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NO TES AND COMMENTS.

The Rev. Stephen Gladstone draws a larger stipend, more than £7,000, from his rectory of Harwarden than his father receives as a Prime Minis-

The soul that you are to win next year is not to be hunted for afar. It is in your home. To win that soul to Christ is the greatest thing you can do: so put vour most earnest praver and your best work into the endeavor. Nash. Adv.

The News, the Mormon organ published at Salt Lake City, speaks of the President's reference in his message to Mormonism in wrathful terms. Plural marriages, says the News, "are ecclesiastical, perpetual and eternal," no matter what the civil law may do about them.

Rev. Dr. Newman says the Church should revise her creed so that it would read : "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting."

" Malaria," says the New York Sun, "is the convenient name which members of Congress who leave good habits at home employ for their often infirmities at Washington. Other transient patriots follow the example, and charge ailments caused by over-indulgence in luxuries to the climate and the bad sewerage of the capital.'

"'Taint Gospel I want, it's grub,' was the reply of a hungry looking man to a reporter who was inquiring his way to Messrs. Moody and Sankey's hall. That man put the whole truth in a sentence. The poor fellow was not irreligious, but he was poor, and he was hungry, and he pithily described the inopportuneness of sermons and hymns to his actual condition.

Bishop Coxe in the Kalendar says: -"Let me remind my diocese that by a fair was a clerical error. - Toronto every clergyman who receives less than \$1,000 and a house to live in, is recognized as a contributor to his actual receipts, and that sum, which is fixed at the lowest salary that should

the next Republican convention be can teach without knowing where the held at Chautauqua. It says: " Rum lesson is till they reach the school, can not be bought at Chautauqua-so superintendents who talk their schools one powerful but undesirable political influence would be out of the way. and the association they may be des-No State or local lobbies are at home | cribed by that curious phrase, "blaththere, to lead delegates into entangling alliances that are not exactly po-

It has not been a hundred years since all of Christian England gave only \$65,000 for foreign missionary purposes. And it was not a great while before that, that the declaration was made that it would not be long till a meeting house will hold all the Methodists, but now the Methodists of England alone give one million dollars in a single year to send the Gospel to the heathen.

The man who wishes to teach virtue that house. His family feel it, and and religion to other men must embody his teachings in his own character and life. If he teach truth with his lips which he contradicts by his own spirit and acts, men will not be influenced by the former, but by the involuntary teachings of the latter. As a good and great man once observed, 'That which we shall teach, not voluntarily, but involuntarily." What, O reader, judging by this rule, is the

character of thy involuntary teaching ! An African missionary writes that one of their converts, a woman, is so anxious to keep the Sabbath regularly that she has adopted this novel way to keep account of it: She has pierced seven little holes in a bit of board, and to that tied a string with a peg at the end. The peg is shifted every day and whenever it is in the first hole she knows that Sunday has come. How many people in our land would take such pains to remember the Lord's day, with nothing to mark its return?

At Jamaica, L. I., they had a dancing teacher for a Sunday-school teacher. She talked more about her dancing class in Sunday-school than anything else. Who was more to blame, the Church or the dancing teacher! Put a rumseller to teach a Bible-class, and why should he not invite the young men to drink? If that would wrong, he is not fit for a teacher. The dancing spirit will antagonize successfully the whole spiritual work of a Church among the young peo-

ple. - Chris. Adv. We cannot call the year back and change its record. Its deeds of good or evil are all imperishably written upon the eternal books. But we can, year to come. We can repent and find I wonder at any outcome in the fa- entrance into this city twenty-seven by the grace of God, improve in the the peace of pardon, and we can secure ture from this movement.

strength for future days to live a holier and more consecrated life. Much depends upon the manner of our commencing the year. Let not its busy ncidents overwhelm us before we have heartily sought a fresh baptism from on high and made a new and entire surrender of ourselves to God. -Zion's Herald.

Be careful about the initial paragraph. Somebody has said that "the first hour is the rudder that steers the course of the whole day." The medieval monks, in preparing their manuscripts, took special pains in illuminating the opening letter of the chapter, reasoning rightly that they would be likely to conform the rest of their work to that. If the first word and first act of the new year is such as conscience approves, a good square stroke and not a blot, it helps wonderfully to make all the rest of the record comely. -Golden Rule.

A correspondent writing to the London Times says: ""It is an admitted fact that among the clergy of the Church of England there is an amount of personal poverty simply appalling. It is, I believe, also admitted that to the hard-working, thoroughly efficient and intellectual clergy disestablishment would, in a pecuniary sense, prove a blessing instead of a curse; for purchase would cease, and the people themselves would in some form or other have more power in the appointment of clergy to livings than they now have."

A St. John, N. B., clergyman, who preached in the New Brunswick Provincial Lunatic Asylum a few Sundays ago, earnestly appealed to his hearers to avoid the folly, and possibly the sin, of running around from church to church instead of attending their own particular place of worship. The rev. gentleman had evidently got hold of the wrong manuscript for the congregation, or the wrong congregation for the manuscript. At all events the af-

bility. If they ever grow after that, except their bodies; their friends never discover it. Such people are usually brilliant. They make preachers who can preach without prepara-The New York Herald suggests that tion. Sunday school teachers who to death, whilst in the prayer-meeting erskite."-Biblical Recorder.

> Colonel Ingersoll has moved into his new house at Washington, next door to Senator Sherman's. His familv is a very charming one. Mrs. Ingersoll has a wonderful tact as a hostess, and her two daughters are gifted in the same way. During the winter they give weekly receptions. Every one with a decent coat and gentlemanly manner is welcome. But somehow. the gatherings are not satisfactory, The best people do not go to the Ingersolls'. The specter of atheism is over the Colonel finds that he has not obtained friends or reputation by his anti-Christian assaults. Consequently he is giving up lecturing. - Home

Two facts strikingly illustrative of the changes taking place in the present times reach England at the same date from places so opposite as Rome and Pekin. In the former city on Sunday, Nov. 24, a Waldensian Church was opened in a principal thoroughfare, when, in the presence of a congregation representing many nationalities and nearly every variety of Protestant denominations, Signo Prochet, an Italian, preached from "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." At the same time we learn that the Roman Catholic cathedral, in the eastern part of the Chinese metropolis, is "approaching completion," its "lofty walls" forming an object of marked interest to the native populace - London Watchman.

A correspondent of the Independent says of the convention of the Nation-Woman's Christian Temperance Union held recently at Detroit : " have never seen any more ably con ducted than was this convention by the W. C. T. U. I endorse the opinion of those who affirm that the House of Representatives of Washington has not mour time been more effectively presided over than was this meeting. When I saw how systematic was the division of the Union into departments, how able were the heads of each, how intense was their devotion each to their several objects, and how strong their religious faith, I no longer wondered at the results in Iowa, Onio, and elsewhere : nor shall

NEW YEAR.

Where there are neither days,

CHURCH AMUSEMENTS.

ment business largely. In the days of conder we were overwhelmed. It primitive simplicity, it was thought that the world and Satan had a mon- welcome given to those who are opoly in that line. This, however, is called from the cares of earth to the Church has entered the market, Christ will appoint to receive them and is in competition with those great into everlasting habitations. caterers. The discovery has been made that the Church, in order to hold its young people to its altars, must provide for the natural craving held in the beautiful mission church, over the people and many presents for amusement. It used to be held that Jesus and His work furnished ample resources to meet the loftiest day after, the district camp meeting nal from him they were ready to sacriaspirations of a saved soul. It was held. This was in tents. It was fice their lives. At last the Mahdi anoften sung-

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find."

That sort of sentiment is thought be not up to "the times." Sad as may appear, judging from the new order of things, Jesus is not equal to the occasion. A little amusement must be thrown in. In order to keep people from the theatre and the operaour churches must be made into semitheatres and semi-operas.

The holidays furnish occasion the ingenious and progressive some and daughters of Zion to make full proof of their new vocation. The are now busy, preparing dramas, con Some people are full grown soon edies, farces, (very farcical), supper after reaching the age of accounts fairs, and, entertainments of contractions. "their wretched strength for naught." So far from preventing attendance upon a full-grown theatre and opera, by these efforts, they are whet ting the appetite of the people therefor. The church-theatre is a preparation for the world-theatre. Satan is delighted with these modern inven-

tions. They had a jubilee, doubtless,

in his dark realm, when some silly

brain in Zion first conceived the idea

that we must fight Satan and sin by a

slight indulgence in their world-ap-But this is serious business-dreadful business. It is eating out the life of the Church-it is destroying our young people, rendering them unfit for all true spiritual exercises. must bear an open testimony against the deadly work, everywhere. We counsel every real friend of Jesus resolutely to discountenance these Church amusements. Be kind, but firm. Loyalty to Jesus demands it. Give your money, liberally, for every laudable Church object-but stand aloof, positively, in the holidays, and evermore, from the unholy festivals. - Guide to

DR. BUTLER IN INDIA.

The Zion's Herald publishes ex tracts from private letters written by Dr. Batler, who with his wife is visiting the scene of their former labors and imminent danger: When we reached Lucknow, at 8 p. m , there was a host of friends to meet us, and we were carried off to Miss Thoburn's mission home. We looked up and there was a great arch over the entrance, hung with lights, and the word "Welcome," in evergreens. From the gate to the house the avenue vas lined with our Christian people. The lovely trees and shrubs of the garden were hung with colored lights, friends burst into singing :

" The morning light is breaking!"

O, such a welcome! To be ushered into the mission by hundreds of loving hearts with the joyful notes of sacred song, glad smiles, and happy looks, was indeed a change from our years ago. Then every man lecked

us with an angry scowl, every man arried a weapon. Then we had not a iend here, now we were greeted by is cowds of Christians, calling us the father and mother of the mis-

At the door of the house we were met by the missionary ladies, their as--Miss Mulock sistants, and a large number of friends of the mission. The spacious rooms were crowded. One large room, Miss Thoburn's parlor, was filled with The Church has gone into the amuse- riends, all ready to welcome us. No seemed to me a sort of foretaste of an age of progress," so called, and the joys of heaven by those whom

gress. This is a camp-meeting for places and haranguing the crowd. the English speaking people. It was Soon he acquired a great ascendency and the crowds that attended the ser- were made him. His followers bewices were delightful to witness. The came so devoted to him that at a sigblessed sight to see the native Chris- nounced that Allah had definitively tians from all parts of Oude, blessed chosen him to be his prophet, which to listen to the preaching and hear caused such enthusiasm among his the glad testimonies of souls who knew they were redeemed by the blood of nity to surround himself by a kind of the Lamb. The men sat on the car- court. The expense incident therenet on one side and the women on the upon was readily defrayed by his parother. Most of the men wore white tisans. It was then that Reuf Pacha, costumes, but some wore colored. One of the best men there, fine-look- decided to arrest the Mahdi and put ing. six feet tall, wore a brown coat, an end to his proceedings. At first a scarlet turban, an orange colored an attempt was made to disarm him scarf round his neck, and a pink mus- by persuasion, but afterward two hunin girdle round his waist. As he dred men were sent to take him prisrose to tell how he loved Jesus, he oner. The Mahdi had, however, already a large number of followers, and rise men of the East as they came to the small detachment of troops was sistang of hospitals, convalescent may honors to the Babe of Bethles

nestness. A few of them were from Miss Blackmar's "Home." We are much interested in that home for outcast women. This morning we went through it. It is admirably adapted to its purpose, and Miss Blackmar is nobly succeeding in this effort to rescue the fallen. Our Church ought to sustain her. While we sat there Miss Blackmar received a letter from Lady Ripon, wife of the Governor general inclosing 100 rupees (\$50) for her work, of which she had heard.

We are amazed at the work here. But time fails me to tell half of what we have seen. We have attended

ly by brother and sister Thomas, Miss Helper. soon as the train stopped, they broke out into singing the doxology. We visited the splendid orphanage. Dear Miss Sparkes! What a work she has done for Christ! And noble Miss Swain! Bless her! She heads the list of the grand women, who, counting not their lives dear unto themselves, go into the homes of disease and suffering to save life and to point the perishing to the Cross.

gun, you can go on doing right.

EL MAHDI.

The false prophet of the Soudan is reported to have obtaine i a great victory over the Egyptian army sent against him, and it is feared that the city of Khartoum will be taken by him. He claims to be the new Messiah of the Mussulman faith. It is said that his appearance and success correspond with the tradition that with the ending of the thirteenth century from the Hegira a new age would commence and the new Messiah would appear. The thirteenth century was completed on the 31st of October. Mohammed Ahmed, now generally known as El Mahdi, was born at Dongola, the son of a carpenter, and followed his father's calling. Afterward he gave up carpentering and took to The Deserah meeting was in pro- reading the Koran in the public adherents that he seized the opportuat the time Governor of the Soudan,

THOUGHTS FOR THE SEASON.

Another year is closing with the golden seal of Christmas. All it has brought us of good and of ill, all that we have given it of ill or good, is shut as from some strong perfume closed in Presbyterian. Methodist, Reformed a porous case, ever and anon a breath French and German, German Lutherof fragrance is wasted, so memory will an and others are also in the field. bring to us the odor of the past. We There are in all at least 400 places would not lose all that the year has where the Gospel is proclaimed, seven bade Love give us; and, heaven sent full congregations being in Rome. gift that it is, its sweetness is not three and four services a day, till we dissipated, like that of earthly flowers, It is said that the bell of the Morafound we could not continue it, and but remains, gathering strength as vian Mission at New Hurnhut, in yet the meetings are so interesting we time passes. Nor would we altogether Greenland, bears the motto: "Come, do not like to lose them. We have forget our sorrows, for in every tear for all things are ready." That behad no time for sight-seeing; we have some special, tender mercy of our nignant invitation mingles in melds only been to the Asfee Koti, where Lord is mirrored. Is there anything dious peals with the tempest as it we first lived, and to the cemetery this vanishing year has brought us we roars about the turfed dwelling and where our precious little babe lies would wholly forget? Not its joys, the lowly sanctuary with the neverfor they increase in our remembrance : ceasing resonance of the surf and the Oct. 28th.—We have just come to not our griefs, for they bring tender reverberating, sundering of the ice. Nynee Tal-this lovely place where thoughts of our Consoler; not our May His messengers, "flaming spirits," God gave us a refuge at the time of burdens and our cares, for clasping speed the day when the otto of the the mutiny. We were met at Bareil- them is the comforting hand of our bell may be waft d around the whole

Sparkes, and 170 orphan girls. As But what of that which we have India and Central Asia, in Russia and given to this year? Ah! much of Turkey, in Siberia and Patagonia, all that we would forget, only looking at things shall of a truth be ready for the it once more to see how sadly we have longing souls that wait for the feet of scarred it, and to take a solemn vow them who bring good tidings, publishto treat no other year so ill. All the ing peace, announcing: "Thy Rescuer unloveliness, the selfishness, the in- seeketh thy safety; thy God reigneth gratitude, the uncharitableness, the in love for thee and all mankind."idleness-what a woful count against Criterion. us memory hastens to recall! Blessed be God, we need not look at them longer than to make sure we hate Our journey from Bareilly to this them, and then to rejoice to know was most interesting. Especially so how large a bundle of misery the as we traversed the same place where, gracious forgiveness of our God can when we were fleeing for our lives, the enwrap. Henceforth we may know men set Mrs. Butler's palanquin down, nothing but the pardon; the misrefusing to go any farther, and where deeds shall no more fright us. But to and, as we entered the gate, all the God heard my prayer so that they re- have this blessed peace, we must not sumed their places without further deceive ourselves with anything less than a "perfect hatred" of them. Not one clinging sin must be sheltered by our weakness, to go with us, burr-Lay aside your wrong habits with like across the threshold of the new the old year. It will require the ex- year. Not so much as a morsel of ercise of the full force of your man the sweet st sin must be allowed to Christ in the become the Father and hood to make the start ; but once be- hide under the tongue while we take closes with a somet in the besom of into our mouths the angel's song. Chiss - W. Le ortic

THE GOSPEL IN ITALY.

Over thirty distinct C r s ian agen-

cies, according to an article in an English aper, are engaged in repagating the Word of Salvation in Italy. There are eight Protestant Italian Churches. The Waldensian Church has seventy-two ordained ministers, 12,156 communicants, together with a large staff of week-day and Sabbathschool teachers. At 228 places throughout the land the Gospel is preached by 120 mission agents. The Free Italian Church has 50 gatherings or churches; 22 of them are in the principal cities, and a number of evangelists are occupied in connection with them in various districts. The Free Christian Church, with which Signor Gavazzi is connected, has 54 agents, 2,034 communicants and catechumens, and 1,007 scholars. The Wesleyan Methodists have 61 ministers and evangelists, 1,692 communicants and catechumens, with 1,932 scholars under instruction. The Methodist Episcopal Church has 33 agents, 23 stations, 1,050 communicants, and "81 scholars. The American Baptist Mission has 22 stations, 12 ministers and 200 niembers. The English General aptists have two agents at Rome, 20 members and a school and the Christian Apostolic Church (Open Communion Baptist) has 9 ministers in Turin, Naples, and Rome. 9 churches, 343 members. Besides these there are independent organizations, some distinctly evangelistic, as the Harbor Mission at Genoa and Naples, the work at Species conducted by Mr. Clarke and at Siena. under the direction of Dr. Comandie-Twent benevolent institutions, conhem. The Babe of Bethle ignominiously put to flight. That domes, orphanages and other similar was the beginning of the revolt in the squades, are established in Rome, places. The Italia Evangelical Publication Society has nine depots, from which books nd tracts are constantly sent forth. The British and Foreign Bible Society ha: 40 colporteurs in Italy: the Scotch Bible Society, 11; while the Italian Bible Society has given an edition of 10,000 Testaments and a Family Bible to the people, away from us, not wholly hidden, but Various foreign Churches, American

earth when in China and Thibet. in

"He has a respect for reli ion." Is it possible! How vastly condescending? How deeply humble! The creature has a respect for the service of the Creator! A grasshopper deigns to acknowledge that it has a respect for the King of kings and Lord of lords. Verily, a subject of congratulation for the universe! A worm crawling in the dust confesses to its fellow worm that it has some respect for the government of the "high and mighty One that inhabiteth elernity .- Mahlow-

The Count of Jones & with

FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Oh New Year, teach us faith The road or life is hard When our feet bleed and scourging winds

us scathe, Point theu to him whose vi-age was more marred Than any man's: who saith,

"Make straight paths for your feet," and to the opprest, "Come ye to me, an I will give you rest."

Yet hang some lamp-l ke hope Above this unknown way. Kind year, to give our spirits freer scope

it is day. But if that way must slope Tombward, oh, bring better cur fading eyes. The lamp of life, the hope that never dies.

Comfort our souls with love-Love of all buman kind: Love special, close, in which like sheltered Each weary heart its own safe nest may

And love that turns above Adoringly; contented to r sign All loves, if need be, for the love divine.

Fr end, come then like a friend, And whether bright thy face O dim with clouds we cannot apprehend, We'll hold out patient hands, each in

his place. And trust thee to the end. Knowing theu leadest onwards to these Where there are neither days, nor months, Dinah Maria Mulock.

THE "NEW YEAR CALL."

Little did we'think when Miss Brown offered a prize for Bible most-300 gerses. When Miss Brown asked her what she would like to have, she answered, "I don't care for anything, please." le l. but only said, "Think it over, happiness.

whom we favored with a call.

We met in the pastor's study. off. "Are you all really?" ask- row, and we felt sare she would Year's gift to her majesty; coned Miss Brown with a smile. We keep her word. "I never thought," sisting, in general, either of a sum answered with a merry "yes," said little Belle, "that people lived of money, or jewels, or trinkets, and stepped out into the bright so poor; it makes me feel real sad;" or wearing apparel. Dr. Drake it was any brighter than the hearts. bright sunshine in our hearts. We were quite a procession, as we and into His love. walked along. Our bundles gave ns no end of trouble for they would keep coming andone; and two or three times we came to a halt-fearing their contents would be scattered on the street. "I really can't carry mine much fur- ing in the New Year with ther," at last exclaimed Carrie | "A merry New Year! a happy from behind the biggest bundle of New Year to you!" on New Year's

Miss Brown laughed, and we stopped again,—but this time to enter à store, and while the refrac- former times; and why should tory bundle was being tied up more securely, we purchased, oh! such a pretty blue hood, and the peare and his Times," that the you saw. Again we started out, street, we wended our way.

"Here we are!" said Miss Brown, as she pushed open a door of a large tenement house. How dark it looked up those stairs! We all held our breath, and little Belie exclaimed, "Oh my!' as we followed closely the steps of our valuable "Encyclopædia of Anteacher. Up, up we climb to the | tiquities, 'adduces various authorvery highest story, and then waited in silence, as Miss Brown tapped gently at a door.

compactly as we walked in with usual presents were figs and dates, our bundles; while a woman with covered with leaf-gold, and sent a baby in her arms, and three by clients to patrons, accompanchildren, stared at us in amaze- | ied with a piece of money, which ment. I'm sure I don't wonder was expended to purchase the stathat they did-for we were rather tues of doities. He mentions an a big New Year's call. "This is amphora (a jar) which still exmy Sunday-school class," kindly ists, with an inscription denoting explained our teacher, shaking that it was a New Year's present hands with Mrs. McKie, and "we from the potters to their patronhave all come to make you a New ess. He also instances from Year's call." "I'm sure I'm very Count Caylus a piece of Roman glad to see you all," said the poor | pottery, with an inscription wishwoman; and then she put the baby | ing a "happy New Year to you : down, and got out an old rickety another, where a person wishes it rocking chair for Miss Brown, to himself and his son; and three while the little boy tried to find medallions with the laurel leaf. something for usgirls to sit upor, fig and date; one of Commodus; The room was small, and there another of Victory; and a third. didn't seem to be much in it. The Janus standing in a temple, floor was bare, an old stove stood with an inscription, wishing a in the middle of the room, and happy New Year to the emperor. there were no pictures on the New Year's gifts were continued walls. A door led into a small, under the Roman emperors until dark bedroom; and though the bed they were prohibited by Claudius. was made up on two old boxes. Yet in the early ages of the yet everything looked neat and Church the Christian emperors

to say, as we all seated ourselves, ecclesiastical councils on account my class who should in three presentation. months learn the greatest number of Bible verses. The little girl his 'Popular Antiquities," edited ford. who won the prize, instead of ac. by Mr. Ellis, observes from Bish-

mer they finished ten little garments, and we are here to-day to

little children. in her arms, not saying a word, our bundles were big. We had:

For the oldest boy, a nice warm suit. Stockings for feet, and a pair of boots; Warm clothing complete; while Carrie-

she gave To the mother an apron, and Hattie bestowed Books, tops, game and candies, the rest of

It was just like what you read of in story books; we never thought they were so real before. Mrs. McKie thanked us again and again; the little girl, Lillie, fairly And maister on his men bestowes jumped up and down for joy, the boys were jubilant; and even the baby did its best to thank us, by presenting Henry VIII. with a joining in with its little voice, purse of gold, as was customary verses, that it would end in a New And how pleased the poor sick for a New Year's gift, put into the Year call. Hattie learned the father was? He could scarcely king's hand a New Testament. hear our teacher, as she stood by Dr. Drake is of opinion that the the bedside speaking to him wardrobe and jewelry of Queen words of sympathy and encourage. Elizabeth were principally supment; but his eyes brightened, as ported by the annual contribu-Our teacher looked rather puzz- the little ones ran to him in their tions on New Year's Day. He

Hatie, and to me know next | Somehow, as we stepped out presented to her from the original into the bustle of the street, rolls published in her "Progress-Hattie did think it over, and our hands were lightened, a sha- es" by Mr. Nicholas; and from the next Sunday asked Miss dow from that home of poverty these it appears that the greatest Brown "to please take the money and suffering seemed to rest upon part, if not all the peers and peerand buy," -but I guess I'll let you us. It was a new experience, esses of the realm. all the bishops, hear the story from our teacher, and we walked very quietly be- the chief officers of state, and sevjust as she told it to Mrs. McKie side our teacher on the way home- eral of the queen's household serward. But the mother had vants, even down to her apothpromised to send all the little ecaries, master cook, serieant of and had a grand time in getting ones to Sunday school on the mor- the pantry. etc., gave a New sunshine; although I don't think | and this feeting was in all our says that though Edzabeth made

NEW YEAR'S DAY CUS-TOMS.

Ringing out the Old and ring-Day, were greetings that moved sceptered pride and humble labor to smiles and kind feelings in the

they be unfashionable in our own? Dr. Drake observes, in "Shakesand down into a dingy, dirty presents and good wishes, was a custom observed during, the sixteenth century with great regularity and parade, and was as cordially celebrated in the court of the prince as in the cottage of the peasant.

The Rev T. D. Fosbroke, in his ities to show that congratulations, presents and visits were made by the Romans on this day. The "Come in," a voice said. But origin, he says, is ascribed to Roreceived them; nor did they whol-"Last Christmas," she went on ly cease, although condemned by

money and expend it on materia Saxons of the North the festival for all he is divinely called to do. ies for lavish illustration in the -of its all-sufficiency for the hap- time for honouring old age.

with which to clothe a needy of the New Year was observed child. My class then proposed to with more than ordinary jollity make up the articles; so last sum- and feasting, and by sending New Year's gifts to one another. Mr. Fosbroke notices the continuation ask you to accept them for your of the Roman practice during the middle ages; and that our kings, I wondered afterward, how and the nobility especially, in-Mrs. McKie felt at that moment, terchanged presents. Mr. Ellis for there she stood, with the baby quotes Matthew Paris, who appears to show that Henry III. exand just looking at us. We were | torted New Year's gifts; and he all a little embarrassed; but just cites from a MS. of the public rethen, the old tocking chair gave a venue, anno 5, Edward VI., an en-And our hands strength to work while solemn warning, and our teacher try of "rewards given on New as suddenly arose, -just in time Year's Day to the king's officers to escape a fall. We had to laugh and servants in ordinary, £155 5s., then; and that seemed "to break and to their servants that present the ice; for while Mrs. McKie the king's majestie with New carried the broken chair away, Year's gifts." An orange stuck we girls, with quick fingers, were with cloves seems, by reference undoing our gifts. No wonder to Mr. Fosbroke and our early authors, to have been a popular New Year's gift.

Thomas Naogeorgus, in "The For Lillie and Freddie, our fingers had Popish Kingdome, a Latin poem written in 1553, and Englished by Barnabe Googe, after remarking on days of the Old Year, urges this recollection:

> The next to this is New yeares day, Whereon to every frende, They costly presents in do bring, And New yeares gifts do sende.

These gifts the husband gives his wife, And father eke the childe, The like, with favor milde.

Honest old Latimer, instead of cites lists of the New Year's gifts returns to the New Year's gifts God was leading us out of self in plate and other articles, yet she took sufficient care that the balance should be in her own favor.

THEY SHALL SHINE AS STARS.

I do not know that Mary was a strong-minded woman, or that she was wealthy or beautiful; perhaps she did not move in the very best of society, but there is one thing I do know-she could love. Whereever the Gospel of the Son of God is preached that story is told out. I suppose Mary forgot all about herself, but she loved the Master most cunning little dress that ever | ushering in of the new year, or | and she poured that ointment out New Year's tide, with rejoicings, upon Him. Eighteen centuries have rolled away, but the name of Mary of Bethany is as fresh as ever it was. I suppose there is no woman's name so fresh as hers, except the name of Mary, the mother of the Saviour. I can imagine some man, when Christ was on earth, prophesying that that story would be told in the nineteenth century, and not a man or, the face of the earth would have believed it. We look back on the days of miracles, but we forget we are living in the days of miracles. such a small room! We filled it mulus and Tatius, and that-the Missionary societies in New York and London have put the story of Mary into two hundred and fifty languages, and have sent out millions of copies of it. That story will live as long as the church of God is upon earth. She made herself immortal by that one act. Nothing you do for Christ is small. We want, to-day, men and women who are willing to do.

I suppose if these reporters had been living in the days of Mary, and heard on the streets of Jeru. salem that she had broken that alabaster box upon Him, they would not have thought it worth noticing; but it has outlived everything else that took place then. If they had seen that widow cast those two mites into the treasury of the Lord, they would have said: "There will be no one in Jerusalem that will care for that."

But see! Eighteen centuries have rolled away and that story has outlived anything else that occurred there. - Mr. Moody.

Make others to see Christ in "I off red a prize to the scholar in of the pagan ceremonies at their you, moving, doing, speaking and thinking; your actions will speak

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING. I am fading from you, But one draweth near Called the Angel guardian

Of the coming year. If my gifts and graces Coldly you forget, Let the New Year's angel Bless and crown them yet.

For we work together; He and I are one; Let him end and perfect All I l ave undone. I brought good desires,

Thought good desires;
Though as yet but reeds;
Let the New Year make them Blossom into deeds. If I gave you sickness, If I brought you care, Let him make one Patience

And the other Prayer.

Where I brought you sorrow, Through his care, at length, It may rise triumphaut Into future strength. If 1 broke your idols,

Showed you they were dust, Let him turn the knowledge Into heavenly trust. · It I brought temptation, Let sin die away Into boundless pity

For all hearts that stray. If your list of errors, Dark and long appears, Let this new-bern monarch Melt them into tears.

May you hold this angel Dearer than the lastto I bless his future, While he crowns my past. Adelaide Proctor.

E. P. ROE.

The story of how E. P. Roe

found his present prominent place as a writer, of religious novels, away altogether to appearing in would make an interesting illus- church at what they fancy to be a tration for one of Samuel Smiles' disadvantage. There is no organ pleasant books. He was an army ised movement on the part of paschaptain during the war, and ai- tors or anybody else that I know terward became pastor of the lit- of, to discourage this display of tle church at Highland Falls, near | rich toilets in our churches. There West Point. A new church was is a movement, however, I believe, needed, and to build it the pastor | which is silently working in the himself went pluckily to work to matter, and which is founded on raise the money. The summer the common-sense of parishioners. visitors at the Point did their many of whom are beginning to share, but there remained a gap, | feel that the house of God is not to fill which Mr. Roe began to the proper place to make an exhilecture about the country on the facts of his army life, but without more common-sense is brought to and evening devotions. any notion that he was a writer bear on this question, the more of fiction. Meanwhile the Chica- true refinement will be shewn in every person with whom I am asgo fire occurred, and under the our congregations, and I hope to sociated. strong spell of a desire to visit the | see the day when no poor man or scene, though without special pur- | woman will feel a false sense of pose in view, he made a "forced shame in coming to church bemarch" by railroad, and reached | cause he or she cannot afford to there while the ruins were still | dress quite so well as somebody smoking. In his study there are else." I think the reign of comsome curious relics of the fire in mon-sense in this matter will be tional meeting during the week. the shape of china, which he found | gin in earnest before long. in the ruins, on which the intense heat had burned in a smoky iride- ticed for some time a tendency onscense. Out of this journey there | the part of our ladies to make less | mor afresh and renew our vows. gradually developed "Barriers display of their fine clothes on the Burned Away," his first work of streets than they used to do. fiction. It was published in 1872, They do not seem to dress so and sign your names to them, and and at once had an enormous sale. 'loud,' to use an expression of the place them in your Bibles and en-Up to this fall he had published streets. This is a very healthy nine novels-missing only two sign; it is a sign that our Ameriyears, when he issued, instead of can women are becoming more a novel, his "Success with Small | truly refined, and are learning the Fruits"-and their sales aggrega. | fact that elaborate and expensive ted 346,000 copies. The tenth toilets are not adapted to all times novel, "His Sombre Rivals," uti- and all places. If the street is lizes his experiences of the war; not the place to exhibit the richand the season's sale of this and the previous books promises to the church is certainly not the bring the total up to 400,000 cop- proper place to display them, and ies-an extraordinary result for I think that the ladies of our conlittle over ten years of literary | gregations will eventually see work. At the usual return of ten | this, and act upon their convicper cent, this would come to \$60.-000, but this, which represents church, above all places in the very nearly the high-water mark | world, is the one place where all of successful authorship is, after | Christians are supposed to be on all, little in comparison with the an equality, and nothing should returns of successful business be allowed to step between them men. Mr. Roe's method of work and make one class feel that it is has been peculiar. He writes on a lower plane than another. MS. in a huge ledger or hand. Above all, no false sentiments of book, and usually finishes a novel pride should be aroused in the when she noticed a poor old woman under tremendous pressure, some- Church of God which will prevent in the crowd trying very hard to times shucting himself up in a those seeking the benefits of reget where she could see. room in a New York hotel, and ligion from attending Divine serdriving away on a diet of beef- vice. There is no doubt that such should like to see the soldiers steak and coffee, allowing himself sentiments are aroused by the dis- march; but it isn't kind in me to only the recreation of an evening play of elaborate toilets on the stay in this nice seat and let that of good music, till his book is fin- part of wealthy women, and for old woman stay when she can't ished. This method occasionally that reason, if for no other, I shall see anything. I ought to honour results in a visible carelessness of welcome the day when a truer re- old age, and I will." So she construction, which his readers, however, easily forgive. Besides is recognised that the church is her in the nice seat, fell back writing novels Mr. Roe has been neither a ball-room nor a parlor, among the crowd. There she had very successful as a grower of The English people are much small fruits, and does one of the more refined than we are in this to catch a glimpse of the splendid largest businesses of the country matter. They do not as a rule, go scene, which she might have seen in strawberry-plants. His prest to church dressed in such a man-fully and easily if she had kept ent residence and fruit-farm is at ner as to attract attention. They her place. Cornwall, on the side of old Storm | keep their richest toilets for dis-King. He is now finishing a play within their houses and story of a novel kind, the plan of among their own social circles. which was suggested to him by When Americans follow their exthe editor of Harper's Magazine, ample we shall have made a great and which will begin in the forth- advance towards inducing the ed with lace, elbowed his way coming Christmas number of that great body of poor people to atperiodical, and run, in company | tend our churches."-Rev. Dr. Hewith William Black's "Judith | ber Newton, New York. Shakespeare," for a year. The title is " Nature's Serial Story,' and the life (and love-making) of a country home is followed month by month through the year, with looking back upon the past year stairs and said; 'My dear child, careful studies of the out-door of our pilgrimage, can we not at I saw you yield your seat to the The late Rev. John Brand, in of him, if he be in you -Ruther phases of nature, of plant and an least say that this New Year finds old woman. You acted nobly.

might be called a considerable gives it its immortal meaning. fortune. But his own satisfaction | I can only say, that loving you, to himself.—Literary World.

DRESSED FOR CHURCH-GOING.

"The question of dress when at-

tending divine service is, to my mind, a very important one, and I wish that all professing Christians would seriously consider it. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that our congregations would be larger, and embrace many more of that class of people who particularly need to have the Gospel preached to them, if our churches were not filled with ladies whose dresses are so elaborate that poorer women cannot afford to rival them. These last prefer staying bition of their fine clothes. The I have thought that I have no est dresses of a lady's wardrobe, tions of what is right. The

FRUITS OF GRACE.

imal life. Mr. W. H. Gibson is us in the enjoyment of a far Now sit down here by me. You associated with Mr. Roe in his stronger sense of the reality of the can see everything here.' Thus cepting it, asked me to take the op Stillingfleet, that among the A man is divinely empowered work, and has been making stul- love of Christ than we once had Jeannette was rewarded a second

neighborhood of Storm King, piness of the soul without any where the scene of the story is re- addition from earth? Not, peralistically placed. His pictures haps, that we have no earthly will be supplemented by figure il- longings left; but are they not lustrations from Mr. Frederic | much reduced by the much strong-Dielman, who drew "A Girl I er belief than we once had of the Know" in the mammoth "Har- good which there is in Christ-of per's Christmas of last year. Mr. his intimate relations with the Roe's books have also had consid- soul-more intimate infinitely erable sales in England, some- than those of our nearest kindred; times with, oftener without, pro- of his love, so much sweeter in its fit to him; but his American re- nature, to say nothing of its depth turns alone would have made him, and breadth? And yet, in another had it not been for his having sense, our love to him makes our some of the misfortunes of others, affection for each other far deeper the owner of what for an author than it could otherwise be; indeed,

seems to be rather in the good the as I do, in Him, I know my love stories have been to others, in their for you can never die. Many of thousand-pulpit power, than in my friendships prove but blosthe returns they have brought soms, which the winds of time scatter; but our friendship, formed in the "bud of our being," shall have the growth of eternity. How overwhelming the thought that you and I, who have talked so much together of the hidden life and of the Saviour while knowing him only by faith, shall resume our communion upon these subjects after that life shall have been fully developed by the sight of him in glory .- The Rev. Wm. Jones.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE NEW YEAR. It's coming, boys, It's almost here It's coming, girls, The grand New Year A year to be glad in, Not to be bad in; A year to live in To gain and give in A year f r tiving. And not for sighing ; A year for striving, And hearty thriving : A bright New Year, O! hold it dear ; For God, who sendeth, He only lendeth. -St. Nicholas,

I hereby solemnly covenant, as

God shall help me-Never to neglect my morning

RESOLUTIONS FOR 1884.

Always to speak kindly to

Always to speak well, and never ill, of any absent person. To endeavor to lead at least one person to the Saviour during the

present year. To strive to attend one devo-My dear young friends: The New Year is one of the times

when we should gird on our ar-Will you cut out these resolutions; or, better still, copy them

deavor to keep them all the year through? If at any time you should fail, remember you have an Advocate with the Father. Ask Jesus to forgive you, and commence again.

Then shall the New Year prove

to vou— Another year of progress, another year of praise, Another year of proving His presence all Another year of service, of witness for His Another year of training for holier work

HONOUR OLD AGE,

The Germans have a story about a little girl, named Jeannette, who went out to see a grand review. She found a capital place, from which to see the soldiers pass,

Jeannette said to herself; "I finement holds sway and the fact called the old woman and, placing to tiptoe and peep and dodge about

Some of the people said she was a silly girl, and laughed at her. Jeannette was rewarded in her heart for the kindness to old age. A few minutes later a man, coverthrough the crowd and said to her: 'Little girl, will you come to her ladyship?' She could not imagine who her ladyship was, but she followed the man to a scaffold within the crowd. A And now, my dear friend, in lady met her at the top of the

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JANUARY 6. JOB IN PROSPERITY.

ЈОВ 1. 1-12.

1. Was Job a real person? Because the book is to so great an extent a poem many have held the account of his wealth, trials and restored prosperity, as a creation of the imagination, intended to invest the great arguments of the speakers with life like reality. It would not interfere with the authority of the book, or the lessons it is to teach to accept this view; for some of our Lord's parables are of a similar character. But while our Lord's language in the parable of the good Samaritan—the rich man, etc. -naturally leads one to suppose that he is imagining a case through which to teach certain truths, the language here as naturally points to a real history. "There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job." Then there are allusions to Job in subsequent parts of the Bible, which imply that he was a real person Ezekiel (chap. xiv.) mentions Noah, Daniel and Job in several places in such a way as to show that Job was a real person as much as the other two. St. James also speaks of the patience of Job (chap. v. 11) in a way which he would not be likely to do if Job had been only a fictitious character.

" On the east of the Jordan, in that strange, lovely, and fertile volcanic region, which stretches down from Syria to Idumea, there is every reason to believe that Job dwelt, suffered and died; and in the upper part of it, north of Edom, north even of Moab, within easy reach of Damas cus itself. The Arabs who live in this district to-day claim it as "The Land of Job." The whole district moreover is full of sites and ruins which tradition connects with his name. And it fulfils all the conditions of the poem. He lived in the times of the patriarchs. This is evident from the length of his lite, 200 years; the allusions to the worship of the heavenly bodies; the absence of any allusion to the exodus from Egypt, and the miracles associated with it; or to the Jewish law, ritual and priesthood. He was not simply a dweller in tents, like the Israelitish patriarchs, but had an important establishment, either in a city, or in the neighborhood of one (chap. xxix. 7-10,) where he was held in the utmost respect. He was the greatest of all the men of the East (ver. 3)

2. Great men are not always good men; the reverse is too often the case. But Job was as good as he was great -" perfect and upright, one that teared God and eschewed evil." When told that he was perfect, we must understand that term as judged by a human standard. Job himself disclaims being pertect when judged by a Divine standard (chap. 1x.20.) Some consider the word to be in the sense of complete Job's was not a partial or one sided righteousness; it was complete in all its parts, and in that sense perfect. There is a sense in which we may be pertect, another in which we must be always going on to perfection, and still another in which we never are or will be perfect. We can never become so perfect but that there is a higher pertection to reach. God is the only absolutely perfect being. But how was this moral character produced and sustained? The answer is, he " feared God and eschewed evil." To eschew is to have nothing to do with; and implies, not only enti e avoidance, but sincere hatred of evil, and produced by the fear of the Lord, understanding this term in that broad signification attached to it in Scripture. True morality is founded in true piety.

3 Job's sons seem to have been grown up, and settled in establishments of their own. Their three may be illustrated by thinking of several members of the same family settled on different farms in new cola tamily gathering at different t mes of the year, possibly on birthdays. This custom is one well worthy of our imitation in principle if not in exact form. Job, the priest as well crifices on their behalf at the close of these fe tive gatherings. The word cursed (verse 5) is too strong to express the meaning in the original. Job's fear really was that in their enjoyment of the good things of this life they might have failed to recognize the Divine goodness. A sin of omission rather than commission. Family prayer should follow family

4. The scene described (verses 6-12. may be the mere filling up of the representation, just as in the part for an entire year. The only preable of the rich man and Lazarus, we caution seems to be that the eggs are not to understand that the conversation recorded between the two worlds actually took place. But we do learn here what we learn from quart of unskimmed milk take three other parts of Scripture-that there is intercourse between heaven and a little salt and enough finely stewed earth always going on. "The sons of God' are the angels whom Jacob saw in his dream "ascending and pumpkin pie will puff up lightly descending." Satan is here, as elsewhere, the accuser and adversary of men; but we see how strictly his power for evil is limited by Divine permission. - W. M. S S. May.

The camels introduced into Arizona some sixteen years ago have so increased in numbers as to become troublesome, and it is proposed to hunt them.

THE ART OF BREAD MAKING

"Pansy" endorses the hints and suggestions conveyed in a lecture she heard this summer at Chautauqua on the " The Art of Bread Making." In that part of the lecture having reference to the baking of bread, she says:

"Several theories, dear to our hearts, were crushed during that lecture. For instance, we girls had been taught to wrap our freshly baked loat in a wet towel, long and brown, and beautifully clean, kept tuck them away under blankets to steam and grow tender-crusted.

"Don't do it," said this merciless innovator firmly. "Did you ever set a loaf of bread in a strong draught of pure air, and listen to the little crackling sounds that escape therefrom? Scientific people tell us this is the carbonic acid gas escaping; but I think it is the bread laugning because it has escaped from the hot oven into a draught of pure air."

could be sure that bread was baked enough so as not to be sticky, declaring that her husband did detest doughy bread.

The lecturer then gave this most satistactory and scientific rule for testing the baking: "Turn the loaf from the bread tin, and rest the t burns you in the least, if it even or help. feels uncomfortably warm, it is not ed until the steam has evaporated, and when the steam is gone it will burn nothing.

SCHOOL ROOMS.

The great defect "in city schools," said Dr. Billings in a recent lecture at Baltimore, "is in ventilation, Each studentshould have thirty cubic feet of air per minute, which, with proper airing of the room during intermissions, will keep the air pure. To introduce this amount of air steadily into a room containing forty or fitty children, and so distribute it that each child shall get his -hare without unpleasant draughts, requires special arrangements and careful supervision. It is evidentthat we must allow the same amount of air to escape, and as this carries off heat, it will require much more fuel to warm a well-venti lated room than one where the least possible amount of cold air is admitted; and as school-boards usually judge of the merits of a heating apparatus and of the janitor by the amount of tuel used, it can be seen that in many cases the better the ventilation the less they are likely to be pleased."

A correspondent of the Scientific American says: "Let any one who has an attack of the locked jaw take a small quantity of turpentine, warm it and pour it on the wound, no matter where the wound is, and relief Nothing better can be applied to a ago. severe cut or bruise than cold turpentine. It will give certain relief almost instantly. Turpentine is also a sovereign remedy for croup. Satu rate and place the flannel on the throat and chest, and in every case three or four drops on a lump of sugar may be taken inwardly."

USEFUL HINTS.

A mixture of clover with the grasses always produces a larger amount of feed, either in pasture or hay, than any one alone.

There is both learning and encou ragement in the saw, "A man, as he manages himself, may die old at thirty or young at eighty.

A cup of hot water is a good tonic and stomach cleanser, and a sure cure sisters mentioned were probably un- for constipation. It should be taken cate curves, and securely laid on simply married, and at home. The case in the morning and evening; just with glue and hand pressure. after rising and before retiring.

Tallow is the best lubricator for onies. Under these circumstances wooden axle-trees, and castor oil for Jobs sons endeavored to keep up a iron hubs. Just grease euough Minard's Liniment. I did so, and in 3 true family feeling, by each having should be applied to the spindle of a waggon to give it a slight coating

Farmers should raise their own farm and garden seeds as far as pos-Reserve a few of the best as the father of his family offered sa- planes of every kind, and gather the seeds when ripe, placing them in little paper bags carefully labeled.

> A very nice plain cake can be made quickly as follows: One cnp of sour cream, one cup of sugar, one half teaspoonful of flavoring extract, one not a mother on earth who has ever used heaping cup of flour; bake in a shallow pan in a moderate oven.

> It is said that eggs stored in dry ashes simply will keep perfectly for fectly safe to use in all cases, and pleamany months, and even in one instance have kept in good condition must not touch each other.

To make pumpkin pies: To one eggs, three big spoonfuls of sugar. pumpkin to make a thin mixture. This will make three pies A good

Turnips, says the Weekly Times, are excellent food for cows, the only objection being that they give a disagreeable odor to milk and butter. This difficulty, it says, may be overcome by feeding them immediately after milking. The odor will all have passed away within the twelve hours before the next milking.

BLESSED BENEFACTORS.

When a board of eminent physicians and chemists announced the discovery that by combining some well-known remedies, the most wonderful medicine was produced, which would cure such a wide range of diseases that most all other remedies could be dispensed with, many were skeptical; but proof of its merits by actual trial has dispelled all doubt, and to-day the discoverers of that great medicine, Hop Bitters, are honored and blessed by all as benefactors. These Bitters are compounded from Hops, Buchu, Malt, Mandrake and Dandelion of course, for that sole purpose; then and other oldest, best, and most valuable medicines in the world and contain all the best and most curative properties of all other medicines, being the greatest Blood Purifier, Kidney and Liver Regulator, and Life and Health Restoring Agent on earth. No disease or ill health can possibly long exist where these Bitters are used, so varied and perfect are their operations.

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Do not suffer yourself, or let your done. Bread is not thoroughly bak- friends suffer, but use and urge them to use Hop Bitters.

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72.—FATHER. "For ten years my wife was confined to her bed with such a complication of ailments that no doctor could tell what was the matter or cure her, and I used up a small fortune in humbug stuff. Six months ago I saw a U.S. flag with Hop Bitters on it, and I thought I would be a fool once more, and I tried it, but my folly proved to be wisdom, and two bottles cured her, she is now as well and strong as any man's wife, and it cost me only two dollars. H. W-, Detroit, Mich.

The untidy, dirty appearance of a grizzly beard should never be allowed. Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers will readily change their color to a brown or a black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good

One of the most interesting of the exhibits of the recent London Fisheries Exposition was the boat in which Grace Darling, the lighthouse keeper's daughter, saved nine lives from a wreck off will follow in less than a minute. the Forfarshire coast, some forty years

A line of railway will soon be constructed in England that will cost \$2,000,000 a mile. The course of the road is probably over the most valuable land on earth-the metropolis of London-extending from Paddington, the terminus of the Great Western Railway, to the docks of the city, via Regent's

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GOT HIM OUT OF BED. - I was confined to my bed with Rheumatism, could not move hand or foot. A clergyman called to see me and advised me , use days was out of bed and resumed my work as well as ever.

JAMES LANGILLE. Springfield, Annapl's Co., '82. m2 ly MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS! Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately, depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is it, who will tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is persaut to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States.

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ON THE BORDER.

With varied emotions all await the New Year. One may neglect the obcervance of his birthday, but none ever regards the first of January with indifference. From it, as Charles Lamb has remarked, "all date their time and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam.' In palace or hut men mark it as an imaginary milestone on the track of

There is much to be done, in the face of the new year, if we would have it better than its predecessors. The New Year's efforts at reformation that shall prevail are those that come from within and not those that are put on like a garment or tied on like the fruit on our children's Christmas trees. No mere indolent wish can accomplish our purpose. We must consider the past and take into account the days and years which are set down as investments in the Master's books, and for which a settlement, including both principal and interest, will be demand ed. Those who are wise will seek an interview with the Master. If the account is all against them they should go into human bankruptcy, and, pleading the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, give up all they have and are and begin a new account with the new year, in the strength of Omnipotence. Even the best of us, upon review, will find boasting fully excluded. Self-congratulation will be impossible, save upon our salvation by Christ Jesus.

that we enter upon another year with ism of Britain into a happier position. no unkindly feeling towards a fellow. For many years, indeed, the attitude mortal. Some years ago Joseph of the true men in the several recog-Howe was leaving England for Nova | nized sections has been more in ac-Scotia. Among his fellow passengers cordance with their profession of was a gentleman of strong political an- Christ as their one Head, than at the tipathies, who had not spoken to him | beginning of the century, but it is very for years. On going on board, Howe evident that the voluntary Churches atepped up to him, extended his hand, of Britain, while moving the land and said to him, "We're going to from end to end, have in fact moved cross the ocean together; let us shake | toward each other. Nor is it improhands and be friends," an offer which | bable that strength has also been adwas at once accepted. A few days la- | ded to the bond of attachment already ter a heavy sea struck the steamer and existing between evangelical men in so injured the gentleman that he died | the Established Church and the minbefore land was reached, having been | istry of the Nonconforming Churches. tenderly watched over by the man who A forcible illustration of this was had greeted him with words of friendship. How sad must have been the recollection to the survivor had the the churches they represented, many alienation continued to the end! We of the Nonconformist and Episcopal are starting on a new voyage. We have ministers walked together from the not "journeyed this way heretofore;" let us not burden our souls and weakem our lives and worry ourselves with | at once evangelical in tone, Christian sad reminiscences by entering upon 1884 with lack of forgiveness to any one on earth. "He prayeth best who vice. lovet i best all things both great and

tion. At least it will save us from the discouragement that seeming failure of earnest effort involves. There is fighting to be done. Intemperance is still a terrible curse. Seltishness still rules in political movements. Crime is still rampant. Heroes have fallen, in faith, not always in positive victory. The world is not yet subdued to Christ, Opponents of the good even seem to increase. Therefore we must strive, and strive with the conviction that the results of faithful work for others are not to be measured by one year, nor by a life time. To enter upon this course demands more than intentions! It demands Divine strength. "As thy day so shall thy strength be!"

Brethren, the time is short. The years come and go with increasing swiftness. How long a year is to a child! How brief to an old man! As we go on, the wheel revolves more and more swiftly, the spokes are lost to sight, and we know only by arbitrary rules that the revolution is complete -or know it by the changes in nature about us. Let us use this year well. It may be the last to some of us. A Happy New Year to all.

ENGLAND AND LUTHER.

A peculiar interest in the Luther Commemoration in England has been felt by Protestants throughout the world. The occasion in Germany was of national interest, uniting for that reason all classes in hearty enthusiasm: in England, on the contrary, the commemoration was almost wholly religious, and was therefore regarded as affording a test of ecclesiastical tendencies, to be supplied from no other direction. One fact is worthy of note. The

demand for Lutheran literature, especially of the sort adapted to the small leisure of the busier classes, has human life. Before time shall sweep been very great. The Religious Tract us beyond it, let us look back upon Society, and other publishing houses the promises made, the blessings bes- as well, have found an immense sale towed, the sorrows endured, the lest for books and pamphlets bearing on sons learned, and then, with hands the life and work of the great Reformaplifted, like the traveller who peers | er. Of this all true Protestants must through the darkness to detect the be glad. The more widely Luther is lights which may cheer him on his way, known the better. That there were let us move onward steadily, as Pro- defects in his character cannot be desuffer from any such admission. was Cromwell, we think, who charged a noted painter, "Paint me as I am, with the mole on the face included." In like manner we would have Luther placed on the platform of the world just as he was, for in view of all circumstances men can only know him to glorify God in him. There is little reason to wonder, as eloquent lips have portrayed the system against which he struggled and the reform which he inaugurated, till men everywhere saw his heroic form stand out against the background of Romanism. that the homage of the whole Protestant world has been laid at his feet. No scurrility in Roman Catholic circles, nor falsehoods from once Protestant pulpits, will lessen this regard. The consequent inquiries will but give men to feel how much they owe to Luther and to Protestantism. Ignorance in the past of the extent of this debt has made many young Protestants an easy prey to false guides.

There can be little doubt that the general interest in this celebration will Forgiven ourselves, let us see to it aid in bringing the divided Protestantseen at Bristol, where, without any sacrifice of respect to themselves or chapter-house to the cathedral to hear Canon Girdlestone preach a sermon in spirit, and according to each his own important place in the Master's ser-

Consecrated to the Master and at too abundant evidence that the Es- al years past, more than twenty of the peace with man, let us anticipate tablished Church of the realm has students having obtained a place in prints of the "Memorial Hall" he may the fabled tortoise of Indian mytholo- children of God, and if they have a the joys, trials and triumphs of the been unfaithful to the principles of the first division.

new year. Readiness is half prepara- the Reformation. It is sadly true that the clergy of that Church who have stood up boldly at this period are few; while the opposers or the thoroughly quiet have been the many. The Archbishop of York and two bisheps were at the front elsewhere, but beside Lord Shaftesbury, on the platform of Exeter Hall, there was not a single Episcopal dignitary—a dean excepted. No less marked was the conduct of the great universities of England. Cambridge seems not to have considered the occasion worth notice: Oxford refused to affix the seal of the University to an address of congratulation to the Emperor of Germany upon the celebration, though she has since in part redeemed her character by forwarding to Frederick William a memorial from a num. her of members of the university, heads of colleges, Professors and Fellows, headed by the Vice-chancellor. With sad significance the Church Times, the organ of the Ritualists, finds pleasure in the thought that "the business should have been left chiefly in the hands of Dissenters, and that the Churchmen who have joined with them in the celebration have mostly been party hacks and others who command very little respect"—the party hacks, &c., being the Archbishop of York, Deans Howson and Perowne, Mr. Leathes, and Archdeacon Farrar.

These facts challenge general remark. The London Times, in an admirable article concludes that the Reformer is disliked because the Reformation is disliked. It says of those who oppose the movement: "Their place is elsewhere, not with men who claim an inheritance of the freedom which Martin Luther has made possible for them." The London Watchman, after having reviewed the position, asserts that "whatever the Evangelicals may think of it, the Ritualists are continually increasing;" and the Methodist predicts that "the Luther Celebration will prove to be a nail in the coffin of the establishment."

MOUNT ALLISON.

The reports that have this year appeared in the daily papers in reference to the terminal examinations at Mount Allison have been very satisfactory. They cannot fail to attract the attention of the public, and especially of those who are asking. Where shall I educate my child-

We are glad that the college is still to be favored with the presence of Dr. Inch, its worthy President. Many persons are not aware that his loyalty to the Church which placed him at the head of her educational institutions has during the year been subjected to a pretty severe test-a test which, we say plainly, ought not to be allowed to continue in existence. With the completion of the Memorial Hall Dr. Inch and his excellent staff of Professors will find advantages for carrying on their work, for lack of which they have suffered in the past. That in the absence of these they should have sent forth students to win the successes that are connected with the name of Mount Allison is a fact to be quoted strongly in their favor. And that a lady's name should stand at the head of the list of students attaining the first rank during the term just closed is suggestive to those having daughters to be educat-

The Ladies' Academy, under the management of Rev. Dr. Kennedy and a very efficient staff, has had the largest attendance ever known, and one which, we understand, is likely to be exceeded at the opening of the approaching term. The results of the teaching in the various branches have been equally satisfactory. Dr. Kennedy's tribute to the efficiency of the teachers found confirmation in the action of the young lady pupils, in presenting Miss Sharpe, the Preceptress, with an address and handsome testi monial. If some Methodists are not aware of the value of the Academy. it is evident that a great many families belonging to other churches not only know its worth but avail themselves of its advantages.

We learn, too, that the term at the Male Academy closed under very favorable circumstances. Principal Paisley reported that the attendance during the term had been fifty-one, that the work had been very satisfactory, and the deportment of the students good. Their literary standing. Beyond this there come into view as indicated by their marks, was, on some painful facts which furnish only the average, higher than that of sever-

The Fifty-ninth Report of the Mis sionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada has just reached our table. A perusal of its contents will give our people an amount of knowledge concerning our Home and Foreign missions which cannot elsewhere be acquired. The past year's labors present various aspects of successes and disappointments: the former, however, far outnumbering the latter. For communications from missionaries abroad, or in our Indian work, our people should get the Missionary Outlook, published at the Mission Rooms and recently advertised in our columns. The following figures will be of interest: The Domestic Missions have 29,804 members connected with them; the Indian ones 3.436, the French 255, and the Foreign 834. In all 33,329 members, and a total of 461 paid agents connected with them. The total receipts for the year have been \$159,223, a decrease of \$15 as compared with last year. The expenditure has been \$169.652, an increase over that of the preceding year of \$21,251.

Of the Fifth Lecture and Sermon of the Mount Allison Theological Union, a copy of which through accident has failed to reach us. the Presbyterian Witness says: "We have perused with great satisfaction two discourses delivered last summer at A. McMillan, St. John. The lecture is by Rev. Cranswick Jost, M. A. His subject is Miracles. It would be difficult to fina a more thoughtful, scholarlike and complete discussion of a great theme in the compass of little more than thirty pages. Evidently Mr. Jost is a careful student and an extensive reader. Mr. Burwash's sermon is short, vigorous, earnest and practical."

The London Christmas Dinner Fund last year gave to about 2000 persons the materials for substantial Christmas dinners. A gentleman says "One of our missionaries reported emplary couple, aged 79 and 82 respectively, that the last meat which they had tasted must have been what Christmas, 1882.

The Quarterly Board of the Grafton St. Church has voted in favor of abandoning the reading of separate verses of the hymn. Would any one wish that glorious 141st hymn, sung on Christmas morning, cut into "inch pieces?"-The itinerancy is not alway the most "itinerant" life. Rev. Ws F. Crafts left Methodism not long. since, solely because of her roving system. He afterwards resigned the pastorate of a Congregational church in a storm, and now seeks the wishedfor rest in a Presbyterian charge! -Two recent church-fairs should be a warning. At one in Kingston, Ont., an election of the most popular man resulted in a majority of votes for a strong politician and a tremendous church row is the result. At the other, a social at New Utretcht, N. Y., mock marriages took place, and a judge, after a trial, has taken three weeks to decide whether two young folk were married or not.-Take for a New Year's reading, the eighth chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy. ----We erred last week in saying that Parnell received \$38,000; it was by the acceptance of £38,000 that he disappointed those of his admirers who had hoped that he might decline a tribute largely wrung by suspicious means from a reluctant and distressed people. --- The Lord Mayor of London, in abandoning the practice of "riding for show on Sunday mornings to church," is only following the example of President and Mrs. Hayes at Washington. - The Evangelical hurchman describes Bishop Binney's recently published discourse as "a sermon of a semi-apologetic character. a good specimen of the nebulous, define-nothing, oppose-nothing theology. The Book-room has had a fine run of business this holiday season, as may be judged from its cash sales. --- Our

mail to any minister or Sunday school

superintendent any number of small

local exchanges are trying to outdo each other in "Christmas supplements." Our neighbor, the Herald. secured a fine collection of original papers for the occasion. A good one among them was from the pen of Rev. J. Shenton, of St. John. -- Dr. Inch, of Sackville, will be glad to

THE LATE REV. G. BUTCHER.

Not a few readers of the WESLEYAN have pleasant memories of the late Rev. George Butcher, superintendent of the Deal circuit, who passed to his reward on the 30th of November. Of his death we have no particulars, but from a sketch of his ministry and of his interment at Gravesend, given in Watchman, we make extracts:

Though Mr. Butcher had travelled here but fifteen months, the "influence of his holy and devoted life" had been largely felt by the pastors and members of the neighbouring Churches, and by the townsfolk at large. On the Sunday evening following his decease the Rev. N. Dobson (Baptist) occupied the pulpit of the Wesleyan Chapel, taking for his text Cor. xv. 20. Before commencing his discourse Mr. Dobson read two letters, one from his own church and one from the Congregational, signed by the respective pastors, expressing sympathy with the congregation in their bereavement, and sorrow for their own loss of a "brother beloved in the Lord.

The funeral service in Deal took place on Dec. 5. A procession of about 300 persons, including the chairman and other ministers of the district clergymen of the Established Church, and ministers of the other denominations in the town, the stewards, local preachers, members, school teachers and scholars, congregation, and friends, together with the deacons of the Congregational and Baptist Churches, and a detachment of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, followed the body from the minister's residence to the chapel. The service was conducted by Sackville, and now published by J. & | the Rev. B Browne, chairman of the District: other ministers also taking part. At the conclusion of the service, while the organ pealed forth the solemn funeral music, the body was conveyed to the railway-station. During the passing of the procession to and from the chapel the bells of St. George the Martyr and St. Andrew were tolled by the wish of their respective clergymen. The interment took place at Gravesend on the following day, when a great number from all parts of the Kent district assembled. The ministers of the various Churches of Deal attended on behalf of the congregations, with the officials of our own Church. Mr. Butcher was born Aug 9, 1828,

at St. James, Suffolk, but the family

left England whilst he was yet an in-

fant, and settled in Charlottetown. From thence he returned to England in 1852. He was brought up as awhile since of a respectable and ex- an architect, in which he became an expert, and the skill thus acquired stood him in good stead in after life, when his opinion and advice were always available and very valuable as repairs of the chapels and other edifices. It was whilst living at Newark that he first felt a Divine call to the ministry. The doors of the Methodist Church in England, owing to the unfortunate dissensions of that time, being closed against him, he returned to Prince Edward Island, and received his first appointment in 1856 to Guvsborough, N. S.; thence to Fredericton, N. B. where he laboured two years. Berwick, N. S., Dorchester and Point de Bute, N. B., were his next appointments. Family arrangements required his return to England in 1866, and in the following year he entered the home work, travelling in the Diss, Ilkeston, Aylesbury, Gravesend, and Horncastle circuits, and staying at each place a full term of three years. Appointed to Deal in 1882, he laboured with great acceptance and usefulness till within a fortnight of his death. His preaching was earnest land marked by careful thought, and when his hearers got accustomed to a slight peculiarity in his delivery his ministry was, as expressed by his Horncastle friends, "revelled" in by his people. In social life and in faternal meetings with his brethren his conversation betokened well-furnished mind, a wide ac quaintance with men and things; and he was a warm hearted and genial friend. When public issues were concerned he would disregard all private interests and wishes. Throughout his life he was an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, and his last public appearance was as a chairman of a blue ribbon meeting on Friday,

> INVERTED PYRAMIDS, BUILT FROM THE TOP.

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN. There is an old Arabian tradition of the Great Pyramid, that its chief corner stone is the top stone. The fanciful may find scripture allegory in this, but in the vast system of sacraments, confession and absolution, with all the delegated priestly power which it supposes, we behold a colossal inverted pyramid without solid ground on which even its apex may rest. It certainly is not built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. How then is it supported? On the groaning backs of the latest of the early fathers, propped up by dim traditions, and mediæval councils, and rubrics propounded to regulate forms, prayer and worship, and the educaional bias of hundreds of good and noly men of more modern times, all tied and bound by the chain of assumed churchly authority and infallibility. This is a tremendous fabric to be sus tained by so insecure a scaffolding. No wonder the support has groaned adoption. Men want to know if and swayed beneath its burden, like their sins are forgiven, and if they are

shifting for a little ease till there have followed the shakings of reform and protest. Now all those who have been engaged in the erection of this church edifice have recognised that if they could only let down the edifice upon the true foundation, if they could only find so much as one single passage of Scripture upon which even the point of the apex might rest, there would be much relief to their straining efforts at support, and the semblance of permanence and power would be

ONE MISINTERPRETED PASSAGE, THE FOUNDATION.

All the important doctrines of sal-

vation lie broadly on the solid foundation of the whole Scriptures. They breathe in the spirit from Genesis to the Revelation. They are iterated and reiterated by precept, example and illustration, so that any one portion that might be ambiguous can be interpreted by others. The most important of all these teachings to us is how we may obtain pardon of sins. This question of questions needs a most assuring and explicit answer, and the Holy Ghost has reiterated one from the history of the fall, to the unveiling of heaven. The Romish doctrine—the doctrine of the Anglican Sacramentarian—so zealously promulgated, has but one passage of Scripture on which it can find the semblance of support-John 20, 23. Was Thomas excluded from this commission? He was not present. Were there others besides the apostles present, women as well as men, as on the day of pentecost? If so, were all these commissioned? How did those to whom they were spoken understand these words? How did Peter understand them and apply them on that day of Pentecost? Did he ever dream of being a priest with power to absolve ! How did John understand them when he wrote to the churches, "if we (all of us) confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness?" Did Paul think he was a priest or only a servant of the Church? Why did he not baptize men if that were a saving ordinance, and why did he recognize the work of laymen, if people needed the absolution at his hands? Who gave him apostleship.

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SACRAMENTAL

Of course the writer cannot make the shadow of a claim to being versed in patristic lore. All who take the Scriptures for their sufficient rule will not waste much time in wading through these voluminous writers. There is a certain amount of interest attaching to them from their historic relations. Judging however from parts, and especially from the portions cited by high Anglicans. I conclude that nothing approaching confession and absolution appears for the first two centuries. Let us begin with Origen, about 220, A.D., and go back through all those fathers of the early Church, whose testimony is a support of the present canon of Scripture as identical with that universally known by the Church of its first and second centuries to be inspired. Irenæus of Lyons associated with Pothinus, an old man whose early days were in the generation of the apostles; Polycarp, a disciple of the beloved John; Clement of Alexandria, trained by Pantanus, a hearer of the apostles; Justyn Martyr, born A.D. 103, from whose writings the four gospels can be compiled : Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp, Barnabas, and Clement, are cotemporaneous with the later days of the apostles. These are the men who would be in the position to know what would be the practice of the early days. of martyrdom, but they have not been and cannot be cited as teaching anything of priestly absolution and confession. The importance of confession, which no one denies, is touched upon by Fathers of the 3rd and 4th century, and then about the 5th sacramental confession crops up.

MORAL TO METHODISTS. There are lessons to us growing out of this controversy. 1st. To prove all things and hold fast that which is good, by observing how much is false and how much is an exaggeration of the truth, and by holding fast that which is good. Penitence and confession are Scripturally marked steps toward faith and salvation. The early presbyters doubtless advised the people to seek counsel in these matters privately as well as publicly from their spiritual advisers, and to freely open their minds. Out of this gradually grew abuse and false doctrine. Let us seek to encourage this open mindedness on the part of sinners by private conversation, by enquiry meetings, by revival meetings, and by class meetings, when in addition to instruction and testimony we may confess our faults one to another and pray one for another." 2nd. Not to be afraid to inculcate our own evangelical doctrines, but to show how eminently Scriptural they are. To teach them by expesitory sermons, and by Scriptural catechism to the young. Christ sent his ministers to disciple and indoctrinate. 3rd. To spend more time and pains in telling men how to be saved than in philosophising and orating about collateral themes. If we do not point the weary and heavy laden to the Lamb of God, and to certain rest from their burden. can we wonder that the positive teaching of Romanism eases so many consciences. 4th. To give special prominence to the doctrines of the witness of the Spirit to pardon and gy bearing the world on its back, title to heaven. Let us teach them.

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TOPICS SUGGESTED.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6. - SERMONS. - Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. John xiv. 13,14; 1 John v., 14, 15.

MONDAY, JAN. 7.-PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. - For our calling and election to divine favour, our merciful preservation during the last year, and all the gifts of God's kind providence : for the blessing of peace and quiet in the earth so largely enjoyed by the nations; for the greatly enlarged opportunities of preaching the gospel to mankind; for the power of the Holy Spirit given to efforts for the conversion of souls in different lands : for the removal of stumbling blocks to religion and morality in answer to united prayer; for the greater interest taken in the systematic reading of the Bible. Psalm ciii. and cxlv. Psalm 1. 23; II Chron. xx. 20 to 29 Eph. i.; 1 Pet. i. 1 to 9; 1 Sam. ii. 1 to 10; Deut. xxxii. 1 to 10; Philip. iv, 1 to 9 ; Isai, xii.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8.—CONFESSION OF SIN AND PRAYER FOR CLEANSING AND RENEWAL. - Of national sins, -intemperance; desecration of the Lord's day; increase of the love of pleasure; wide spread impurity; misuse of prosperity; imperfect acknowledgement of God's hand under any recent chastisement; indifference to God's Word; open antagonism to things holy. Of personal sins, -umfaithfulness to God's calls; defects in patience, in mutual love. Christian activity and zeal in God's service, in consideration for the needy, the ignorant, the lost. Prayer that God the Holy Ghost may convince men everywhere of sin; entreaties for pardon, renewal, full surrender to God, wholehearted obedience and devotion to God's service. Psalm li.; Isai. lviii.; Lam. 11: Matt. iii. 1 to 12; Rev. iii 14 an earnestness seldom surpassed.

deeply impressed with the importance are assuming rather heavy responsineglected children, and to bring up the young in the principles of sound do more for them than all the nosand useful Christian education, in trums that can be prescribed. We the Universities and Schools, public ers living in the town, and we are anand private, and for their Teachers; ticipating a pleasant year. for the increased influence of Young | I feel thoroughly well just now, and Men's Christian Associations; for would like to be again associated with Sunday schools, and other similar my brethren in the North; but the work. Gen. xviii. 17 to 19 : Deut. vi. | thoughts of your frost and snow bid 1 to 9; Isai. liv. 1 to 10; Judges xiii. | me beware | Moreover, the preachers 8 to 25; Psalm lxxviii. 1 to 8; Prov. of the South Carolina Conference have viii.; Ephes. vi. 1 to 18; Philip. ii. 3 given me such a hearty welcome, and to 16; James i. 2 to 15.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26.—PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. - That it may be purified from its many corruptions and sins, that its members may be filled with the Holy Ghost, realize more largely their unity in Christ, and be more careful to manifest that unity before the world in friendly recognition of one another's gifts, in zeal for the evangelization of the world, and for the furtherance of all that is pure, lovely and of good report; that the spirit of party may die out, and the mind of Christ be represented in his members; that the Church may be expectation of the Lord's coming and preparation for it; for all ministers of the Word, pastors, evangelists and church workers. Isa. lxiv.; 1 Cor. iii.; John xv. 1 to 19; Matt. xxv. 1 to 13; Eph. iv 1 to 16; 1 Thess. v. 14 to 24; 1 Corinth. xii. 12 to 26; Rev. xxii. 12 to 21.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11.—INTERCESSION FOR THE NATIONS. - For National Rulers and all in authority; for the enactment of just laws and the removal of such as are favorable to vice, cruelty, and ungodliness; for the prevention of war, and for deliverance from the plots of wicked men; for the cultivation of mutual respect, forbearance and goodwill; that the spirit of infidelity and lawlessness may be subdued : for the spread of wholesome literature and the counteraction of immoral propaganda; that the opium traffic may be abolished : for a conand for the devout observance of the 1 to 17; Hosea xiv.

the Lord of the harvest may send with 15 feet ceiling, well finished in- ought to interest Canadians.

in interpreting the Scriptures, this does Mohammedans, and the Heathen; not mean our unaided judgment, but that many souls may be won to Christ formed by the Holy Spirit; else there Israel; that the various missionary agencies may be under the manifest guidance of the Holy Spirit; that pret. Only the prayerful have the the gospel to all people, that young THE WEEK OF PRAYER—JAN- | throughout the mission field. Matt... Rom. xi. 25 to 36; Mark ix. 3 to 20; Acts ii 29 to 41; Joel ii. 23 to 32; 1 Thess. i. 2 to 10.

That the blessing of God may abundantly rest upon the Conference

SUNDAY, JAN. 13.—" And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAAR BRO. SMITH, -Our Conference has just closed its annual session at Sumter. The past year has been marked with wonderful revival influence. A large increase to the membership has been reported. And although the crops have been short, the financial reports have been highly satisfactory. The session was one of great harmony and brotherly love. The ministrations of Bishop Wilson were highly appreciated, and his bearing as a presiding officer gave general satisfaction. Gracious influences were experienced at all the services. The doctrine and experience of Christian holiness find a prominent place in the preaching and testimony of the ministers, and there seems to be a growing desire on the part of the people to learn more of this crowning grace of redemption. We enter upon the celebration of the Centenary of Episco pal Methodism under the most favorable auspices, and are fully expecting a year of extraordinary revival influence. The reading out of the appointments brought dismay to many; but soon the hearts of the preachers iii. 40 to 42, 56 to 58; James iv. 1 to | led them to accept the situation, and 17; 1 Cor. iii. 1 to 23; 1 John i 5, ii. | the grand old doxology was sung with

FAMILIES AND INSTRUCTORS OF YOUTH. and the brethren are planning for an For parents,—that they may be advance movement this year. They of instructing and training their child- bilities; but believe they will be led ren and households in the principles successfully through. I hope they of God's Word, and leading them one | will not be disappointed. Summerby one to Christ. For children and | ville is a growing town, and is destinyoung people, that they may be saved ed to become quite a prominent from the contamination of idle and place. It is a winter resort for northimmoral habits, inspired with rever- ern visitors, and a summer resort for ence for God's Word, and regard for the Charlestonians. If any of your the authority of those over them in folks of weak throat or lungs wish to the Lord; for God's blessing on all know where to spend the winter beneefforts made to reclaim vicious and ficially, commend them to Summerville. habits of temperance and purity; for expect to have four Methodist preach-

taken me so freely to their confidence and their hearts that I could not easily bring myself to leave them. Take them all in all, they are the grandest lot of men anywhere to be found The reflections recently thrown upon the M. E. Church, South, by leading officials of the M. E Church, should be hurled back with righteous indignation, by any man acquainted with the facts of the case. We should not attempt invidious comparisons; but we are fully persuaded that the ministry and the membership of the M. E. Church, South, will compare favorably, on the line of spirituality, with brought to cultivate a more earnest any other church with which we are acquainted. There is room for great improvement in all; but we submit. that it is no very clear evidence of deeper spirituality in any man, to sit in judgment upon his fellow Christians and pronounce such wholesale condemnation upon them. Please say that my post office address for next year will be, Summerville, South Carolina.

Yours as ever, JOHN M. PIKE. Lynchburg, Dec. 18, 1883.

MANITOU, MAN.

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR. - Having a spare moment this morning, I write you from this new town. On the 13th of August the station was located here, and now at the date of writing there tinued blessing on the efforts made to are about 500 inhabitants, nearly all promote temperance and social purity of whom have settled here since then. Lord's Day. 1 Tim. ii. 1 to 8; Psalm B. and P. E. I. Conference, is our toxicating drinks. Among others is lavii. and caliv.; Isai. and caliv.; Rom. minister here. Four weeks ago he one by Edward Self, on the "Evils" Till. ; 1 Peter ii. 13 to 25; Prov. xvi. induced the people to proceed with Incident to Immigration," from the an-SATURDAY, JAN. 12.—PRAYER FOR bath it was dedicated to the worship ing to the lowest stratum of popula-MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABBOAD.—That of God. It is agood building, 22x32, tion in Europe,—a subject which

that it is their privilege to know when forth more laborers into his harvest side and out, and occupies a fine that it is the passed from death unto lite, endued with power from on high; situation in this growing town. It and to know it on the authority of that those who are sent may be pre- has been designed to be made over God himself, who alone has power to served from danger, may be given into a parsonage in the near future, as pardon and absolve. 5th While we great boldness to proclaim Christ's it is thought that a much larger buildparadic and provided the right of private judgment gospel among Nominal Christians, ing will be required very soon, and this being a very hard year in Manitoba, it was not thought advisable to from among God's ancient people build beyond immediate requirements. The building cost altogether about \$900, which sum is already secured by subscriptions. The first service of the Christians in general may have a deeper | Sabbath was taken by Rev. Mr. sense of the obligations to make known | Stewart, Chairman of the District, who preached an admirable sermon on converts may be established and the "adaptability of Christ to meet built up in the faith of Christ, the wants of all nations." The serand that an earnest and intelligent | vice in the afternoon was conducted native ministry may be raised up by Rev. W. W. Colpitts, of Nelson, who discoursed upon Christ, rejected ix. 36 to 38, and xxviii. 18 to 20; by Jewish pride of heart and Greek pride of intellect, yet to those who received him, both the wisdom and power of God. In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Townsend, (Presbyterian), preached a very acceptable sermon on of Christians of various nations (post- | the peace on earth and the good-will poned from last year) to be held, D. that was promoted among men by V., in September next in Stockholm. | the advent of the Saviour. The services of the day, including the Lord's Supper in the afternoon, were seasons of spiritual enjoyment, and as such all men, even as we do toward you: to | will, I think, not soon be forgotten. the end he may stablish your hearts | On Monday evening a tea-meeting unblameable in holiness before God, | was held in the new church, followed by music, recitations and speeches, making it a very enjoyable time. 1 Thess. iii. 12 to 13; Phii. iii. 20, 21. | Many of the church and congregation were by this means made acquainted with each other, which in itself is productive of great good. Bro. Colwill looked especially radiant at the success which has crowned his efforts, and this, I assure you, is worth something to see just now, and contrasts strongly with the consuming anxiety that rests upon many a missionary in this lone land. Often he seems to be the leader of a forlorn hope, far from the base of supplies—those supplies never too ample, now fast diminishing - and sustained in many instances only by

who had nowhere to lay his head.

PERSONAL.

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Rev. Wm. Mitchell, late of St. John, is now in a Lunatic Asylum in Boston awaiting trial on the charge of steal ing books.

The funeral of the late John Pickard, M. P. for York Co., N B. took Fully four hundred people were in at ing .- Our Country.

On Monday last Messrs. O. M. Hill and M. Henry Richey, on behalf of the Committee, presented Mr. Henry has been almost without exception to 22; Jerem. ii 1 to 7, and iii. 12 We have been removed to Summer- Theakston, the worthy Secretary of condemned by the Irish press. Sixtyville, near Charleston. A new brick the Y. M. C. A., with fifty dollars as seven panes of glass were broken, and Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Prayer for church has just been completed there, a mark of esteem and appreciation of in one room were found sixty four

> Messrs. Frazee and Whiston, of the Business College, entertained their students one evening last week, in the large class room of the college, where about a hundred young ladies and gentlemen were assembled. After the feast speeches were made by several ministers and laymen. During the evening an address was read by one elegant gold watch each for Messrs. Frazee and Whiston.

LITERARY, &c.

Dio Lewis's Monthly for December is of interest to the general reader and suggestive to the men who would obey the wise counsel, "Know thyself." The papers are short and therefore numerous, timely and pointed, several of them from the editor's own vigorous pen. We see no reason to change our first favorable opinion of this monthly.

The Diaries for 1884, published at the Weslevan Methodist Book-room, London, will be found most useful The Methodist and General Desk Diary, interleaved with blotting paper, is adapted for general purposes but the Pocket Diary and Kalendar will be almost indispensable to a minlater who aims at system in his pastoral work. Ministers and laity will do well to provide themselves with

Harper's Magazine for January is uite in keeping with the beautiful Christmas number. One needs only name the beautifully illustrated papers on "The Quaker Poet," Mentone," "The Birth of a Nation, and " Nature's Serial Story." More interesting, perhaps, than any of these to a large class of Provincial readers will be the richly illustrated paper on "The Old Packet and Clipper Service." The Literary Record and Editor's Drawer are quite up to the mark.

Most of the articles in the North American Review for January may be read with no little benefit. Several of its papers are of general interest today. Among them are those on "Mormonism" by John Taylor, Mormon President, and the Hon. E. H. Murray, Governor of Utah. In "Alcohol in Politics," Senator H. W. Blair sees a coming conflict, and advocates the submission of an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the man-Bro. Colwill, formerly of the N. ufacture, sale and importation of inthe erection of a church. Last Sab- nual arrival of great numbers belong-

The Scholar's Hand Book on the International Lessons for 1884, by Rev. Edwin W. Rice, published by the American Sunday School Union, is received. The editor has done his work well and the book will be found a most useful and cheap help for teacher or scholar. Price 15 cents.

The Homiletic Monthly, for December, (Funk and Wagnalls, New York), is a fine number—full and fresh. has ten sermons, a number of miscellaneous articles, hints, criticisms, illustrations and reviews, all of great use to ministers

METHODIST NOTES.

A Fredericton paper says that the Rev. John Goldsmith, of Nashwaak, is to go to the lumber woods of the Miramichi, to hold services among the men there during January.

The Hants Journal says that a new Uxbridge organ has been introduced into the church at Avondale. --- A successful concert and fancy sale was held at Centenary Church, St. John, last week. --- The net profits of a bazaar and tea-meeting at Chatham were about \$160.

We learn from Rev. T. D. Hart that the Lord is blessing the congregation at Burlington. Every day some additional oue or more declares himself among the penitents, and we are cheered with the testimony of believers. Rev. A. S. Tuttle and Bro. Kilcup, of Brooklyn, are with us as much of the time as they can spare."

Sunday, the 9th inst., was a temperance field day among the Methodists of St. John's, N. F. Sermons on temperance were preached in all their churches, and in the afternoon, in Gower St. Church, almost every available seat was filled by an immense gathering of children representing the Bands of Hope in connection with Cochrane, George and Gower streets Churches. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Percival, and beside him were the Revs. Messrs. Bond and James, Messrs. H. J. B. Woods, H. M. Gibb, R. Barnes, W. Mews, A. Martin, and Geo. Archibald. Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. W. Percival, Mr. G. Archibald, Mr. Robert Barnes, and Rev. Mr. James. The singing was of the best conducted and most en-

ABROAD.

the Methodist manse was wrecked, the woods each year. stones, most of which were thrown through one window.

On the Sabbath during the annua Mission, fourteen adults were baptized. Four native preachers were recommended to deacon's orders. Bishop Merill reiterates the conviction, long held by the Missionary Society, that China, like all heathen of the students, accompanied by an countries, must be evangelized by native agencies.

> Mrs. Neilsen, of Norway, for 25 years a successful actress, was converted under the preaching of Methodist preachers in that land. She retired from her profession, began to read Moody's sermons in public, and soon attracted crowds. The Lutheran ministers opened their churches for her use. She began to add words of her own, which gradually grew into discourses. The Lutheran pastors, finding she had fully identified herself with Methodism, excluded her from their churches, and she resorted to halls and to overcrowded chapels. She is very modest, intensely in earnest, and so conducts herself as to gain the universal approval of the lost. This is the way liquor is shipped preachers of the Conference. Another lady, a teacher in a Lutheran College, has turned her attention to the same work.

The Salvation Army of England is having fifteen halls built, with seating capacity for 25,000 people.

The Bishop of Paris intends to build a floating cathedral, to be propelled by steam, and to be used for police went to take care of him. Romish services on the river Amazon.

A Training college, to prepare young Spaniards for evangelistic and pastoral work, an institution much needed for years, has been opened at Puerto Santa Maria, near Cadiz.

At the annual meeting of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, the total membership was reported to be 2,555. One of the features of the year's work was the formation of a Chinese Sunday school. Mrs. E. W. Beecher and Mrs. F. H. Pratt were elected deaconness-The total receipts for the year were \$55,172, of which \$37,000 were derived from pew rents.

Next year will occur the five hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wyclif, "the morning star of the Reformation." The Wyclif Society of England is making arrangements to observe the event.

The Treasurer of the Infants' Home acknowledges with thanks, from Barton, Digby Co., a Thanksgiving offering per Rev. J. W. Prestwood. \$2,45. Wallace, per Rev. Jas. Tweedie. \$3.95. GLEANINGS. Etc.

THE DOMINION

It is reported that the Legislature of New Brunswick will meet about the middle of February.

have been mailed at Halitax Post Of- off. fice this year than ever before.

Forty machinists have been imported from Sheffield, England, to run a shortly in Montreal.

A proclamation is published order-Act in Prince Co.

Owing to a fault in the construction of the masonry of St. John's Church, in Quebec, a large portion of it threat ens to give way, and must be taken down and rebuilt

Harbor will commence operations at and was killed. once. The lighthouse will be a great convenience to mariners. It is said that the total strength of

infantry recruits will number 300, gunnery 100, and cavalry 40.

clared insane. A committee was ap-

Highly satisfactory work is reported as being done at the P. E. I. Railway Works. It is said that eighteen box cars and ten flat cars will be turned out during the winter months at the works, and then the construction of others will be undertaken.

The dispute on the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario is to be submitted to the Privy Council. The case is to be heard in June or July next, C. Robinson, Q. C., to represent Manitoba, and Mr. Mowat to represent Ontario. This decision is to be

The News says that not less than 15,000 families in New Brunswick deglorious; and altogether it was one pend almost wholly upon the lumber industry for their employment. This thusiastic Temperance meetings we does not include shiplaborers employplace at Douglas on the 18th inst. have ever had the pleasure of attend- ed in loading the deals. By what could be gathered from a leading operator, it appears that about one tenth of the entire male adult popula-The outrage in Wexford, by which | tion of the Province is employed in

> At Birmingham, in a speech, Lord Lorne said: "Never was a railway better endowed for the purpose of its existence, for the Canadian Pacific Railway has about 25,000,000 of acres in its fertile belt, and of this vast amount they still at the present momeeting of the M. E. Central China ment hold at least 17.000,000; and one of the richest ever granted.'

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A fore and aft schooner, owned in Channel, was lost at Isle Aux Morts on the 16th. All hands

It is said that Messrs. Bowring Brothers, of St. John's, intend running a new line of steamers between New York and St. John's. They will contain first class accommodations for cabin and steerage passengers.

As a large case of goods was being lowered into the hold of the Plover, it slipped from the tackles, and a cask containing about 30 gallons of spirits fell out of it and about 20 gallons were to Little Bay. -Our Country.

The Local Option Temperance Act was all but unanimously adopted in that section of Trinity Bay District known as Random North. There GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES were six polling places covering a large district of country, and all polled in favor of the act except at one place, where two voted against it.

Alaska, ceded to the United States by Russia some sixteen years ago, yet remains without a government.

The British Government announces that it will resume control in Basutoland in compliance with the prayer of a large majority of the natives.

The colored people of Massachusetts have been made happy by the appointment of one of their number to a Supreme Court Judgeship.

the times in France that more money is being drawn out than put into the savings banks.

foundland during the month of Nov- prevailing custom, were tolled nine

Through the depression in the iron and glass industries, nearly 20,000 men are unemployed in Pittaburg.

An Amsterdam newspaper says negotiations of the Transval delegate with Lord Derby, British Colonial Very many more Christmas cards Secretary, have probably been broken

Captain Eads estimates that his proposed ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, a distance of 153 miles. new cutlery factory to be started can be completed in two years for the sum of \$25,000,000.

Patrick Moylan, who recently reing an election under the Temperance turned to Ireland from America and Act for the purpose of repealing the rented a vacant farm near Galway. from which the tenant had been ejected, was shot dead by an unknown assassin last week.

The Jewish school and synagogue in Galata, a suburb of Constantinople, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Nineteen students were burned to The contractor for building the death, and many injured. The dilighthouse at the entrance of Advocate rectress threw herself from a window

The Government of India has opened the Agra Medical School to women. A small class is now in attendance. the infantry, cavalry and gunnery of Under certain conditions private the military schools will be 750 men students may have access to all the including A. and B. batteries. The lectures, and after a course of three years may be graduated.

The New York firemen are begin-Hon. Adam Crooks, late Ontario ning to have a wholesome fear of the Minister of Education, has been de heavily charged electric wires. If the insulation is not complete, it is sure pointed by the Court of Chancery last death for one to take hold of an elecweek to take charge of histperson and tric light cable, as is often necessary in case of fire.

On Friday, in the case of the Glasgow dynamiters, the jury returned a verdict that five of the prisoners were guilty of all the charges, and five of the first charge only. Five were them sentenced to penal servitude for life, and the remaining five to seven years penal servitude.

On Jan. 9th. a National Pilgrimage is to be made to the tomb of Victor Emmanuel in the Pantheon, the tenth anniversary of his death, to celebrate the first quarter of a century of Italy's unification. It is believed that more than 100,000 people will be in Rome on that day.

The bark Helen Finlayson from New York has arrived at Cork. She rescued at sea from a raft, Captain Bain and five men, of the Yarmouth ship Regina, which went to pieces in a gale, Dec. 4. The rescued men had been upon the raft five days with neither food nor water.

The strike of cotton weavers in Lancashire and the miners in Yorkshire increases in proportions. Twenty-six thousand looms are idle in Blackburn and fourteen thousand in Darwin and Padeshamn. At many places the operatives are accepting the reduction of

Col. Sir W. Barttelot, M. P., states that "matters in the Army have having the power to choose the good come to such a pass that it is necesslands, and being able to reject those ary to look them in the face," and he which may be inferior, they became exposes the marked failure of the possessed, when they undertook the abandonment of the regimental for line, of a land fortune which, with the Territorial system. The Duke of the \$25,000,000 in cash, was a dower | Cambridge complains that desertions from the Army have become a profession, and that there is, "an enormous number of them.

A despatch from Hong Kong states that a fight at Sontay occurred on the 14th, and two outworks were captured, and the citadel surrounded by French forces. The citadel was evacuated during Sunday night by its defenders and was occupied on the morning of the 17th without fighting. Gen. Millett's force will eventually number 32.000 men The amount of money spent on the expedition so far is 42, 000,000 francs.

A steamer has landed at Dover seventeen persons rescued on the 16th from the steamer St. Auqustine. The scene was appalling Something fell from aloft cutting off one of the captain's legs. At his own request a weight was tied around his waist and he was thrown into the sea. Several sailors drowned themselves in despair. The fire spread with such rapid ty that everybody became panic stricken. A number perished.

As far as known the fishermen lost in Glousester vessels leave twenty-nine widows and thirty-five children, but the number is probably much larger. Lord Spencer has been staying with Two more vessels over due, if proven Lord Drogheda in Kildare, and sixty tobe lost, will swell the number of vessels to twelve, with probably 150 men. The lives lost during the year will not fall much short of 200. A number of the men were from the British Provinces.

Notwithstanding the denial of the report that additional British troops would be sent to Egypt, preparations are being made for the despatch of forces to that country. Baker Pasha, before leaving 'Ca ro for Sualin, appealed to Sir Evelyn Wood and Sir Evelyn Baring, to give him a small force of English volunteers to accompany his It is a very unsatisfactory sign of expedition. The application was reported to the British Government, which rejected it.

Of the eighty-eight persons drown In Boston they will enforce the ed in mid-ocean on Oct. 30, with the law providing that no child under French brig Rocaberg, sixty belonged fourteen, or a woman shall be employ- in the village of Cancale, on the Breed in a store over sixty hours per ton coast. The unfortunate men were cod fishermen returning from a five months cruise on the Banks of New-It is computed that 680 persors per- foundland. When the tidings reachished through the foundering of fish- ed the place, the shops were closed, ing vessels in the gales on the coast of the people wore mourning emblems, New England, Nova Scotia and New- and the bells of the churches, after a times for each of the dead.

A WATCHNIGHT MEDITATION whose hands gave the strokes, and I FOR THOSE KEPT AT HOME.

"The God of my mercy shall prevent me.-Psalm lix, 10.

In a few minutes it will strike twelve. The same church tower, the same bell, the same tone as last night. Yet how different. The spot where the milestone to that point, and just like any other of heart of the "God of my mercy." moment of the year behind me, it has and unexampled proofs of love. been as true as it will be at twelve tonight, the way yet to travel is in that to set over against all. "The God of moment shorter; the rest I seek is, by my mercy shall prevent me." "Prevent the passing of that midnight, nearer. me." Ah, as I come to point after But I realise it to-night. Am I glad to point in my journey, I shall find Him realise it? Is it rest which is a year "come" thither "before" me, waiting mearer? Or is it the reckoning-and I for me, having made all needful provihave been letting my Master's time sion for that moment of my need. slip through my fingers: how, I hardly know-how fast, I hardly thought, as I do to-night. God be merciful to me a sinner! The God of my mercy show mercy for His mercy's sake! And then the possibilities of 1884. I am Bunyan's pilgrim standing at the door of an Interpreter's house, but of more rooms than his-365 of them. I am soon to enter into the first. Each will be my home for a day, and for a day only. No matter how terrible be the experiences I must know in any one of these chambers of the future, I must pass into it in the morning. No matter how full of pleasant things one of these "houses of life" may prove to be, I must leave it at night. A Power I cannot resist will lead me on. Will it be through gallery after gallery, suite after suite, full of scenes of mercy and joy! Or will the strong Hand bear me through room after room of wonders, passing those the Pilgrim saw-wonders of tribulation, if wonders of help; wonders of sore chastening, if wonders of love in the chastening? Soon I shall have put into my hand God's year book for 1884. Morning by morning a new page will open, blank in part, for me to fill with a day's record; written, in part, by the Disposer of my life, written with his will concerning my new day. What shall I see? What shall I read? I may get no guide-book to Interpreter's house. I may long to steal a glance a few pages forward, but I must read whatHe writes of my life's story as he issues it, a chapter a day. I only know what the past

But shalf I explore all the 365 chambers? Shall I write on the last of the 365 pages of my life's book! Let me not put away the thought as an idle bugbear. I ought, in all sober reason, to take the other possibility into my reckoning. Shall I some morning pass into the room wherein is spread the couch on which I must lie down and die? It may not be long before the last page is reached. I may find some day's opening headed by a Divine hand: "This day must thou restore into My hands thy spirit, thyself." Happily I it to me no day's record should be more welcome: "At last I am to see Jesus! I am to see my Lord to-day!" Happy I, if to me there shall be no thought of sadness on entering into that room of departure, unless concerning those who must be left to traverse without me what remains of this Interpreter's house. But the stupendous issues of that day? "After it the judgment," an immediate permanent discrimination of my character, the allotment of my eternal place! He may pass this midnight's milestone with a light heart, who knows eternal life seeure through trust in the atoning blood of Jesus? "The God of my mercy have mercy upon me!"

How many pages of 1883 have to many been written with "lamentation and mourning and woe." Sorrow and bereavement, perplexing days and anxious nights, loss and straightened circumstances, direct chastening in their look forward into the dark as I am doing, shrinking at the very possibility of burdens, renewed discipline of the rod. into which, and through which-let me shall lead my soul's eye up to Thee. not forget it-the Hand has led me lit up with the sunlight of the favour of "the God of my mercy."—II. J. Foster, the tokens of his presence. The day m; God. It has been sometimes hard in London Methodist. to go on believing, but I have looked day-I looked into the eyes of Him sorrow from the earth.

knew His look meant: "Whom I love I chasten." The future may, at least, be as the past. To many who with me meditate to-night, the past means a good year in business, a year of unbroken health. There is no friend missing, the circle gathered round the hearth is complete. Many a room has ushered us, stands has nothing to mark it except me, into some joyous surprise. Many the milestone. The step which takes a page has been written close with me past it is just like any other of the words of help and lovingly ordered hundreds which have brought me up happiness, devised for me by the the hundreds perhaps to follow. But some pages shall need the bordering of that stone means another section of my mourning, surely many a one shall bear journey completed, another distinct sec- rich illumination, a message of good tion of my way to enter upon. I shall will, tidings of great joy. At least I will to-night pass out of 1883 into 1884, as put amongst the possibilities of 1884 men say. At every midnight, at every more joyous surprises, more apexpected

Possibilities! But I have a certainty

"Before I utter my complaints Behold Htm present with His aid."

"My mercy." How this man shames my heart. He seems only to take account of the goodness. He reckons his life's various "changes and chances" as one exhibition of unvaried goodness. " My mercies?" No. They have passed counting. As he looks back, they follow so close upon one another that they have run together in holy confusion into one large "mercy." "The God of m mercy." What does he mean by linking the words thus? What is the "man of Sedan," or the "hero of Waterloo?" The man whose name will always be associated with the day of Sedan, so disastrous to France; the man whose name will always be linked with the glory of Waterloo. And more than that. The one wrought the shame and ruin of Sedan, the other won the victory and the glory of Waterloo. Did an Israelite speak of "the God of the Red Sea?" , It would mean the God who wrought the deliverance of the Red Sea, and can never be forgotten whilst it is remembered. "The God of my mercy" is the God who is inseparably bound up with the continuous mercy which has run parallel with my He has wrought the mercy. It has all along borne the impress of His

I take Him to-night as my Friend and

Father, and the Disposer of my life, and then, for the rest, I will depend on His presence and provision day after day. coming to meet me. I can only make that provision against the possibilities of 1884. I choose to make no other. Come the joys, come the sorrows; He shall meet me as I meet them. If danger draw nigh, He will have forseen it. and will be nigh. No surprise to me will be surprise to Him. He shall be found with me on the instant to warn, to help, to deliver. A divine watcher shall be standing by my bed of sickness, if sickness there must be. And if the extremest possibility of all be realised, and this year I must die, I will commend myselfirto the hands of Him who shall "prevent" my necessity, even in that hour, and will close my eyes, trusting as I wake up in eternity to find Him "preventing" me, coming to meet, and receive, and welcome me, with the "blessings" of unending "goodness." ten a way has been cleft thr ough the able success. impassable sea. It is enough that "the God of my mercy shall prevent

rest, that my heart may never think of at a full meeting of the trustees, the ac-Thee apart from Thy mercy, nor may ever receive the mercy without tracing Esq., J.P., who, after careful examinait to Thee. Thy favor is no mere tion, stated them to be correct and sat-- own health, indirect-perhaps more pain- scaffolding to be pulled down and dis- isfactory in every particular. The ful-chastening through the sickness of pensed with, when the fabric of my hap- statement showed the church to be ensome dear to them. The remembrance piness and prosperity seems farmly tirely free from debt, with a small balof these things is to-night grievous to built. It is the foundation of it all. I ance in favor of the trustees. On the them. They are shrinking, whilst they Thou command it, the firmest and most morning of Dec. 9th, the Rev. John stable fabric shall be dissipated, like Read, Chairman of the St. John Dispalaces in fable, spoken into cloud and trict, preached an excellent sermon in as dark, or yet darker, days, heavier nothing by some mighty, magic word. The light I will walk in shall daily de-Very dark have been some of the days seend from Thee, my Sun. Every ray | Church of Canada. In the afternoon If I despond, or fear, show me that evening Mr. Read preached again, and which rules my life. But "through Thou dost come to meet me indeed.

which." Yes. I have been brought Great Captain, say to Thy doubting solthrough! I have a God of love. And dier and servant, "How many dost the day. it has not been all darkness, all chastise- thou count me for?" Even now, as I ment, all difficulty. No. The darken- confess my failures and renew my vows, the services, which throughout the day ed chambers have given me passage in- come to my help. Be with me as I pass to others where all was cheery and joy- the midnight. Be near me, Thou unous, full of comfort and brightness, all changing God, this year, as always,

Those who would let anything take assured. I looked-I remember the the place of Christianity must abolish Read-gave his popular und interesting

MEMORIAL NOTES.

MRS. CAROLINE S. HALL,

Widow of the late John Hall, of Lawrencetown, Annapolis, Co., was born Dec. 10th, 1810, and died May 28, 1883. Mrs. Hall was the child of God-fearing parents, and was early instructed to attend the means of grace, and to respect and love the ministers and people of God. She was wont to refer with peculiar interest to the ministers laboring on the circuit; especially to Father Hennigar, who was instrumental in the glorious reformation about the year 1842, and she was greatly pleased and profited in reading our connectional Wesleyan. To possess the simple and sincere religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be fitted for the kingdom of heaven, appeared to be her prevailing concern. Very manifest in her was humility, that too. most elevating quality of all. Her habitual self-abasement placed her as tar above the point assumed, in reality, as many of us are in danger of falling below it, and she evidently copied the strict integrity taught her by precept and example. The work begun in her at an only made preparations for twelve.early period had its progress, particularly in attendance to private prayer and to the word of God; this was especially the case for some ten or twelve of her last years. To speak evil of no one she seemed always to remember; and such was the quiet and unassuming description of her piety that a close acquain tance was necessary to know it proper-

Through life she manifested a uniform sense of the duties of her various relationships. Her children, especially dear to her in all their interests, whom she was never weary of serving, rise up and call her blessed, and those of her most intimate acquaintance love her memory. Some of her last weeks were attended with considerable suffering, but, patient in tribulation, the grace of God was still manifested in her, and she departed in full faith in Christ's atonement and entire reliance there-

While our sister's entrance into rest was preceded by that of some of her dear ones who had done excellent service for God and the rising race, it was ther privilege to know that some others yet remained to fill useful situations in society-among them, as teachers, Mr. F. Hall and J. Hall, Ph D. May not one of them all be wanting when the Lord makes up his jewels. J. F. BRNT.

Bentville, N. S., Dec., '83.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The necessity for a church has long been felt at Olinville. A meeting was held on the 27th Dec., 1882, to take into consideration the advisability of erecting one, when it was unanimously resolved to "arise and build." It was

further decided that we build a Metho-

Our friends at Olinville from the first have worked with a determination highly creditable to all concerned. The frame was got out, and hewed, the logs were taken to the mill, the sawing was done, the boards were taken to the church lot, the building was put up and boarded in without any money cost for either material or labor. Subscriptions for said church were solicited at home and abroad, which solicitations were kindly responded to. Early in July we So, let it be abundance of good and ex- had a very successful tea-meeting, by emption from trial. I will look for which we cleared \$144, and in October grace, I will look for Him, and will link a "Farmer's Supper" which brought

all the "mercy" with Him, lest I for- us nearly \$70. As the result of these get the Giver in His gifts. How the efforts, we have been enabled to build, mercy of the past grows as I dwell upon | finish, and furnish the church in less it! I have been fed in a wilderness, a than a year, entirely free from debt. To fountain has opened in the desert; of- God be all the glory for this remark-

The church is finished inside with black ash. It is substantially built, neatly finished, and nicely furnished, Grant me, Lord, this mercy with the and is valued at \$700. On the 8th inst., counts were audited by Wm. Tilley. the church and dedicated it according to the Discipline of the Methodist there was a circuit Love Feast. In the administered the Lord's Supper. The

undersigned assisted in the services of The congregations were good at all were unusually rich in spiritual power and profit. The people of God were enabled to rejoice in the Lord, and in will be long and gratefully remembered in Olinville.

On the 10th of Dec., the Rev. J. lecture, on a "Trip to Thunder Bay" ed.

in Jerusalem, to a large and appreciative audience. By this visit to the Jerusalem circuit, Mr. Read has very much endeared himself to our peo-

Jerusalem, Dec. 14, '83.

BREVITIES.

We come to be skilful doers through the buugling, yet earnest, efforts of the

We must not take the faults of our vouth into our old age, for old age brings with it its own defects

Is your mistress at home, Jane? No, sir, she is not: but she wants to know when ve'll be after coming again."

Too much study is said to affect the mind; and we know a number of cases where it would affect it very favorably

An old Spanish saying full of sense and of general application: "Grandfather, farmer; father, trader; son, gentleman; grandson, beggar.

"Inquirer:" Yes, it is unlucky to have thirteen at table when you have Rochester Express.

The most spendid creation of God is a good, great man; higher is he than the sun, or the stars, or the shining giory of the firmament.

A Georgia woman has finished a bedquist containing 1,000 yards of thread and 2,400 patches. The quilt has also just about finished the woman.

Father: " And so papa's dear little boy is very ill. Now, is there anything I can get for him that will make him feel better?" Invalid: "I don't know, papabut-I think I would like a gong. " Of course," said Mrs. Rubric, "our

but then it is just as grand and inspiring as Latin-you can't understand a word he If some genii ahould arise to-morrow (says Mr. Henry Watterson) and offer to

rector conducts the service in English.

restore the South its slaves, the South would stand back and say, " Get behind One of the greatest artifices the devil

uses to engage men in vice and debauchery is to fasten names of contempt on certain virtues, and thus to fill weak souls with a foolish fear of passing for scrupulous, should they desire to put them in

One pleasant day last summer a Brooklyn minister repaired to a sequestered part of Greenwood to enjoy a quiet smoke by himself. A member of his congregation, discover ng him in the act, sarcastically asked if he was offering up incense to Saian, to which the D.D. made answer. Ves but I didn't know he was so near

Speaker Carlisle is said by The Hamilton (Ohio) News, once to have chalenged an exasperating litigant to fight a duel. The latter accepted promptly, and, as was is right, selected the place and weapons, which he chose to be, respecpectively, Boston Common and clapboards. Mr. Carl sle let the matter d op.

The conversation was about bishops and one fervent dame said: " How good the dear Bishop of Peterborough is! What a good man!" Instantly a gentleman replied: " There is no merit in that. Bishops ought to be so. They get five thousand a year for being good, while we are expected to be good for nothing-and most of us are."

Hissing means different things according to where you happen to be at the time. In West Africa the natives hiss when they are astonished; in the New Hebrides when they see anything beautiful. The Basutos applaud a popular orator in their assemblies by hissing at him. The Japanese, again, show their reverence by a hiss, which has probably somewhat the force of the "Lush" with which we command silenae

According to Macaulay, Warren Hastings made it the ambition of his-life to possess-and doubtless to transmit to posterity's long line-Daylesford, the home of his ancient and time-honored race. He did gain possession of it; but from him it went to his step-son, Sir Charles Imho , and from him to . the real estate market It has had several owners since then, and a few years age fell into the hands of Bass, the renowned manufacturer of ale and beer. He restored it to its former glory and made itchis home. but has now sold it again, for an enormously high price.

Large quantities of human hair having been shipped from the Russian province of Pskov, the curiosity of the police authorities was arbused, and their investigations led to the arrest of a priest named Seraphin. It was then discovered that this man last year founded: a religious sect, all the members of which were compelled to sacrifice their hair as a symbol of obedience to the superior. The locks. of the faithful were consigned to a brother of Seraphin, who is a tashaonable haindressenof St. Petersburg, and a large prefit was divided. Scraphin is now in jail, and the religious order has been exting goods

An indirect but important maker of history was Jean Michael Badinguet, a SIRE to for \$1.00 when accompanied by the common mason who died last mouth at Chantenay, near Paris. He was employed at making repairs in the fortress of Ham when Louis Napoleon was imprisoned there, and he aided the latter to escape by lending him his clothes, his short black pipe, and his' name, wearing which, with a board on his shoulder, the future Emperor passed by all the sentries unchallenged. For this Badinguet was thrown into prison, but after the coup d' etat Napoleon set him free and granted him a pension out of his private purse. After his release from prison he always went by the name of Rudot, and only at his death was his real identity discover-

Cardinal McCloskey has requested that the wearing of low-necked dresses at weddings in the New York Cathedral be discontinued.

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To partially atone for our many sins during the year now closing we wish ot expose a fraud. We refer to the large packs of horse and cattle powders now sold. Sheridan's are absolutely pure and immensely valuable. This state-

Pauperism is on the decline in England. In 1881 the expenditure for the relief the poor was £700,000 less than in 1871, and the number of paupers has tallen from 46 per 1,000 of population to 30 per 1.000.

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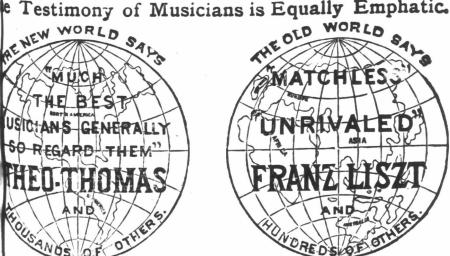
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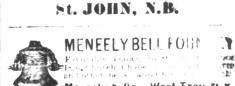
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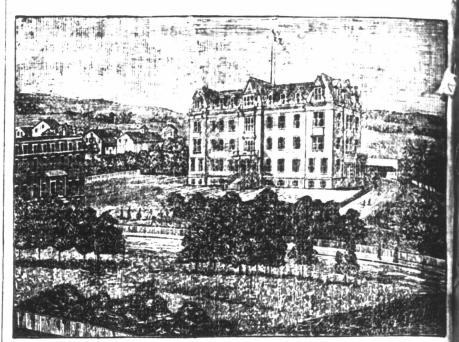
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