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A NEW KIND OF CANVAS.—Not long since the evangelists of the Christian era led their people in a systematic canvass of the city in order to find out the spiritual condition of each family, and to use the best measures to bring them under the influence of the means of grace. It is significant that the record of this fact has been copied so widely in the religious press of the country. It seems to show that a canvass of this kind is very unusual. There is a great amount of unostentatious Christian work done, in all our cities; but still, it is not true that there is very seldom any systematic work of this kind done? Is not this very strange? In all our elections of members for city council, for provincial or dominion legislatures, it only requires a small central committee to secure a thorough personal canvass of each elector. Here are men and women and children with souls to save—a cause of boundless greater importance than any in politics—and still all the hundreds and perhaps thousands of Christians among them never, perhaps, see it that there is a personal canvass for God and heaven. Neither is this lamentable state of things due altogether to want of deep interest in their souls' good. It is very largely because there is no plan in Christian work. The children of this world are very wise, in their generation, than the children of light. Shall we not imitate them, in this particular?

WATER CARE.—Hundreds of young converts have been added to our churches in the last few months. They are babes in Christ. Just as a babe depends upon the family to which it is given for care and nurture which are to guard it from danger and disease, provide for its comfort and happiness, and develop it in health, strength and usefulness, so it is with these babes in Christ. They will become, for the most part, what the churches to which they have been added make them. The spiritual life which reigns in the churches will be the measure of theirs. If it is high and pure and devoted, it will stamp itself upon these new members. If it is of the opposite type, it will stamp itself upon them all the same. What responsibility and privilege are thus thrown upon all the older members of our churches! They not only determine what their own lives are to be; they are also shaping other lives with all their vast powers to influence to good or evil. How this should encourage and inspire all to do their best.

But the older members need to do more even than to help young converts to lives of purity and consecration by their example. There should be the most tender and solicitous watch care. Just as every symptom of weakness and disease in her child is looked for by the mother with anxious eye, and measures taken to grapple with the danger before it has become serious, so our Lord would have all his people watch over these precious new spiritual lives thrown upon their care. If there is the smallest symptom of carelessness, neglect of duty or privilege, or of sin, let there be loving eyes on the watch to note it, and let the kind word be spoken, the helpful hand be reached out. In their diffidence, which would forbid them to speak to older members about their struggles and Jesus, let the more experienced ones take the lead and enquire of them how it fares with them in the new lives they have begun. How little things to do. Yet how much this would do to keep these lambs of the fold from straying! Surely none will neglect the high privilege of doing this service to Christ and to young believers!

STUDENT SUPPORT.—We hope our students for the ministry may not feel worried if their case is canvassed a good deal. We are aware there is a sensitive shrinking from public notice of this kind; but it must be borne sometimes. If it result in arousing a greater interest in their best welfare, we cannot afford to abstain from discussion of their case. They are the most precious possession of our denomination, and they must bear with the necessary consequence of the position they occupy. We began this note to call special attention to the facts stated by Dr. Sawyer last week. Students for the ministry are burdened with debt in their struggles to fit them to do the best work for our churches. They are compelled to waste precious time in making the money needed to

complete their education. No adequate aid—we might almost say, no aid at all—is provided by us to help them meet the expense they incur to prepare them to serve our churches, or to save to the church the precious years of service which they might render while they are compelled to pursue secular callings to make money to pay their bills. While, on the other hand, brethren who are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ should be willing to make any sacrifice to serve Christ and save the best, the question is: can we afford to bear the loss of years of labor in the ministry for the sake of the little contribution of means it would require to enable brethren to pursue their course to the end without break? In many cases, perhaps, in most cases—\$100 given to a needy and deserving student, will save a year of service in the work of the ministry to our churches. It is well for us to allow all the precious fruitage of a year devoted to soul saving to be lost, because we do not give this amount to help them on in their studies. In any case, ought we to leave the students for the ministry to bear these burdens alone? Are there not some of our brethren and sisters whose hearts impel them to lead a helping hand here? Have our churches taken up a collection for this purpose? We are glad to know provision is made for theological students at McMaster Hall by which they can earn enough by mission work in vacation to pay their expenses; but our churches have not done their share in this aid. Apart from this, what have we done for the undergraduates at Acadia? Shall we not do more?

METHODIST STATISTICS.—According to the Methodist Year Book, (1886, the statistics of Methodism throughout the world are as follows:—Episcopal Methodists of various branches in the United States: 23,626 itinerant ministers, 32,875 local preachers, and 3,763,987 lay members. Non-Episcopal Methodists: 2,080 itinerant ministers, 1,763 local preachers, and 195,169 lay members. Methodists in Canada:—The Methodist Church—1,526 itinerant ministers, 1,755 local preachers, and 185,292 lay members. Methodists in Great Britain and Missions: 3,927 itinerant ministers, 36,675 local preachers, 864,717 lay members. Wesleyan Affiliated Conference: 934 itinerant ministers, 4,997 local preachers, 133,396 lay members—a grand total throughout the world of 32,115 itinerant ministers, 77,879 local preachers, and 5,141,461 lay members.

BASE BALL VERSE SERMON.—Dr. Meredith, the leader of the great Saturday afternoon Bible class in Tremont Temple, Boston, made this hard hit the other day: "A man," he said, "will sit on the fence all Saturday afternoon to watch a base ball game, and then complain if the sermon, the next day, is more than thirty minutes long. Now I maintain that an hour and a half is the shortest possible time in which a dignified, reverential service can be conducted on a Sabbath morning."

And this not the only case of this kind. Professing Christians who attend all the political caucuses meetings, who can loiter away evening after evening at stores, etc., and who can follow up all the newest sensations, often can find no time to attend prayer meetings—sometimes they are too busy to keep up the practice of family prayers. But God knows all about it, and men do too, usually.

THE FOLLOWING is from a card written by Mrs. Archibald to Mrs. Marsh, from Begwada, on the Buckingham Canal, India, dated Feb. 18th:

"We are this far on our return from the Jubilee. We hope to reach Ocananda on the 21st, and will take the steamer for Binak. All are well, and the Jubilee was a first-class success. Thirty-three were present, and from first to last it did us good. We go back stronger in heart as well as body for work. We have left Tubriadu at the Ongole high school, but he may not remain long."

Christian Liberality.

I hold a meeting at Clarence every Monday evening for the young people. Sometimes at this meeting, I have all the young people to engage in prayer; other times we have some testimonies for Christ; and we have also subjects that are very important, and that bear upon our conduct as Christians. One Monday evening, not long since, we had a good Bible-talk on "Christian Liberality." On this important duty, one of our young people read an excellent paper, considering his age. I thought, that, if I were to copy the paper and send it to you, it would be the means of stimulating others to develop their young people's talents and teach them the Christian's duty in their young days. If you see fit to publish it, it is at your service.

DAVID PAINE.

[THE PAPER.]

There are, perhaps, but few questions at the present time upon which so much has been written, as the question of "Christian Giving." It is a question which every

Christian should settle for himself. As we take up the Bible, to look at this subject, we find that this part of Christian duty was taught and practiced by those who lived under the Old Dispensation, though carried out in a different way to what it is under the present. The first instance we have recorded is that of Abram upon his return from the battle, when Melchizedec, came out to meet him. Abram gave him the tenth of all the spoils. However, we have no account of giving from this time to the erection of the tabernacle. At that time, the Lord commanded Moses to speak unto the children of Israel, saying: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, ye shall take my offering." Ex. 25:12. Similar expressions may also be found in Ex. 36:5; Deut. 15:7. Referring to Ex. 36:5, we find the spirit in which their liberality was to be exercised. They acted promptly when commanded to bring their gifts for the adornment of the tabernacle. But in all their giving, there was the spirit of willingness which the Lord had enjoined upon them. He did not wish it to be given grudgingly, but willingly. But I hear some say, "This was according to the Old Dispensation; we are not living under that rule now; we live under the Gospel Dispensation." True. But the call to exercise liberality is just as loud under the present. We must not altogether lose sight of the ancient mode of giving. Let us for a short time turn our attention to the subject as taught in the New Testament. Paul, in 2 Cor., gives expression to the same idea that is presented under the law, when commending the Macedonians to their liberality, that there must be willingness to make the gift acceptable to God. He says: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Notice the requirements of this verse: 1. The willing mind. 2. The gift—it is accepted according to what a man hath. Neither of these requirements is hard. If we have not the willing mind, we know where to go and ask for it. But as regards the second, a great many are inclined to think thus: "If I could give as I would like to, I would gladly do it," forgetting that the little things help to make the large ones. The same thought is treated upon in 2 Cor. 9, that engaged his mind in chapter 8. "For this I say: He that soweth sparingly, shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." No farmer would sow half the seed he ought to in Spring and then expect to reap a full harvest in the Autumn. No more can a Christian enjoy the full blessings of grace, who gives of his time and means sparingly and grudgingly to support the cause of Christ. In the next verse he says: "Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly or of necessity." Why did the Apostle wish them to feel thus? The question is easily answered: "For God loveth a cheerful giver." Every Christian should keep before himself in all his giving, God's greatest gift to man, remembering, that "though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye though His poverty might be made rich." In view of all this, have we not a sufficient reason for having a willing mind to give? In the last verse quoted, the Apostle does not make the matter of giving compulsory, but according as he purposeth. Not the result of a transient emotion; but of a definite, clearly settled purpose to honor God with his substance. He gives them directions for systematic giving. And in the last clause of the verse he says: "For God loveth a cheerful giver." God has something to say about giving. He cares about the amount and spirit, not because He needs anything, but because He would have us so like himself. God is a great giver; "a cheerful giver," and He loves those who imitate Him. A cheerful giver will give largely and often. And the cheerful giver is no loser; for as he gives out, the Lord pours in; enriches him to all bountifulness; and makes him a blessing. But how should the cheerful giver give? He should give

(1) Systematically.
(2) According to a settled purpose.
(3) He should give, because it is his duty as a Christian, to give frequently and liberally.

And beholding, "the unspeakable gift," which God has given unto us, should arouse us to nobler acts of benevolence. This is the gift that includes all others, (Rom. 8:32.) How small are our gifts when compared with this wonderful gift of God! Hence, gratitude should lead us to be liberal in our giving. The system of "weekly offering" is not a modern idea. It is only a return to Apostolic practice, (1 Cor. 16:2.) Therefore, you see that this mode of giving which is being introduced to our churches is not a scheme of man, but has the Bible for its foundation. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In the matter of salvation, we only receive; for "nothing in our hands we bring." But

in the grace of giving, we come up to a higher standard, standing beside our Lord, whence we dispense His bounty to the world. Hence, brethren, let us cast aside all miserliness, and give according to our ability.

Notes from a Sermon by Dr. Higgins.

When Peter said, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you," he surely thought of time being given to the study of the Gospel as one of the deepest and grandest of all the sciences, time, thought, research, given to the doctrines of the Bible, efforts put forth bearing some proportion to the momentous consequences involved in these doctrines. There is no other subject, that demands such earnest, anxious thought as this. All scientific and philosophical questions sink into insignificance compared with the spiritual ones.

Have you, friends, grappled with these problems? Have you found out your own whereabouts? Have you so far considered the questions, What is God? What is man? What is time? What is eternity? What is life? What is death? What is redemption? What is atonement, regeneration, immortality, eternal life? as to feel that you understand your own relationship to all these things? Without some disposal of the great questions involved in these doctrines you cannot have a reasonable hope. And if you have not a hope for which you can give a reason you have reason to fear that it is a worthless hope.

But unlike many of the other questions with which we have to deal in this life these Bible doctrines must be dealt with subjectively as well as objectively. The question is not what these truths are in themselves but what they are to us as individuals. It is not whether I accept the doctrine of regeneration but whether I am regenerate. Not, "do you believe in the historical Christ?" but "have you received the life-giving Christ into your hearts?" "Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?" is not the question, but "have you received the gift of the Holy Ghost?" Not "what you believe about redemption," but "have you been redeemed?"

Some people may be cherishing hopes because they have an orthodox creed. "I believe the Bible, I believe in God and Christ, I believe in the resurrection of the dead and in life everlasting."

All very well, friends, as far as it goes, and yet it stands recorded: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Ready always to give an answer for the hope that is in you. This will require an intelligent piety as far as the intellectual is concerned. It will require an experimental piety so far as the affections, the heart, are concerned. It will require an active piety, so far as the life is concerned. Let your light shine before men that they may glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Ontario Correspondence.

Permit me at this late date to fulfill an old promise. I have been endeavoring during recent days to square accounts in the realm of communications so that the letters being once written I might have, so far as correspondence is concerned, no more consciousness of sins. In a short letter I cannot attempt to say something about everything or everything about something of Baptist affairs in Western Ontario, Toronto Baptist College, which is yours and ours, needs no words of mine to extend acquaintance with it among your readers, your correspondents there can give fuller information than any other. The Foreign Mission work of the East and the West is so closely joined that it is not strangers to each other. Our Home Mission Societies have no organic relations to call them together, and no meeting ground in their fields of labor, and therefore may not be so familiar with each other's work. May I then write something regarding the present state of Home Missions in western Ontario? The work is rapidly enlarging, and at present there are over 100 churches under the care of the Home Mission Society, besides the many stations at which churches are not yet organized. About 12 new churches have been planted during the past year, most of them in large towns and growing centres of population. At the same time there are churches passing out year by year from under the care of the Society into self-sustaining strength. The Woman's Home Mission Society is vigorously grappling with the needs of that large tract of country stretching from the Muskoka region to Port Arthur. In this field several churches have been organized recently and in it two or three chapels will be built during the following summer.

Bro. Grant is doing good work in the supervision of the whole

field cultivated, and I think we could not be satisfied now in the work without a superintendent of missions. Besides Bro. Grant there are two evangelists, brethren Geo. Thorn and W. S. Barker, engaged by the Society to help pastors of mission churches in seasons of special work and to lay hold of new districts where good opportunities present themselves. Cheering word has come to hand to-day from both these brethren. They are laboring in different fields and God's blessing is resting richly upon their work.

Next week's issue of the *Canadian Baptist* is to be a member specially devoted, it may say exclusively devoted, to Home Missions. With it to be sent forth a map of the mission field embraced in the bounds of the Western Convention. The location of all the Baptist churches included is given in the map, and the mission churches are distinguished from the self-sustaining ones by red underlining. I will not trespass further on your space with words about Home Missions this time, as a book has come to hand to-day which I want to write a few lines about ere I close this letter, which already is getting too lengthy. The book calls vividly to mind the old Woodstock days, when you were my pastor and I a student in the College, and when another life stood near with strong and kindly help to both of us, that life the life of Dr. Fyfe. The memoir of Dr. Fyfe, written by him who was his worthy associate, Prof. J. K. Wells, and written as none other than he could write it, reached me to-day. It was hard to write this letter after the book came. I could not resist the impulse, I dipped into it and read, and after reading I found it still more difficult to turn away my thought and write about something else. I rejoice that Dr. Fyfe's memoir is written and is written with all that faultless taste, that richness of knowledge, that fair and faithful judgment, that loving admiration of the life which so preeminently qualified the author to do this service to the cause of truth, and especially to the Baptists of Canada, a service by which the Baptist denomination is placed in lasting indebtedness to him to whom the work was a labor of love. The book contains an excellent engraving of Dr. Fyfe and well on to 500 pages of the most interesting biography, and is offered to the public at the most unobtrusive price of one dollar. It is not easy for me to find a stopping place on this subject, but here, for the present, I will commend a halt.

D. A. McGibbon.

Dakota Correspondence.

I begin this letter by a note about that always opportune topic, the weather. Our winter here seems well sign gone. The general remark here is, "Well it has been a pretty good winter, on the whole." As usual, it has been a pretty long winter, but much of it has been moderate, and some of it really sunny and enjoyable; and very few severe storms have we had throughout its entire length; very few Lord's days have passed, but our country members have been able to be with us at worship in our little city church, and we have had a very encouraging attendance both at the church services and in the Sunday-school through the whole season. Our little band has had several additions to its members since my arrival by letter, experience, and baptism, although up to the present we have held no special services. Within the last month the baptistry was had in requisition on three different occasions, and the probability is that before long again it will be needed. There seems to be a quiet but deep spirit of inquiry prevailing in reference to the "One thing needful," not only in our city congregation, but also at the country stations, where the pastor of the Grafton holds forth the word of life on Lord's day and week days as opportunity affords. It is interesting and encouraging to see sleigh-loads of people on a week day afternoon coming three or four miles through the cold to hear the "old, old story" told, and very gratifying indeed to observe the wrapt attention given to the truth spoken on these occasions.

Some fifteen miles from Grafton, at an outstation, connected with the newly formed church at the town of Park River, a gracious work of grace has taken place in connection with the labors of our excellent and zealous brother Peter Grant, whose name was mentioned some time ago, in one of your correspondent's letters. Out of a small audience meeting in a private house some seventeen persons have been brought to see themselves as lost sinners, and to apprehend Christ as their Saviour. Some of these have followed Christ in baptism, others are soon to follow, and several whose early training directed in another way are searching for duty, and, at least, some of them, will ere long, "arise and be baptized." In Grafton the little Baptist church has made a very praiseworthy effort, during the winter, to rid themselves of a little debt, which has clung to them, for the two years, since they built, and also to finish and beautify

their house of worship, to pay the debt of about \$150, and to complete their place of worship they have raised about \$500; and now they rejoice in a tasteful and comfortable home, and also very convenient for all the church work; and the best of it is that the expense in its fitting up is all provided for, by the hearty liberality of friends, both in the church and outside of it, and that without any of the crooked and doubtful appliances often had recourse to in this and other countries, by sheer straight giving, in response to a straightforward asking.

Though but a young church, and yet receiving aid from the Home Mission treasury, we are successfully cultivating the Apostolic grace of giving. The Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Publication Society, and the Sunday school, have from us a regular annual contribution, and other worthy causes as they may present themselves to us have a kindly consideration, both from the church and Sabbath school, and I am happy to observe that both church and Sabbath school are developing in this essential grace, recognizing the fact that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth." To-night we begin a series of "Gospel meetings," with the help of our excellent Bro. G. H. Davies, of Hamilton. Of the success of the undertaking, I may have something to say in my next to your columns.

Our venerable Bro. Dr. John Crawford and his little church, about fourteen miles to the north of us, are bravely working away, struggling to remove a miserable church debt of some three or four hundred left saddling the church when the house of worship was built, some three years ago. The good Dr., while wielding a trenchant pen, as in days of yore in Canada, is gaining to himself golden opinions, from the thoughtful and orthodox, by his good, clear evangelical expositions of Gospel truth in his own pulpit and elsewhere. Although approaching now close to the "three score and ten," he has more mental spring and freshness of thought than nine-tenths of his brethren on the coveted side of the fifty years. Indeed, neither mentally nor physically does he seem to grow old, and still the soothing and miserably unjust crushing he suffered from the unfortunate Prairie College enterprise, he is still full of happy Christian cheerfulness. In fact, he seems to be one of those happily constituted men, who age by the calendar, but in themselves always remain young.

We, here, in this wide and important territory of Dakota, as well as our friends in Manitoba and the British North West Territory, are rejoicing in the happy effects we anticipate from the opening up of the Hudson Bay route. Already Winnipeg, the heart of that great country to the north of us, seems to be reviving in the "coming events" casting their shadows before. But more of this hereafter.

Our New Members.

From every direction we have had large accessions to the membership of our churches. While the work has been quiet, there is reason to believe that it has brought an unusual number into church relations. These ought to be a great addition to the power of the churches for good and to help gain others. The moment a man believes in Christ he ought to begin work for him.

Of the multitudes gathered to the churches it may be feared that the majority will prove of no more use in winning souls to Christ, and promoting His cause, than those who have preceded them in church membership. Here and there one will "love much" and be impelled to self-denying effort, but the most will sink to the level of those who come out to the help of the Lord and are apparently indifferent as to the spiritual state of their fellow men. The amount of unexercised power for good is one of the most terrible facts in the larger part of those who have joined our churches will serve only to swell it on an occasion of fearful apprehension.

It is very important that young converts should be indoctrinated as rapidly as possible. They need to know the ground of their faith and to be fortified against error. But it is more important, if possible, to keep them from the deadly contagion of inactivity and indifference prevailing in so many churches. Pastors need to train them for labor, to teach them to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord." The first prompting of a saved soul is to seek that others may be saved. It should be the great aim of all who have influence with young converts to keep it alive. It is a fearful responsibility that rests on the lethargic members of a church where their example and even their speech tend to deaden sympathy and repress exertion. There are many church members who only exert influence by their pernicious ways. Such, surely, need to be brought to consideration and made to feel the sad work they are doing in hindering the cause of Christ in the world.—Rep. Weekly.

There are, perhaps, but few questions at the present time upon which so much has been written, as the question of "Christian Giving." It is a question which every

Something Better Than a Church Fair.

Better for what? For raising money for church purposes. Why better? Because it is unobtrusive, and the money is given straight rather than indirectly. Will, what was it? Why, an evangelistic effort.

It took place in the vestry of the Baptist church in Frederickton, one evening last week, after suitable announcements previously. Everybody was expected to place on the table an envelope containing a contribution together with something written to be read on the occasion.

There cannot be too much publicity among the members of the church of Christ. A cordial hand shake and a welcome greeting is often better than a sermon, and always makes the stranger feel at home.

One of the evidences of my conversion to God, which I gave on joining the church, was my love to the brethren. Many years have gone by since then, and I can truly say my affection for the people of God has grown with my years.

When thou vovest a vow defer not the payment thereof. For he hath no pleasure in fools; say that which thou hast vowed.

The Church of the Living God. (1 Tim. 3:15). The greatest, the most ancient, the most numerous, the most beneficent, the most enduring society or organization on earth—in the world—but not of the world.

Not as I will. The sound grows sweet. Each time my lips the words repeat. Not as I will—the darkness feels more safe than light when His thought steals.

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lighter for a change to grope on some underbank and bear it on to some rocky on the mountain heights, whither, with strong light, and with keen eye, the immense and formless lambs, or rather, Bedouins, as well, had thronged. The Bedouins, their hand against every man and every man's hand against them—these, rangers of the wilderness, ambuscaders amid its rocks, who lived by pillage, were a constant menace to the shepherd and his flock. He had used enough, then, for his steadfast club or staff, which in the Psalm is translated "rod." He must emit at bears and leopards, hyenas and jackals with it. He must dash down hissing serpents with it; he must beat back sharp-tailed, fast-twitching vultures with it; must stand between his flock and prowling, predatory banditti with it. This mace in the shepherd's grip, was his flock's defense.

So the singer in the Psalm takes up the figure and sings how strong, glad comfort is in his heart though he must walk amid the valley of the death shadow because of Jehovah-Shepherd's mace in his defense. And now what source of comfort here—the Shepherd-Lord defends. He defends by the great and masterful mace of his statement. There is no need that I detail the dangers threatening the prowling, predatory wolf in the valley of the death shadow, the temptations of sin. But between God's mace and the dangers crowding around them is the mace of the Lord's statement. What comfort for them in the fact that this is their defense.

I freely confess I cannot understand the figure of that object as often used in the Lord's statement, that it is out of the analogy of nature, and contrary to the order of things, and therefore cannot be believed, and so cannot yield comfort. On the other hand, it seems to me the one thing which fits precisely with the analogy of things—it is precisely that which was to be expected from a loving God.

Did you read, sometime since, in the newspapers, of brave Kate Shelley? On the 6th of July 1881, just as the sun went down, a most devastating storm of wind and rain smote the country around the town of Boone, Iowa. In an hour's time the Des Moines river rose six feet. Before the fierce force of the wind many buildings fell. Kate was looking out of the window of her home, and saw through the darkness and storm, a locomotive heading north, and she saw it suddenly from the right, and Kate Shelley saw it. Honey Creek bridge was gone, and that that train had plunged into the empyrean. There was no one at home except her mother and her little brother. She herself was barely turned sixteen.

She knew that the express-train was due in a little time, and if it were not wrecked of the destroyed bridge over Honey Creek, it would go surely plunging down into the abyss. She hurried out into the storm. She gained the railroad track, and, fast as the force of the terrible wind would let her, she struggled on towards Bologna—a station about a mile from Honey Creek. To reach Bologna she must cross a trestle-bridge over the Des Moines river, standing unsheltered in the teeth of the storm, and fully five hundred feet in length.

She crept upon the bridge. The wind lifted at her, the rain dashed at her, the lightning dashed around her, the thunder seemed to tread the very timbers to which she clung and shake them. She almost lost her balance. She just escaped falling through into the black, raging waters. It was pitch dark. The only light was the lightning's lurid flash, revealing for an instant the slight, slender figure of the girl, dashed, roaring flood below. Not a moment was to be lost. Brave Kate Shelley crept steadily on. She gained the ground on the other side. She sped to the station. She gazed out her story. She fell unconscious. Telegrams flashed along the wires, "Honey Creek bridge gone. Express train crowded with men and women and little children, dashing on, was stopped in time. Brave Kate Shelley had saved them all.

And now, as you think of her crawling along upon the slippery timbers of that trestle-bridge, the flash of lightning, the roar of the thunder, and against the roar of the hurricane, do you not see how she did, really valiantly, take upon herself all the terrible danger threatening that crowded train and appearing the mace of our devotion between us and the danger, did defend from the hovering, angry danger, the great train?

It was not out of reason that she should do it—it was in accordance with the noblest, sublimest, even celestial reason. Why should men object to that in the great statement to which they do not object in a case like this? It is true, indeed, that this taking upon herself all the danger of that great train by Kate Shelley is but the faintest possible type and shadow of that reality when the God Shepherd bore our sins in his own body on the tree. But now, between those who trust him and the death and danger of their sin, the Shepherd-Lord appears the mighty mace of his complete statement, and how perfectly does he defend them?

near to him, David remembered God from the Hermons and the hill Mizan. Time and place are elements of interest in the memory of the Lord's great deliverance. Now we have the memory of the Lord's great deliverance. Now we have the memory of the Lord's great deliverance. Now we have the memory of the Lord's great deliverance.

It was just that this unknown friend entered the desolate cottage one day, just as the severe winter was giving place to promises of spring, and just when even Louis' brave heart was drooping sorely. He and his wife stood behind his mother's chair listening gratefully, but with a throbbing heart, as he talked so earnestly of the Lord's great deliverance.

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This was the beginning of brighter days. Another home was found for the widow and her son where both could more easily obtain work, and so carefully tended them that they bloomed in rare beauty and fragrance. To Louis they seemed like a message direct from God in this moment of bitterness and pain, and with a sudden glad thought he stopped and gathered quickly a handful of the sweet, fresh blossoms.

It was a mild but rainy afternoon just as the close of winter, and the children had all day been grandly seeking diversion within doors. Grandmother sat in the chimney-seat serenely knitting as usual, while the little ones played their games around her. Janette, the eldest, was just at present ransacking a drawer in which lay many a relic of past days, when she suddenly drew forth a bunch of flowers, so dry and withered as almost to crumble at her touch.

"See how old and faded these flowers are; surely they must have a history." The grandmother had raised her soft eyes, and now as they rested on the withered flowers, a light as of rekindled memories lit up her countenance, and she answered, "Yes, dear, they have indeed a history, true and beautiful. Draw your chairs closer around me and I will tell it you here by the fire-side."

This was invitation enough for the children; in another moment they had gathered about her all sitting and gladly expectant as grandmother began: "Sad trouble and affliction had come to the home of Louis Mayran and his widowed mother, more bitter poverty and need than one could ever have thought possible, a few years before, when looking into their open arms the dear flowers, crying, 'A mother's love!'"

"But the good father had died, and though the mother and her boy labored industriously to keep up the business, misfortunes followed fast, one upon another, two successive cold springs had killed the tender vegetables; and little by little they had found themselves deeper in debt, their rent already sadly in arrears, and nothing offering even a promise of better things to come."

sacrificing mother was denying herself by far the larger share of the daily bread, that he might not want. But the manly boy had not only this trust in the love of his heavenly Father, but also the pride of old French blood which helped him in the struggle with adversity.

"Louis strove hard to thrust down the feeling of wounded pride struggling within him, but when he saw the lady draw forth her purse, though not without regret, yet he could no longer conceal his pain, and abruptly leaving the room, sought despairingly the cool air without. If he only had anything with which to make return. Were they indeed, then, so poor that they must receive money as beggars, unable even to manifest their gratitude to the lady which seemed to kind no way to his lips?"

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. Ye though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou shalt prepare for me a table, and thou shalt restore my soul. Thou shalt restore my soul. Thou shalt restore my soul."

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Every Monday morning Brother Dill and I have a "minister's meeting." This morning we discussed "Discouragements," because Brother Dill looked unusually downcast. He met me as though the bottom had fallen out of everything.

"What has happened?" I inquired, after waiting for the usual cheery good morning from him and silence instead came. "Don't they pay you your salary, my brother?"

"Always. I have but to present my check at the bank. It honored. I can draw in advance if need be, as the cashier says. He is the church treasurer."

"Umph! you ought to be a happy man. I can't say as much; my salary is forever back, while my account at the grocery is decidedly forward."

"But are you sick, Brother Dill for you are not yourself this morning." I urged. "Guess I am," was the gloomy answer. "Heart-sick. Look at," said he, handing me a paper, his thumb firmly fixed at an item. "Read that."

"I read: 'Sixty-five additions to the Pleasant Valley church, all on profession and more to follow. This makes 122 since last October, when the present pastor assumed charge.'"

"Well, surely that is not a thing to make one sick," I added. "With as much credit to my church." "Precisely so," rejoined Brother Dill, "and suppose such a thing had never happened to your church; suppose after twenty years honest work, you could not count more than three additions at any one time, then how would you feel?"

"You don't know anything about it," he went on, "you can't know my keen disappointment. You have no scores. Your church has grown. Mine scarcely holds one. That is not the worst of it. In not one of the four churches of which I've had charge, can I name a revival under my preaching. Is not that enough to discourage the stoutest heart and lead one to question if he be called?"

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CHILDREN AT PREACHING SERVICES.

How few children are found at the preaching services in most churches! If there are a very few where there should be scores it is not often regarded as a reason for sadness; it may even be taken as a reason for gratitude.

But this is not all; perhaps this is not the best good which would result from the attendance of children at preaching services. The preaching of the gospel is to be the power of God to bring these children to the Saviour.

It may be asked, however, is it possible to get the children to attend upon preaching? Certainly it is. In nine cases out of ten, the absence of the children is not their own fault.

TABACCO AND BENEVOLENCE.

Much is said on the waste of the liquor drinking habit, and too much can scarcely be said, for it is enormous. But is there enough said on the waste of the tobacco using habit? Among the members of Baptist churches there is next to nothing expended on liquor, while the cost of tobacco is very large; few have any idea how large it is to be feared that their average amount used does not fall very far short of the general one.

What shall we say, then, of the giving to the Lord by all our people, on an average, when a part give more than double than they all, and not feel it. It is to be noticed also that the expenditure on tobacco goes right on in hard times as well as good. It is well then for us to think that hard times is a sufficient reason why we should lessen our already small contribution to the Lord's work?

THE TAXATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The government of Nova Scotia last year appointed a commission to examine the laws respecting the assessment of taxes and recommend such changes as might be thought desirable. In their report one of the commissioners expresses his opinion thus, in regard to church property:

existing may be a result of a previously existing union of church and state; but it is continued for reasons quite independent of any such former connection. The passages of scripture here quoted are made to do duty in this case, as they have been in many others, in a way in which they were not designed to be used.

With thoughts like these, which I could not well suppress, I left Annapolis, not long since, for Clarence, where the Annapolis Ministerial Conference was in session.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

At the request of Bro. Wallace, we spent Sunday, March 28th, and a part of the following week on the Pugwash and Wallace field. The time of our visit was as unfavorable as it could be. The slush and mud were at their worst, and that is saying a good deal.

WALLACE.

As the reader has been informed, there is a broad field. The spirit is still brooding over the land. Could a pastor be obtained, there are many precious sheaves yet to be gathered. There is a crying need of a consecrated man of God here.

Touring.

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There are advantages and disadvantages connected with every lawful calling. In one's desponding moods he magnifies his discomforts and fails to prize his blessings as he should.

I saw a little girl of very tender age, who, on being reminded by her mother, that she was liable to be punished, gravely looked up and repeated the Golden Text of her Sabbath school lesson: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace."

The next point reached was Middleton, where I met Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, who was resting at his father's. I was pleased to hear that his health was improving, and that he would likely be able to enter again on his ministerial work before many months have passed.

On Monday evening we had a most interesting and profitable missionary meeting at Nictaux. Here Bro. Clark's labours have been greatly blessed. Very extensive revivals have quite recently visited this locality.

The institutions were never in a more flourishing condition than at present. The churches ought to be proud of them, and not only so: they should contribute cheerfully, that the demands not provided for by the endowment fund may be promptly met.

Missionary Correspondence.

Sisters of the Maritime Provinces.

A recent visit to the sub-station, Raigo, on this field was so pleasant that I wish to tell you about it. We started one bright Friday afternoon, and in the course of four hours had completed our journey of 20 miles.

Early the next morning we went to converse with the women. After walking a short distance we saw some very pleasant looking women, who were busily engaged before their doors.

I have visited other villages, and in all have been kindly received. Upon such occasions I am accompanied by Miss E. DePrager, whose name I know some of you have heard before.

Dear sisters, this is a great and glorious work, and whilst I ask you to pray for your missionaries and their helpers, I make the same request for our heathen sisters; for we long for the time to come when all shall know and worship our Heavenly Father.

The Closing Lecture.

The closing lecture of the present course was delivered on Monday, March 23. It was a kind of summary of all the preceding. One might condense the general thought into a single sentence: "The Omnipresent Personal God, the One Grand Reality in the Universe."

Halifax Correspondence.

The Hon. Prov. Sec'y. Fielding has introduced a bill respecting the education of the blind.

I mentioned in my last that Mr. Gayton (not Dr.) had introduced a bill to consolidate the present liquor law for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The bill also contains many new and stringent clauses.

The Institution for the Deaf and Dumb had during the past year an attendance of 74. I mentioned in my last that Mr. Gayton (not Dr.) had introduced a bill to consolidate the present liquor law for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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held in the basement of the National school building, on Monday evening next, the 29th inst. Said meeting is for the purpose of taking steps to prevent the passage of any act now before the government...

Some sinners have been converted and others are inquiring. Three have been added to the church, one by restoration and two by baptism. This is a large and very important field, and needs much faithful and skilful labor.

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TRURO.—The Truro "Mission Band" held its quarterly meeting yesterday in the Church at 3 p. m., vice-pres. Page presiding. The exercises of the members were good and well rendered, interspersed with excellent music.

Our indefatigable missionary, Mrs. Churchill, has been visiting the churches along the line on her homeward journey from St. John for the purpose of stirring up the zeal of the sisters in mission work.

Lord's. On the whole, the outlook is encouraging. D. G. M. April 1, 1886. Warrant.—I like very much the work of the pastors of the Portland and Fairville churches, for the children, and what you say of them in the Messenger and Visitor.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED: Temple church, Yarmouth, \$26 00; Miss Brown, do, bal., 50; Canard, Cornwallis street, 15 00; Belmont, P. E. I., per Rev. D. G. McDonald, 4 10; Ohio, Yarmouth, 10 00; Acadia Mines church, collection at Rev. G. Churchill's meeting for P. M., 8 40; \$84 00 G. E. DAY. Yarmouth, April 6th, 1886.

Birth. AROBIALD.—On March 21st, at Ba. Va., Tera, Wolfville, the wife of W. C. Archibald, of a son, and named for the Rev. Isaac Chipman Archibald, missionary to India.

Marriages. GORDON-JEWETT.—At the home of the bride, Macnaquis, March 24th, by the Rev. T. A. Blackadar, A. B., Mr. Charles H. Gordon and Miss Emily, third daughter of the late Enoch Jewett, Esq.

Deaths. COOK.—At Nashwaak Village, Mar. 16th, in the 69th year of her age, the dearly beloved wife of Samuel Cook. She professed religion forty-four years ago, and was much beloved. Her end was peace.

BRAMAN.—On the 16th inst., at the residence of her father-in-law, Isaac Braman, Kings Co., of diphtheria, Corinda, beloved wife of Joshua Braman. Also on 19th, her two children. She was for some years a member of the second Baptist church, Springfield.

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MINAS.—On March 3rd, at the camp of Cornelius Murphy, very suddenly, Willis N., son of Allen and Marcy Minard, of Kempt, Queens Co., N. S., aged 26 years. Willis left home on the 22nd Decem ber with Mr. Murphy and continued working until the day before his death. He was not a professor of religion, but an excellent young man, beloved by all who knew him. His body was carried to Oldtown, Maine and buried in the beautiful cemetery. A funeral service was held at Kempt on the 21st of March. The friends here feel de ploy for Bro. Minard and family in their very sad affliction.

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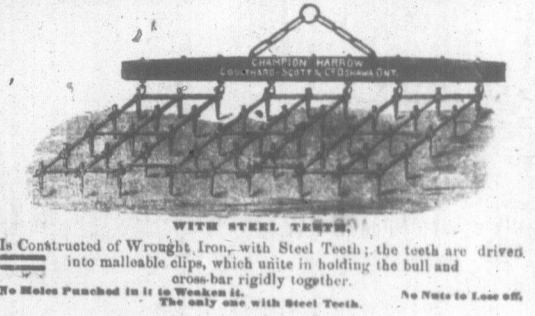
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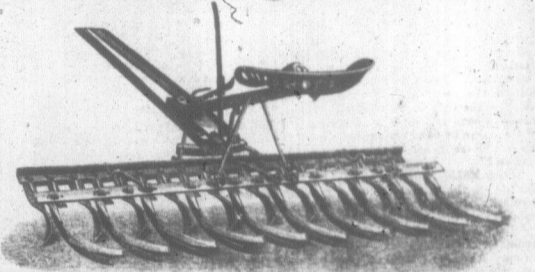
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When the weather is warm enough, transplant to a very rich, mellow bed in the garden, where they will do better if they are slightly shaded from the direct rays of the sun a part of the day. Before planting out they should be gradually inured to the outdoor air, by setting the boxes out to the sun and moist air, before being taken out to keep the glass too close on the box, or the seed will rot, or young plants die off. It is well to thin out the plants after they have made a growth of four or five leaves.

TEMPERANCE

Only Once.

A bright and once promising young man, under sentence of murder, was brought forth from his prison cell to die on the scaffold. He sat on the stool and air, but five minutes to live. If you have anything to say, speak now.

The young man, bursting into tears, said: "I have to die. I had a little brother with beautiful black eyes and flaxen hair; and I loved him. But one day I got drunk for the first time in my life, and during some I found him in my berries in the garden, and I became angry with him without a cause and killed him with one blow of a rake. I was so drunk I knew nothing about it until the next morning when I awoke and found myself bound and guarded and was told that my little brother was found, his hair clothes, with blood and brains, and he was dead. Whiskey had done it. It has ruined me. I never was drunk but once. I am going one more time to my cell. I am going to my judge. I say to young persons, never sever! Never touch anything that can intoxicate! The best of us are the poorest when we are drunk. It is well to be drunk only once, but it was enough—Ez.

Does It Pay?

It is said by many that the financial question is the most important of any question before us.

We contend that it is but a baby when compared to the question of closing the rum shops. Close these, and save \$700,000,000, and the financial question would solve itself, and hard times would be among the things that were. Let those who are so busy trying to solve the financial question take the following questions into consideration:

Does it pay to have fifty workmen poor and ragged, that one rumseller may be rich and dress in broadcloth?

Does it pay to have a score of otherwise intelligent young men become thieves and vagabonds, that one man may lead an easy life, by selling them rum?

Does it pay to give \$10 for a license to sell rum, and then pay \$1,500 for trying a man for murder induced by the rum sold him under that license?

Does it pay to have multitudes of homes blasted and turned into dens of misery, strife, and want, that our wholesale rumseller may have a large fortune and a magnificent mansion?

Does it pay to have 100,000 men in almshouses, penitentiaries, and hospitals, and 100,000 men and women in asylums for the insane, that a few capitalist may profit by such aarchy?

Does it pay to tolerate a system which breeds crime, poverty, agony, illness, shame, and death wherever it is allowed?

Ye who are tempting to solve the financial question, go and stand by the graves of the 600,000 who die annually as the result of rum-selling and rum-drinking, and ask yourselves the question in the year of Almighty God: **Does it pay? Does it pay?—Domestic Journal.**

What Women Suffer.

"The appetite for strong drink in man has spoiled the lives of more women, ruined more homes for them, brought to them more sorrow, scattered more fortunes for them, cursed them with more brutality than has been visited upon any other class of their kind. The country numbers tens, say, hundreds of thousands, of women who are widows to-day, who sit in hopeless weeds, because their husbands have been slain by strong drink. There are thousands of homes scattered over the land in which shame and hardship are going through with their women, and the women in all changes of suffering that lie between the extremes of fear and despair, because those whom they love, love the intoxicating bowl better than the women whom they have sworn to love. There are women by thousands who dread to hear at the door step that one thrilled them with pain. There are women groaning with pain, while we write these words, caused by bruises and brutalities inflicted by husbands made mad by drink. There can be no exaggeration in the sentiments in regard to this matter, because no human imagination can picture anything worse than the truth, and no pen capable of portraying the truth. The sorrow and horrors of a wife with a drunken husband, or a mother with a drunken son, are as near the realization of hell as can be reached in this world."—Canada Casket.

THE FARM

German Farmers.

A writer in the Country Gentleman travelling in Germany gives some very good descriptions of German farm life as compared with American. There the women do most of the field work, the men being in the army. The writer, tiring of the sights of the old German cities, and wishing to see the farms and homes of the German agriculturists, took a pedestrian tour among them, expecting to find everything in perfection in a country where there had been a "thousand years of civilization." As he got away from the city, he found the soil rich, reminding him of our Western prairies—all well cultivated, producing the best crops with the strong American working amongst them, but few men. No farmhouses amidst shady trees and green lawns as in America were discernible. After a while a cluster of tiled buildings were found "jammed together." This was the home of those farmers. On one side of some houses were living rooms, on the other stable. The "bad work" in many houses separated from the stables only by a yard, all reeking with manure. There was not a speck of grass, not a flower, growing out of doors; and yet this was in one of the richest farming districts of Germany.

We have been for years trying to convince the farmers of the "bad work" in many respects, and we have learned much from them. But could not these German learn much from America in regard to house life on the farm? But the above writer strikes

the cause of the trouble in Germany when he says, "Can a strawn rise higher than its source? When women are treated as beasts, can homes be better than stables? Where all the able bodied men are in the army, what can women do but work in their places?" We should be thankful that our homes are in a free republic, and that our men can be on the farms and not upholding despotism in standing armies.

—There is no business of life which so highly conduces to the prosperity of a nation, and to the happiness of its entire population, as that of cultivating the soil. Agriculture may be regarded, says the great Sully, as the breast from which the State derives support and nourishment. Agriculture is truly our nursing mother, which gives food—a growth and wealth and moral health and character to our country. It may be considered the great wheel which moves all the machinery of society and that whatever gives it a new impulse communicates a corresponding impetus to the thousand minor wheels of interest which it propels and regulates. While the other classes of the community are directly dependent upon agriculture for a regular and sufficient means of subsistence, the agriculturist is able to supply all the absolute wants of life from his own labors, though he derives most of his pleasure and profits from an interchange of the products of labor with the other classes of society. Agriculture is called the parent of arts, not only because it was the first practiced by man, but because the other arts are its legitimate offspring and can not long exist without it. In the great business of civilized life and gives employment to a vast majority of almost every people.—Rural World.

Continuing the experiments to ascertain the difference in the yield between seed potatoes taken from the most and least productive hills, it was found that the former exceeded the latter in yield by 100 per cent, it appears that it pays to select seed from the most productive hills.

A gentleman, recently calling at a boarding house, left his umbrella in the hat rack with a card, on which was the following: "Belongs to a man who strikes a forty-pound blow. Will be back in five minutes." When he returned, the umbrella was gone, but in its place was a scrap of paper bearing the words, "Taken by a man who walks five miles an hour. Won't be back at all."

She was young, she was green, she was very new in Washington. At a recent well affair she had gone with the crowd into the refreshment room. Presently an elegant looking waiter, for all the world like a foreign ambassador, bowed politely before her and murmured: "In there any one waiting on you, Miss?" "Sir? Sir?" she stammered in startled embarrassment.

"Perdones moi, in there any one waiting on you?" "Oh!" she said, blushing brightly. "No, sir; not in Washington. But when I'm at home I've got more beaux than any other girl in town."

A Skillful Surgical Operation.

The American Ambassador at Vienna, Mr. Kasson, has lately forwarded to his Government an interesting account of a remarkable surgical operation lately performed by Professor Billroth, of Vienna, which, wonderful to tell, consisted in the removal of a portion of the human stomach, involving nearly one-third of the organ—and, strange to say, the patient recovered—the only successful operation of the kind ever performed. The disease for which this operation was performed was cancer of the stomach, attended with the following symptoms: The appetite is quite poor. There is a peculiar indescribable distress in the stomach, a feeling that has been described as a faint "all gone" sensation; a sticky slimy collection about the throat, especially in the morning, accompanied by an unpleasant taste. Food fails to satisfy this peculiar faint sensation; but, on the contrary, it appears to aggravate the feeling. The eyes are sunken, tinged with yellow, the hands and feet become cold and sticky—a cold perspiration. The sufferers feel tired all the time, and sleep does not seem to give rest. After a time the patient becomes nervous and irritable, gloomy, his mind filled with evil forebodings. When rising suddenly from a recumbent position there is a dimness of vision, and he is obliged to grasp something firm to keep from falling. The bowels costive, the skin dry and hot at times; the blood becoming thick and stagnant, and does not circulate properly. After a time the patient spits up food soon after eating, sometimes in a sour and fermented condition, sometimes sweetish to the taste. Oftentimes there is a palpitation of the heart, and the patient fears he may have heart disease. Towards the last the patient is unable to retain any food whatever, as the opening in the intestine becomes closed, or nearly so. Although this disease is indeed alarming, sufferers with the above-named symptoms should not feel nervous, for nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand have no cancer, but simply dyspepsia, a disease easily removed if treated in a proper manner. The safest and best remedy for the disease is Seigel's Curative Syrup, a vegetable preparation sold by all respectable medicinal vendors throughout the world, and by the proprietors, A. J. White (Limited), 17, Farringdon Road, London, E. C. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system.

To A. J. White, Esq., Spanish Town, Jamaica, West Indies, Oct. 24, 1882.

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News Summary

DOMINION.

The Windsor, N. S., town council has been devoting much time to a new act of incorporation for that town.

The Nova Scotia legislature has begun an investigation into charges against the City and Provincial hospital.

The Halifax Graving Dock Co. of London, have paid the \$25,000 caution money, and the Stone Graving Dock at Halifax, costing \$1,000,000, may now be regarded as a certainty.

The court of review, Montreal, has confirmed the \$10,000 verdict in the Latham case against the Toronto Mail.

The Dundee seal steamer "Resolute" is nipped in the ice off Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland.

A riot occurred at St. John's, Newfoundland, March 31, the mob demanding labor and railway extension.

A fire in the upper part of the Toronto Mail building, occurred by the telephone Co., caused nearly \$50,000 loss.

Mr. Weisskopf, the oldest Jewish resident of St. John, died on Tuesday, aged 74.

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—About 3,000 horse loads of mussel mud will be shipped from Summerside by rail to Fredericton and Somerset this season.

—Ontario is about to begin the erection of new parliament buildings, the cost to be about three quarters of a million.

—The Gloucester Advertiser, after checking over the cost to the Dominion of the Marine police, and the loss to Nova Scotia fishermen and traders if they are prevented from selling bait and ice to the Americans, says, "other than any violation of the law or not, we need not be surprised to hear of the seizure of American vessels, and of serious interference with their movements in provincial waters."

—In the New Brunswick house, some time since, Mr. Blair charged that Mr. Adams, when Surveyor General, had favored some of his friends in letting them have land irregularly and contrary to the decision of the government.

—The London Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Imperial government to aid a Canadian Pacific Steamship Line.

—The Duke of Connaught has been appointed Major-General of the Belgian army.

—Despatches from Annam report fresh massacres at the Catholic mission in the province of Quabang.

—Terrible riots have occurred in Charlevoix and other towns in Belgium.

—A New Orleans despatch of 30th ult., says, steamer Mary Lewis was sunk last night.

—Heavy floods are reported in Tennessee, Virginia, and Alabama, causing much damage.

—The schooner Charles H. Morse, Captain Chas. G. Smith, was wrecked on March 6th, but has not been heard from.

ventilation may be had at the window. The heat may be raised or lowered by simply regulating the flow of gas.

—The owners of the steamship "Fulda," the North German Lloyd Co., decline to make any claim for remuneration for rescuing and bringing to port the passengers and crew of the "Oregon."

—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon is a decidedly practical preacher. He caught the true spirit of his text, "Take no thought for the morrow, &c.," and gave it practical illustration when he declared: "I insured my life last week, and know that I shall be able to obey the injunction of the text; for much undue care and anxiety that I had is now laid aside, secure in the knowledge that my forethought has provided for my loved ones."

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—The Princess of Wales, it is rumored, is suffering from a serious chronic complaint, and is unable to leave her room.

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