to Come.

"That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."—Eph. 2: 7 (R. V.). "The ages to come"—what a wonderful prospect! How shall we, the short-lived and short-sighted children of time, bear to look into the heights and depths of that eternity called by St. Paul the "ages to come?" All that we can know is by divine revelation, and the glimpse here afforded us as to the glorious future of God's people is as elevating to the spirit as it is comforting to the heart. In that great future God will have a work to do; He will show His people that which they could not apprehend or understand now.

All that can here be known of the exceeding riches of His grace is poor compared to what has yet to be revealed "in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." The centuries of time are not long enough to show all this; it requires the "ages to come" for its full display. The work accomplished by Christ in His life and in His death was in one sense ended when on the cross He cried, "It is finished!" but its glorious results shall know no end; the "ages to come" will unfold more of their "exceeding riches."

How strange that we allow ourselves to be engrossed with the cares of this life even to its most petty trifles, while we neglect to do that which is so important as to what we should break our hearts over the losses and the crosses of a day, and forget "the exceeding riches of his grace," to be shown in the "ages to come!" The Sunday at Home.

Killing the Dragon.

A little boy four years old was much impressed by the story of St. George and the Dragon, which his mother had been reading to him and his sister, and the next day he said to his father: "Father, I want to be a saint."

"Very well, John," said his father; "you may be a saint if you choose, but you will find it very hard work."

"I don't mind," replied John. "I want to be a saint and fight a dragon. I am sure I could kill one."

"So you shall, my boy."

"But when can I be one?" persisted the child.

"You can begin to-day," said his father. "But where is the dragon?"

"I will tell you when he comes out."

So the boy ran off contentedly to play with his little sister.

In the course of the day some presents came for the two children. John's was a book, and his sister Catherine's a beautiful doll. Now John was too young to care for a book, but he dearly loved dolls; and when he found that his sister had what he considered a much nicer present than his own, he threw himself on the floor in a passion of tears.

His father, who happened to be there, said quietly: "Now, John, the dragon is out!"

The child stopped crying, and looked quickly around the room, and then up at his father's face, but said nothing.

That evening, however, when he bade his father "good-night," he whispered: "Papa, I am very glad Catherine has the doll. I did kill the dragon!"—Temperance Banner.

A lady stood hanging on the strap of a street car, when a workman in the far corner arose and politely offered her a seat. "I thank you," she said, in a very sweet tone, "but I dislike to deprive the only gentleman in the car of a seat."

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TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.

This is a very familiar expression. It usually means that a change is to be made for the better. The old leaf written over with the record of our failures, weaknesses, folly, sin, or what not, is to be turned down, in order that one may have a bright new page upon which to make a better record.

and this made him cry out, "I am the chief of sinners." But while we may profitably turn up the page of the record of our faults, let us give down that containing the record of others. On the other hand, let us never turn down the page of their good deeds.

THE WEEK.

Glaston, while in Italy, has been drawn out on the question of the Pope's relations to Italy. It was reported he assented to the idea that it should be made the subject of international arbitration.

St. John Ministerial Conference.

The St. John Ministerial Conference met last Monday morning in the classroom of German street church. Prayer was offered by Bro. Adams, of Yarmouth, N.S.

The difficulties are chiefly those which are liable to arise at the beginning of a school under very peculiar circumstances before adjustment has been made to the new and untried conditions.

Quarterly Meeting.

The York and Sunbury Counties Quarterly Meeting for December, met with the Baptist church at Fredericton, on the 14th.

Home Mission News and Notes.

The labors of the newly appointed General Missionary, Rev. A. H. Hayward, have been much blessed at Windsor, Carleton Co., N. B.

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7. Charge to the candidate by Rev. H. F. Adams. 8. Charge to the church by Rev. Dr. Day. 9. Benediction by Rev. A. F. Brown.

ORDINATION.

An ecclesiastical council convened at Tusket, N. S., on the 3rd day of January, 1889, pursuant to an invitation from Tusket Baptist church, to take into consideration the advisability of ordaining to the gospel ministry Mr. Addison F. Browne, licentiate.

Religious Intelligence.

SPRINGFIELD, Kings Co., N. B.—The Springfield, Kings Co. churches which have been pastorless since Rev. A. H. Hayward resigned in October, are anxiously looking for the coming man.

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ST. JOHN AND PORTLAND MISSION.—This mission is prospering. Bro. A. E. Ingram is laboring with much earnestness in connection with it.

Some needed additions have been made to the furnishing of the hall at Haymarket Square, and Mr. Postwick has remodelled his hall at Portland Bridge, increasing its capacity about one-third.

The German St. Sabbath-school had a festival of giving rather than of receiving. At the call of Bro. Simms, the superintendent, they contributed fifty parcels of clothing and \$104.55 in cash for the missions.

MAHON BAY.—I find my old friends here very kind, and the church united. The brethren are praying for and looking forward to an ingathering. On Christmas night we were surprised by a visit of some friends at the parsonage, who left us about \$40.00 better off than they found us.

SURBERY, ALBERT Co.—I wish to express my gratitude to my Sunday-school class of young ladies, in Surber, for the beautiful dressing case presented to me on Christmas Eve.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—Our pastor, Rev. E. Whitman, has resigned the pastorate of our church, to take effect in two months from this date.

HALIFAX, A. C.—As it is some time since I wrote to MESSANGER and VISITOR, allow me to say we are still toiling on. Some dark clouds have, of late, gathered over the Valley church, and we have felt discouraged, yet not disheartened.

LOWER ECONOMY.—I wish to express my gratitude to the friends of Lower Economy and Five Islands for a very valuable fur coat presented to me on the evening of Dec. 22nd.

HAMPTON VILLAGE, N. B.—In consequence of Bro. DeWolf's illness, the church invited me to spend vacation with them. We have held a series of meetings, with good results.

NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The Mission Band exercised in connection with the North Baptist Sunday-school yesterday, were a decided success. There was a large audience present, who enjoyed a very interesting programme.

BRO. F. D. CRAWLEY experienced a very delightful surprise on Christmas Eve, when a deputation of the brethren and sisters called at the parsonage, and Bro. J. W. Spurden, on behalf of the church and congregation, with many kind words expressive of love and esteem, presented him with a purse of one hundred dollars.

We are much pained to learn that Bro. J. S. Read, of Upper Aylesford, is in failing health, and has been compelled to give up the work in which he has so long been engaged and so much beloved. May the Lord sustain him.

DR. RAVI thinks the Canadian Hymnal is not of sight the best extant for the use of our churches. He also reports that educational matters at Woodstock College and at Moulton College, Toronto, are progressing very satisfactorily.

Mrs. F. A. Kildon, N. E. Margaree, writes: Being the recipient of a very liberal donation from two of the members on my field, Brothers William and James Frizzle, I wish to express my warmest thanks.

The pastor of the Chipman Baptist church desires to return thanks to a number of his flock for the gift of a handsome sleigh and robes.

Mrs. D. McLeod desires to make grateful mention of the kindness of his people at Tracadie, for the gift of a purse of \$20.00.

The Albert County Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist body of Albert County, will meet (D. V.) with the Baptist church at Hopewell, in the Baptist meeting-house of the village of Albert, on the 15th day of January, 1889, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mapleton, Elgin, Dec. 21, 1888. The Queens Co. Quarterly Meeting will be in its next session with the Salmon Creek church, Jan. 19. We hope to see a good attendance of ministering brethren and laymen.

W. B. M. U. "Arise, shine: for thy light is come." Extracts from Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Archibald's letters.

"I must express through you, to the dear sisters of the Union, my very grateful appreciation of their loving and tender resolution of sympathy with me in the great sorrow that has again come into my heart and life.

"The Lord has heard and answered, for He is comforting my heart; daily I feel around me His everlasting love, and underneath the everlasting arms. He gives me some sweet glimpses of faith of the joy into which my precious boy has entered, and into which I too shall enter when my work here is done, and be for ever with the Lord."

"I must tell you a little incident that occurred lately. I think you will be interested in it, as I was. The Rajah of Bobbili was taking to himself his third wife last week, the two others having died some years ago.

"The Friday evening previous she prayed in the school prayer meeting. I was ill at the time of the marriage, and she, hearing it, came up to see me day before yesterday. She was dressed in her bridal costume I presume, a thin Indian muslin gown and white ravelike, with head, ears, nose, ankles, and toes adorned with jewelry.

Mrs. Archibald: "I am glad to see that you have secured a column in the MESSANGER and VISITOR. If I can do anything to assist you in sustaining it, I shall do so with pleasure, as far as my strength affords or permits."

took quite an ill turn of some sort on Sunday, and could not resume this before now; it will have to wait next week's mail.

"How our hearts would rejoice over a missionary family for Chicacoia this autumn. We will send you some papers that will give you some idea of the famine in our part of the land. We are only in the beginning of it yet. Where will it end?

Take Notice. From Jan. 6th the office of the MESSANGER and VISITOR will be in the Dominion building, corner of King and Prince William street, up one flight, entrance from King street.

Home Missions. RECEIPTS. From Dec. 10th to Jan. 4th. Con. Fund, River John Church, \$7.50. New Annan Church, 6.00. James Logan, Esq., 5.00. North Co., 1.00. "M. H." Hebron, 1.00. Mrs. John Hatfield, Tusket, 5.00. Con. Fund, per Dr. Day, 300.00. Mrs. P. C. Woodland, Wallace Bridge, 1.00. George H. Woodland, do, 1.00. R. S. Woodland, do, 1.00. Con. Fund, Rev. David Crandall, Springfield, N. B., 1.00. Mrs. N. Durkoo's S. S. class, Hebron, instead of Christmas cards, 1.22. Con. Fund, Argyle Church (see next section), 9.33. Con. Fund, James Frizzle, N. E. Margaree, 5.00. Percy and Chas. E. Masters, Summerville, Hants, \$1 each, 2.00. Dartmouth Lake, 1.00. Con. Fund, Tusket Church (VII. age section), 8.83. J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville, 50.00. Con. Fund, Hebron Church, 20.00. Before reported, 842.88. Total, \$1120.07.

For Manitoba and North-West Missions. A. Colborn, Hebron, 1.00. J. H. Rawling, Black River, 0.50. J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville, 50.00. Before reported, 6.35. Total, \$57.85. Treas. H. M. B. Hebron, N. S., Jan. 4.

Marriages. GALLAGHER-JOHNSTON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 15th, by the Rev. Geo. Harvey, assisted by the Rev. J. G. Harvey, Samuel T. Gallagher, to Clara E. Johnston, all of Centreville, Carleton Co.

GRANT-HUNT.—At Milton Baptist parsonage, Yarmouth, on Christmas Eve, by Rev. M. B. Shaw, B. A., Mr. Charles Grant, of Yarmouth, to Miss Sophronia Hunt, daughter of Michael Hunt, Esq., of Cape Sable Island.

CRABBE-JONES.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. W. Corey, to Miss Nellie M. Crabbe, of Norton, to Della May, eldest daughter of James Jones, of Springfield, Kings Co.

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BOYDEN-BUTLER.—At the Baptist Parsonage, Canard, Cornwallis, Dec. 25th, by the Rev. S. B. Kempton, Elmer N. Boyden, of Foxboro, Mass., to Esther M., daughter of Amos Butler, Esq., of Cornwallis.

DEATHS. GEROW.—At St. John, N. B., on 24th ult., Mary Wyer, aged 62 years, wife of Stephen E. Gerow, of Customs Department.

UTTON.—On God, at the expiration of a long illness she showed such sweetness of disposition, and such manifestation of grace in the heart, as endeared her greatly to her family and friends.

CHURCHILL.—At Barkline, Mass., Oct. 12th, of typhoid fever, Sister Mary E. Churchill, beloved wife of Harvey Churchill, of Ohio, Yarmouth, N. S. Sister Churchill came to Ohio with her husband, a stranger, a little more than a year ago.

BAKER.—On the 18th of Dec. the people of Chester were shocked on learning that the Rev. J. W. Baker, of the Baptist Church, had died at Stamford's Mills, Chester, having been sent by an older brother on an errand.

DURLAND.—At New Germany, N. S., Dec. 23rd, Lettie, beloved wife of Enoch Durland, and daughter of Henry Webber. Sister Durland has adopted the doctrines of God her Father by a consistent life, and was ready when the time came to depart to be with Jesus.

CHURCHILL.—At Chegogin, on the 5th ult., Warren Churchill, in the fifty-first year of his age. Bro. Churchill was a consistent and active member of the West Yarmouth Baptist church. He took a lively interest in the cause of God, and was one of the principal supporters of the church.

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PERRY-CROSBY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Maitland, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. D. H. Simpson, M. A., Harry Perry, to Mattie Crosby, both of Maitland.

MITCHELL-VAUGHAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. Geo. Taylor, George Mitchell, of Chester, Lunenburg Co., to Mary, daughter of Peacock Vaughn, of Waterville, Hants Co., N. S.

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ONE GIRL'S WAY OUT.

CHAPTER I.—Continued. That brought her one "misfortune," as she termed it in her thought.

Hastening into a large store down town for some little neglected matter, she came suddenly face to face with her pastor, Dr. Lyons.

"Ah, Miss Vane!" the gentleman said, in his stately way one never dared interrupt, "you are busy, I hear, for your grand entertainment of this evening."

"Half past eight," she answered. "And our lecture will close at that hour precisely. Now, as the church vestry is such a little distance from the hall where you gather, would it not be possible for you to come into that first?"

"Our duties, Miss Vane, are varied; but not your influence over your friends is greater if they see you ready to fulfill all obligations in your best manner?"

"How absurd!" had been Mirabel's thought to the first part of his speech, but at his concluding words the subtle ambition always active in this girl's nature, asserted itself.

"Beautiful sight!" whispered the wily tempter, "One hour bent in lowly devotion in the chapel, a little later the admiral of a great assembly."

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"Mirabel, I think you struck twice to-night," said Joy Alden, a little later, in her stately way.

"I thank you. But is there only one twice in a life?" she added, quickly.

"There may be but one of a kind, my dear young lady," said Dr. Lyons, who had come behind the curtain for his daughter, and overheard.

"Then, I am not satisfied," returned Mirabel, decisively. "I shall want more than one twice in my life to satisfy."

"The hands turn for another circle, my friend," the doctor went on; "so you may strike another with even clearer truth, though it may not record the same action or event."

"Care not," Mirabel answered, lightly, "so it only sounds and is worth the hearing. And that is not so bad as it seems, doctor. I only want it to be one of the 'worth whiles.' That is right, is it not?"

CHAPTER II. SARATOGA CHIPS.

Of course there was little sleep for Mirabel that night. If she lost consciousness for a moment, it was only to start up quickly, and hear the voice within ringing over and over the words that had burned themselves into her brain, or to see the great audience turned toward her, and occasionally toward the speaker.

Just before daylight she found an hour or two of quiet rest, and that brought brightness to her eye, and sent her to join the family group at the breakfast table in her usual happy mood.

And the meal was a lively one. The tray had already been packed by Ellen, and sent on to their destinations, so there were but few preparations now. The boys were to be left for a few days with the housekeeper, then their father would take them to a quiet place up the river, where he could join them Saturday nights and occasionally on week-days.

"I was afraid you would be utterly fagged this morning, Mirabel. And Madam Daniels told me, last evening, there is to be a grand opening to-night at the Union, and I want you to look your best."

"Look as you did last night, Mirabel, when they slapped so," said Guy. "Why didn't your eyes shine, though? I forgot all about it, and was clapping away as loud as anybody when I happened to think it was my sister, and I stopped off quick, I tell you. But I couldn't help it."

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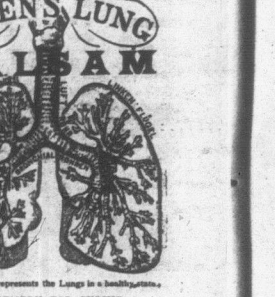
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TEMPERANCE.

An Arrangement of the Rum Traffic.

Whence comes this spectacle in Christian lands? How has this alien grown up about our Christian altars to such dreadful proportions? It is here, and confronts us everywhere. It is the cancer on the face of Christendom, the blistering shame on the fair countenance of Christian civilization, engendered of the rum shop, and the lust god of mammon and pleasure.

The vicious classes are Christian born. For a moment, that Christian born, authorized by law and sanction of the State, the creation of this frightful pest-gang; that it has provided for its creation: that it is here, not in opposition to, but of her will; that by formal and deliberate legislation, brought about by Christians, the horse is set off at five miles an hour, drawing the carriage after him with perfect ease.

For a generation Christendom has been hearing a low growl from the kennel, where she is battering these wild beasts of the rum traffic. He frets all about him, and has crushed their victims. "What means the roar to-day along Trafalgar Square and London streets?" It is the beast, loose and shaking his mane, hammer him a little more on government joints, and no kennel bars will hold him.

The rum traffic must cease to be treated as a question of right and liberty of individual choice, as the pursuit of a legitimate calling, as much so as theft, or murder, or any other crime. It belongs to a class of crimes, and the law must be applied to it in any other place.

There is but one road of deliverance from this evil. It is a moral one; it is the plain, straightforward road of simple honesty in dealing with a case of pronounced crime. The rum seller is a criminal, pure and simple; he must be treated as such in law and administration.

When he is buried in a pit, a sandy hill-side should be selected as the site, and a tile drain put underneath. When these precautions have been neglected, one should be taken that no water stands upon the surface around the pit.

"Farming Don't Pay." "Farming don't pay," says the old fogey, as he looks through the cracks of his crumbling house, and counts the snowflakes as they dance before the wind and crowd into the crevices which are left open because he was too thrifless to endeavor to save his structure.

"Farming don't pay" the farmer who depends on the sunny side of a straw-stack for warmth to his stock, and the corner of a rail fence to break the force of the wind.

"Farming don't pay" unless rightly conducted, nor will manufacturing, nor any kind of business, prosper under unfavorable conditions. The farmer must be on the alert. He must keep his farm in order, grade up his stock, feed for the best results, and endeavor to annually increase his products. Nothing must be

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News Summary.

DOMINION.
-The dividend due by the G. N. W. Tel. Co. to the Montreal Tel. Co. has been paid under protest.

-The number of employes in the I. C. R. repair shops at Moncton are being steadily increased.

-St. Thomas, Ont.: claims to have the lowest rate of taxation in the Dominion.

-Charles L. Crispo, of Harbor au Bouche, is gazetted inspector of pickled fish and fish oils, for the County of Antigonish.

-Work on the Bay Chaleur Railway has been suspended for the winter.

-On Thursday last, the corner stick of the great Ice Palace in Montreal was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

-Chief Justice Allen, of New Brunswick, has been knighted.

-A beautiful rainbow was visible at Grand Manan on Christmas Day.

-The new Grand Trunk station at Montreal is a magnificent edifice.

-Antigonish will be incorporated. The vote stood 12 to 8.

-The Clametsport iron works and mines have been sold to a gentleman of Ontario.

-Lord Stanley will attend the Montreal Board of Trade dinner on the 23rd inst.

-Application will be made to Parliament for a charter for a second line of railway from Port Arthur to Winnipeg.

-The net debt of Canada has decreased \$300,000 during December.

-The Trenton, Ont., property owners have voted \$25,207 to improve the water power within the limits of the town.

-The imports of St. Stephen for 1888 were valued at \$486,257.04. The duty collected was \$1,988,287. \$1,249,98 more than in 1887.

-A company is to be formed in Quebec with a capital of a quarter of a million dollars, to build a first-class hotel on the site of the old Parliament buildings.

-Mr. Hurd, of Black Rock mountain, N. S., has a fine cranberry bog of which he gathered 21 barrels this season, which averaged \$5 per barrel.

-The Grand Trunk and Intercolonial railway stations at South Quebec and Levis respectively are to be fitted up with the electric light.

-Messrs. Chandler & Co. are pushing the construction of the Springfield and Oxford railway. The track is laid to within one mile of Oxford.

-During 1888, 240 convictions were made in the Fredericton police court, and the receipts amounted to \$2,621.95, of which \$1,530 was for violation of the Scott Act.

-The customs duties collected at Halifax in 1888 amounted to \$1,760,736, an increase of \$227,413 over 1887. The inland revenue receipts were \$253,603, an increase of \$13,520.

-The Cumberland Railway and Coal Co. have erected the electric light at the collieries on the Aro system. They have lights in the shops on the bank at the screens and also in the railway yard.

-The report circulated lately that the Orient line has secured the contract for the fast mail service across the Atlantic is declared utterly unfounded.

-The treasury authorities in Washington, in reply to the request of a Detroit customs officer for instructions, say empty railroad cars introduced into the States from Canada and used for domestic traffic can be seized.

-A vein of silver has been found on the property of Chas. Clark at Mt. Aquash, N. B. The ore is said to be very rich. Excavations are being made to ascertain the extent of the deposit.

-The Intercolonial railway account for the year ended 30th June shows a deficit of \$63,943 as compared with a deficit of \$22,105 in 1887, and the deficit on the France, Edward Island railway has increased from \$18,954 in 1887 to \$7,126 in 1888.

-During the year 1888, the County of Antigonish, N. S., imported and entered for consumption goods to the value of \$60,000. The exports amounted to \$52,330, the principal item being 1,258 horned cattle shipped to Newfoundland and valued at \$51,885.

-Win. Devlin, a young man employed in Morrison's shingle mill, Fredericton, met with a horrible accident Saturday. Getting one of his hands caught in a machine, his arm was wrested from its socket. He died Sunday.

-The New York and Nova Scotia Iron and Railway Company propose to erect two furnaces at Halifax, one for the manufacture of Bessemer pig iron and the other for foundry pig. The erection of one furnace with 2,400 cubic capacity means work for many hundred men, the raising of 50,000 tons of ore, 50,000 tons of coal and 20,000 tons of lime stone.

-The exports of Westmorland Co. during the past year amounted to \$293,844 in value, divided as follows: Moncton \$100,000, Hillsboro \$91,622, Shediac \$109,978, Miramichi \$25,900, Harvey \$8,985, Alma \$194. These consisted largely of lumber, bark, railway ties, rock and cement plaster, potatoes, oats, eggs and fish.

-Inquiries are being made in New Brunswick for the heirs of Patrick O'Neill, who died at Pleasanton, Texas, last year, leaving \$7,000 worth of property. O'Neill, who was very reticent about his family, told his friends that he "came from a town in New Brunswick called Petticoat, or Petticoche."

-B. D. Wood, of Bale Yerte, N. B., has embarked in the business of making hardwood butter tubs at his mill, in addition to the manufacturing of staves and loads for pork barrels (in which he has been engaged for some time) for the Island trade, having cut some 50,000 staves and 10,000 heads for the Charlottetown trade.

-The exporting of spruce gum to the United States has become quite an industry in Nova Scotia. During the past month or so over a thousand pounds were shipped from Shubenacadie station. It brings a dollar a pound in the Boston market, it being chiefly used in the manufacture of the finer quality of rubber goods. The gum pickers get fifty cents a pound for it from the local dealers.

-The number reported of births, deaths and marriages for the city and county of St. John, during the past year, were 533 births, 359 marriages, and 1,074 deaths. Of this number 238 marriages, 394 births, and 589 deaths took place during the last six months, thus showing a considerable increase over the first half of the year.

-The revenue of Canada for the first half of the present fiscal year aggregates \$18,800,000, an increase of one and a half million dollars over the corresponding period last year. The expenditure was \$14,600,000, a decrease of four thousand dollars, as compared with the same period last year. The surplus is therefore \$4,200,000, as against \$2,300,000 last year.

-The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B., has placed reliable life insurance within the reach of every man in good health and industrious habits. Three cents per day will pay the regular premiums on \$1,000 insurance at age 40, and only fifteen cents a day, applied in this way, will protect his family to the extent of \$5,000. Thousands of families are in want of it, because their natural provider persists in waiting for a "convenient season" to take out policy. Insure today. To-morrow never comes.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

-The lord mayor of London and the mayor of New York exchanged greetings by telegraph.

-The cars of silk from Yokohama, bound for Montreal, left Vancouver a few days ago. The value of the cargo is \$300,000.

-Emperor William, of Germany, predicts that the year will be a peaceful one.

-Several earthquakes occurred in Kioptod and Kastakos on the 3rd. Many were killed and a number of buildings destroyed.

-It is reported that two hundred persons were lost in the snow and frozen to death in Russia the past week.

-Heavy snow storms in South Russia last week engulfed several trains and stopped all kinds of traffic.

-Burglars entered a house, New Year's Eve, at Bournemouth, at which Count Karolyi, Austrian ambassador, and his wife were sojourning, and stole jewelry valued at £5,000, belonging to the countess.

-At parade on the 2nd, at Suakin, the Egyptian officers and men were especially commended by the Khedive for bravery in the recent battle, Gen. Grenfell made an address and presented the men with gratuities.

-Great anxiety is felt regarding Bismarck's health. The chancellor has received 1,000 telegrams expressing sympathy. He has been ordered to remain in strict repose and not to go to Berlin.

-Reports from St. Petersburg of the 2nd, say that at Salamsk, near Tiflis, in Georgia, a train became blocked in an immense snow drift, and before aid could be sent fourteen passengers perished from the intense cold and frost-bitten. A relief party which started out to rescue the imprisoned passengers lost their way and died in the snow.

UNITED STATES.

-St. Louis gave \$10,000 to her poor on Christmas.

-The Electric Sugar Refining Co., in New York, has collapsed. The loss to those interested will, no doubt, be heavy.

-The strike of engineers on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway which began ten months ago has been settled.

-Mr. F. Higginbotham, private banker, of Manhattan, Kansas, has assigned; liabilities are \$107,000, and assets, consisting largely of real estate and live stock, \$20,000. The bank was established in 1858.

-Saturday afternoon, at New Hope, Mercer county, W. Va., a number of farmers gathered at William Porter's grist mill, as is their custom on Saturdays, to get flour. They were talking in the boiler house when the boiler exploded, completely wrecking the mill. Four men were instantly killed, their bodies being blown into shreds. The fifth has died, and another death will soon come. Two other men were seriously injured.

-The ship Stephen D. Horton, Lewis, from Calcutta October 8th, for New York, with merchandise, was burned at sea on the 2nd, within a few miles of Portland, Me. The exception of the carpenter and another man, who were drowned, the crew were all saved. The Horton was a vessel of 1,625 tons burden, built at Parrboro, N. S., and owned by the Spencer Island company of Nova Scotia. She was launched in 1884, and was valued at \$75,000, and was consigned to F. Whitney & Co., of New York. Both cargo and vessel were partially covered by insurance.

GENERAL.

-There are 3,000,000 women in the United States who work for wages.

-A new dog is coming into fashion in London. It is the Tartar fox terrier. His coat is silky, smooth and red, with markings at head and tail. He is good tempered.

-There are on earth 1,000,000,000 inhabitants. Of these 33,033,033 die every year, 91,854 every day, 3,750 every hour, and 60 every minute, or 1 every second.

-There has just been landed at San Francisco a freak with the appearance in shape of a black mare from Australia that is utterly and absolutely without hair, even where mane and tail ought to be. In all other respects she is a model of the equine race.

-The largest artificial basin for docking and repairing the hulls of ships in the United States is being completed at Newport News, Va. It is 600 feet long, 130 feet wide, with a depth of 25 feet over the sill at high tide. It is furnished with pumps that can empty it in two and a half hours.

-In January, 1886, the population of Vancouver, B. C., was 600. At the beginning of 1887, it was 3,000. In January, 1888, it had risen to 6,000. The present population is said to be 10,000.

-The total cost of the Victoria Hospital, at Fredericton, was \$7,153.36; the receipts amount to \$7,077.74; there is more than sufficient unpaid subscriptions to discharge the balance, and besides

there is on interest at the bank the \$1,000 contributed by Asa C. Dow for the erection of a minor congenital diseases, which will be built in the spring.

Convention Funds Received.

Table listing funds received from Westport, Cavendish, P. E. I., D. A. Vaughan, St. Stephen, and other locations.

Yarmouth, Jan. 6. G. E. DAY.

-Dr. Phillips Brooks has been giving his opinion on the theological novel. The reporter of his sermon says that "there was almost a touch of scorn in the way he alluded to the people who gave a eulogistic opinion on 'Robert Elsmere,' and who were absolutely ignorant of the prophets and teachings of the Old and New Testaments. He knew that, 'and let your novel go, at least until you have become familiar with the great truths of John and Paul and the other Scripture writers!'"

-An eminent Pedobaptist layman, who has been over Europe again and again, and has had abundant opportunities of seeing what becomes of people where Pedobaptism is not authorized by the Baptist idea, says to us: "If it were decided that all denominations must go out of business except one, and I were permitted to say which that one should be, I would say, 'Let all the rest sink, but let the Baptist denomination survive.' He knows that, without the influence of the Baptists, the Pedobaptist churches would soon baptize every human being that comes into the world, and make the church and the world one here as everywhere else, and with like direful results.—Religious Herald.

-There are over 700 men in the world worth over \$300,000 each. Of these over 200 reside in Great Britain, 100 in the United States, 100 in Germany and Austria, 75 in France, 50 in Russia, 50 in India, and 125 in other countries. Jay Gould is put down as the richest of all, the value of his estate being estimated at \$275,000,000.

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If you do you will nine times in ten have a fever to starve. A cold is a shock received by the myriad nerves that form the surface of the human body. This shock is transmitted to the nerve centres, and then back to the mucous membranes, forcing a great amount of blood to those membranes, creating a more or less severe irritation and consequent rise in the temperature, followed by chills. Excess of food in the stomach still more increases the temperature, and worst of all, helps clog the secretions or natural outlets of the body. It is high time we broke away from an old notion which, like most others, has done more harm than good. For example, in years past how many poor fellows, burning with an internal fire and thirst, were hurried to an untimely grave because not allowed cooling drinks or a bit of ice by the old time treatment for fevers, as foolish as the usage for colds. At last one cunning delirious patient got to a point of cold wet fever, and his fill determined not leave until his iron dry, he slacked the fever, recovered, and doctors learned a lesson. Experimenting with a severe cold is a dangerous custom, as most persons try one remedy only until a some friend suggests another "sure cure," as Mark Twain so humorously describes. When slight hoarseness or tightening of the nasal membrane warns one of a skin exposure or chill from wet, act promptly; a delay is dangerous. With children it may mean croup and strangulation; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, perhaps pneumonia. If neglected, nothing can prevent the sneezing, red nose, and watery eye look of a person with a cold. Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without medicines in the house, as without that old-fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, near at hand for croupy children. Used with a mild laxative, as described in a pamphlet which J. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, will mail free to anyone, Johnson's Liniment will cure a cold for adults quicker than any known remedy. A mild nutritious diet, a gentle physic to open the secretions, and a bottle of that old Anodyne from your druggist, will conquer any cold. Johnson's Anodyne Liniment was originated by an old family physician more than seventy years ago.

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