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—INFORMATION WANTED.—We have received a remittance from Mr. Unacke and one from A. vonput with no names. Will the senders please write us. We have also received a remittance from C. S. McKee, Hastings, and F. J. Larkin, Greenwch Hill. Will these brethren kindly give us the county in which they reside, as there are several post offices of the same name.

—AGENT FOR MARGARETVILLE, &c.—Mr. H. M. Harris is our agent for Margaretville and vicinity, Acadia Co., N. S. He will be pleased to receive and forward money from old and new subscribers.

—2000 SERMONS.—Mr. Spurgeon has just returned from his rest at Mentone. The Sabbath after he came back from London, he preached the 3000th sermon which has been published. It is said that no man has ever preached so many sermons which have gone to press as Mr. Spurgeon. No one has ever preached so many that have been so widely read. It is doubtful whether any man has produced sermons of a more uniformly higher grade, in all that pertains to popular effectiveness and solid merit. No man living to-day has reached so many as Mr. Spurgeon, or made a more wholesome impression on the masses. Whatever may be the result of his present stand as to the Baptist Union, one thing is sure, Christendom has reason to thank God for the gift of such a man to this generation. May he be spared to publish his 3000th. Neither is this too much to hope; for he is still comparatively young.

And just here let us add a word. The so-called liberal preachers stigmatize Mr. Spurgeon's preaching as narrow and belonging to a past age. They also assert, although not in immediate connection, that this kind of preaching is unequalled to the present age, which has outgrown it. And yet, while the most of these gentlemen preach to little little handful of admirers, the ablest and best of them have but few readers for their published sermons, called with great care from their best efforts, Spurgeon's sermons, sent forth from week to week, go all over Christendom, and are read with eager avidity by countless thousands. This does not appear as though his preaching made a narrow appeal to human hearts, or as if the age had outgrown his relish for the old, strong Calvinistic preaching of which he is the leading exponent.

—DEACON WIFE'S SISTER.—The Presbyterian minister and presbytery are considering the question of the doing away with the rule prohibiting marriage with a deacon wife's sister. The General Assembly has remitted the matter to the presbytery for their judgment. That of St. John has decided in favor of the abolition of the rule, by a majority vote.

—TOTAL OF BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS.—The following from the Baptist will be interesting to our readers:—

Throughout the continent of Europe, we have but 3,497 churches, 2,505 pastors or missionaries, and 370,923 members; in Asia, 923 churches, 366 pastors, and 55,185 members; in all Africa, only 75 churches, 69 ministers or missionaries, and 2,362 members. In America, however, there is more encouragement; we have there 32,823 churches, 19,068 pastors, and a membership of 2,972,564. Canada adds 694 churches, 563 pastors, and 88,000 members; and India 806,243, and 51,541 respectively. Coming to grand totals, and comparing them with those of 1885, when a similar summary was last compiled, we get 37,478 churches, 22,150 pastors, and 3,329,542 members, representing an added 6,182 churches, 2,262 pastors or missionaries, and about 500,000 church members. Incidentally, we note that 263 ministerial and resignations are recorded.

It is to be noted that when the strict communion practice prevails the Baptist growth is many fold more rapid. The following remarks which the Baptist (London) adds to the above are suggestive in this direction. Of course this applies only to England.

Moralizing is hardly necessary. Baptists do not get numerical justice by the mere counting of names on their church rolls. Congress continues to uphold no small proportion of those who hold our views, a number indeed which is reasonable to assume by the reason of our open communion membership, which opens our ranks to those who have to learn to be careful in instructing the rising generation in our distinctive principles. Roman Catholics are quick witted enough to see the importance of this point. The strain of feigned friendship is ever did, against ministers for hard and fast lines. Intelligent spiritual teaching in the family as well as the pulpit will alone ensure the triumph of the truth for which we, denominationally, contend; and as that truth is so closely associated with the advance of the Kingdom, it will not perhaps be inappropriate if the agitation should be placed among the topics for the Christmas Festival.

—COLLEGE AND THE MINISTRY.—A correspondent of the Independent has been investigating the decline of theological students in eight of the colleges and universities of the United States. The follow-

ing shows the comparative percentage of theological students in the decade from 1830-40, and in that from 1870-80:

1830-40.	1870-80.	
Harvard.....	12	1.2
Princeton.....	22	18.0
Yale.....	31	8.0
Bowdoin.....	32	3.6
Rutgers.....	36	20.0
Williams.....	30	17.8
Wesleyan.....	41	36.3
Amherst.....	54	24.2

This means that there has been a decline of almost exactly one-half in the proportion of theological students in attendance at these eight great colleges of the United States during the last fifty years. Of course it must be remembered that there is a larger proportion of others than those belonging to the learned professions pursuing a course of higher education than fifty years ago, still these statistics are alarming enough. It will be seen that the decline is greatest in colleges not under denominational and pronouncedly Christian control. We are glad to believe that there has been little decline in the proportion of theological students at Acadia. If this is to continue, we must, as in the past, seek to make the controlling sentiment there one of devoted and self-denying piety. If Acadia had been mixed up with a state institution, would she have had her present record in this regard?

—RITUALISM OR ARTIFICE.—The Baptist and Methodist papers in the United States often give sharp hits. The Central Christian Advocate (Methodist) gets off the following:

There is no more ludicrous illustration of the actual result of the arguments in favor of immersion than the advertisement of "Rubber Baptismal Pants," which appears in the Baptist journals. It is a fine commingling of ritualism and artifice, in which the element of fairplay is entirely wanting.

Whereupon a correspondent of the Journal and Messenger retorts:

We are unable to see where the element of fairplay is "entirely wanting," except when said "rubber baptismal pants" are borrowed by godless brethren, as they often are, for a fine commingling of ritualism and artifice.

And the editor adds:

When a Methodist minister baptizes one who will not oblige him with his church, is it ritualism or artifice? or is it a combination of the two by one who dares to do, in the name of God, what he does not believe that God has commanded?

He might also have asked whether the "element of fairplay" were not "entirely wanting" in action of this kind.

—DR. LINCOLN'S SUCCESSION.—The authorities of Newton Theological Seminary have chosen Dr. J. B. Thomas, who has recently resigned charge of the First Church, Brooklyn, to the chair of Church History, made vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Herman Lincoln. The choice is regarded as one of the best that could be made. Dr. Thomas has proved himself exceptionally able, as well as most conversant in his views. He has not yet signified his acceptance.

—TRANSMISSION.—It is suggestive that 7,655,000 in France declined to acknowledge any religious belief, in the census of 1881. These are largely infidel, the first step from a false faith is apt to be infidelity. Disgusted with the old belief, and suspicious that all other faiths are equally unworthy of credence, the soul, brooding from its old morbidness, is liable to flout for a time on the mist-shrouded sea of general doubt. But the instincts of the soul, its out-reaching and longings, will not long rest in this state. The desire for immortality, for knowledge, and the recognition which the spirit must give to its maker, will finally force to thought and open the mind to consider evidence, and to welcome it, and finally to assured and intelligent faith. France is largely in the transition state. The want of seriousness and depth in the French nature makes their case less hopeful; but with right effort, there are bright prospects. The success of the M.A. missions is a good omen.

—NOT SO FREE.—The government of the United States is by no means as free as it is ours, or that of Great Britain, even in some respects. The Speaker of the House of Congress has the controlling of all special committees. Every bill, before it reaches the House, is referred to one or other of these committees, and, unless they report it to the House, it cannot come up for consideration. By selecting his committees with a view to the bills to come before them, the Speaker can prevent the most of the bills obnoxious to himself being considered by Congress, although the majority of the members favor them. Thus the President can veto any act of Congress, and while he has more than a third of its members to support him, his veto will stand almost; two-thirds of the representatives of the people. With the Speaker of the House preventing the passage of bills desired by the majority, and the President overruling the acts that are passed, it can be seen that the will of the people may often go begging, even in the United States.

—BRITISH BENEVOLENCE.—The contributions to missions from the British Isles were less in 1886 than in 1885 by about \$160,000. The total amount in 1886 was nearly \$6,000,000. Of this the Established church gave \$2,400,000. The Non-conformists, including the Irish and Scotch Presbyterians, gave \$2,600,000. The balance was given by joint societies, presumably chiefly Non-conformists. The Catholics gave only about \$43,000. From this it will be seen that the Establishment, although having Non-conformists to help them support their clergy at home, and embracing all the wealthy nobility of the realm, has given less to missions than those who have all their home expenses and a part of those of the Established church to pay. This all shows that the voluntary principle will lead to the most liberal giving, while dependence upon state help for home expenses will dry up beneficence to all good objects.

In Jehovah Vos Orate.
TRANSLATION BY REV. W. S. MCKENZIE.

The following Latin hymn, based on the one hundredth psalm, is the work of Rev. Dr. S. T. Rand. The translation is an attempt to reproduce, not the exact meaning of each line and word, but the thought couched in the original, with as close conformity to the Latin structure as the demands of English versification will permit. The most faithful and literal version possible in English verse of any Latin hymn is always, and of necessity, more of a translation than a translation. Dr. Rand has more than once intimated to me that in translating a Latin hymn into an English hymn, I should allow myself a larger liberty with the original text—a liberty unnecessary and unwarranted in a prose rendering of Latin verse.

ORIGINE.
In Jehovah vos orate,
Et gurgite, et cantate,
Omnis terram habitantes.
Laud Dominum, servite,
Et cum gaudis trinitate,
Coram illum tranphantem.
Nostrum Deus est Creator
Domini et Salvator.
Deus pater, factor verum;
Fecit nos, et nos nativum,
Regni, totum, repetivum,
Oves perditos ad Herum.
Bis per tota et trinitate;
Omnis laudibus adite;
Illum Dominum clamantes;
Illam bonam, semper veram,
Fidelium unquam Herum,
In eternum adorantes.

TRANSLATION.
Come, praise the Lord, in Him rejoice,
Lift up in song your heart and voice,
Let all the earth its tribute bring:
With gladness shout, and record the Lord,
With holy dance your joy record,
Before His face exulting sing.
Our God, whose word all being gave,
Who reigns o'er all, and came to save,
We will extol ad God alone!
He made us, and He is our stay;
He guards and guides; and when we stray
He seeks His sheep, and saves His own.
O crowd His gates with joyful lays,
And all His courts with sounding praise,
Proclaim the Lord your only King:
His grace and truth, so firm and sure,
His faithfulness, which shall endure
Through endless ages, we will sing.

Stray Shots from Halifax, &c.

1887 has been a year of more than usual prosperity for the coast city of Halifax. Trade and commerce have been fair, the price of fish good, building operations very extensive, and consequent constant and remunerative employment for our artisans, a handsome profit for sugar refiners, cotton mills, and other manufacturing industries. Between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 have been expended in building colleges, schools, city hall, sailors' home, and private residences, and in repairs. The cotton factory declared a dividend for the first time, I believe, and the sugar refinery realized some \$200,000 profit on the year's operations.

The production of our coal mines in Nova Scotia has reached an enormous development. During 1887, 1,524,000 tons were shipped. This exceeds last year's production by 150,000 tons.

There is, however, one very sad feature of the past year's records. Large numbers of our fishermen go to Gloucester, Provincetown, and other American resorts to engage in their calling on board American fishers and fishing vessels.

former are virtually floating coffins to our fishermen. The dangers of bank fishing are great enough when carried on in strong vessels, and under prudent captains and owners; but this danger is increased twofold—aye, a hundredfold—when the business is pursued in unworthy and fully insured vessels, under captains and owners reckless of life and greedy of gain. When will our sturdy fishermen cease to run unnecessary risk and yearly imperil their lives in this American fishing business? This yearly sacrifice is peopling our shores with widows and orphans, bringing distress and poverty to tens of thousands, and depopulating our coast. Something should be done, for the evil is tremendous. The facts and figures of the case should be laid before our fishermen. They should be warned and exhorted by pastors and others. The county and provincial papers should awaken our people. Some are doing nobly.

Seventh day adventists in Halifax are having a hard time. Two members of this sect have been fined for performing servile labor on Sunday. They claim that their Saturday is the Sabbath—the day of rest—and observe it, and labor at their ordinary avocations on Sunday. The case has been appealed from the stipendiary decision to the Supreme Court.

Considerable attention has been given to religious controversy in the secular press. Canon Brock, president of Kings College (Episcopalian), delivered a sermon in this city on infant baptism and baptismal regeneration, severely assailing the Baptists (though by courtesy he called them Anabaptists). Rev. E. J. Grant and Dr. E. M. Saunders have replied. Baptists seek the fullest investigation of their doctrines and practices, and undoubtedly the present discussions will tend to advance the truth. This man-invented ordinance, or rite, or ceremony, of infant baptism (rather sprinkling), and its parent, baptismal regeneration, stand as mighty giants in the path of the progress of the truth as it is in Jesus, and the spread of the Redeemer's cause on earth. When this doctrine and its child are swept back to their original source—the church of Rome—then will Christianity take such rapid strides as never before, and the nation of outstanding reefs be accomplished.

The sad drowning of last Saturday cast a gloom over the city. City collector Clarence Hamilton was one of our most popular public officials. On Saturday he went for a skate on the Dartmouth lake, saying to his wife as he left that he would be home early to tea. He never came. A hole in the ice, darkness, and no one near to render assistance, tell why "Be ye also ready." Who knoweth the hour or the day?

St. Andrew's church (Presbyterian) in this community have been greatly pleased in the service of the Lord—far from it; but because we have a keener sense of our own weakness, and a fuller idea of what our services ought to be, a trembling trust hold upon us. Before us lie labor and warfare and watching; while within us are weakness and folly and fickleness. Alas! Master, what should we do if it were not that above us is the eternal throne, and beneath us the everlasting arms?

Watching the controversy closely, I am beginning to think that the subject of baptism will have to be considered sooner or later; for although Mr. Spurgeon makes no reference to it in his articles on the Down Grade; it is frequently referred to in letters and articles on the controversy raised thereon. Four years ago Mr. Spurgeon's beset the indifference with which it was treated by Baptist ministers, and I am of the opinion that that indifference has not decreased, but rather the contrary.

I heartily endorse, Mr. Elliot, what you say in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of Nov. 2, 1887. "The denomination has winked at the virtual ignoring of baptism by multitudes, as Pedobaptists and those who have submitted to no supposed form of baptism have been received and retained in the churches. Become indifferent to one part of truth, and the principle which underlies our loyalty to all truth is sapped." I hope shortly to give some of the brethren the benefit of this extract, and particularly the part I have italicized; the truth of which cannot be too widely known or too well remembered.

Most heartily do I trust and pray, as I believe it will, that the present controversy, which is by no means near its end, may turn out for the furtherance of the gospel, a more thorough searching of the Scriptures, and a fuller declaration of the doctrines of the New Testament. Some are of opinion that it is already having that effect, among others.

J. BAOWS,
Wincanton, Somerset, G. B.

From England.
The Protestant part of the Queen's subjects are by no means pleased with the present Her Majesty selected to send to the Pope on the celebration of his jubilee. The present consisted of a massive basin and ever of gold. The Pope is said to have received it "with evident pleasure," and remarked that "they would serve for his jubilee man." The basin bears the inscription, "To His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., from Victoria, R. I., 1888." He has sent an autograph letter of acknowledgment which is a matter of course "Her Majesty will rejoice" with "evident pleasure." Whether the selection of the present was by advice, or her own choice, it was to say

the least, unwise. The sovereign of England is the last person who should seem, even in exchange of jubilee courtesies, to countenance the Papal religion, which has had already far too much encouragement in this land.

Nor has the Prince of Wales added to his popularity by his so cordially shaking hands and appearing on most friendly terms with the papist Sullivan at a boxing match. "The Prince," says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, "took away the rigid air of sternness from the acquaintance by saying that 'he felt as if he had known Sullivan many years';" that John L. reciprocated by remarking that 'next to James O. Sullivan, Albert Edward was the man he had most wanted to see on coming to England.' Then the Prince looked Sullivan over carefully, Sullivan ditto the Prince, and they again shook a shake of mutual satisfaction. Oas does not like to say hard things of royalty, but it is a pity that such strong temptations are given to do so.

The Rev. D. Davies, of Brighton, late of Regent Park, preaching at the Tabernacle on Christmas Day, in referring to the incident said that the time was coming when the hand that shook the head of a pugilist, should not sway a scepter; that separate to a throne should rise to the true conception of royalty; if not, then the indignation of an outraged Christian sentiment would thrust them aside.

Bold language this from a son of Wales, in referring to his Prince, but no holder or stronger than the circumstances call for. Others have spoken in language equally emphatic, and the religious papers have with one accord spoken out, without any circumlocution. It is said that the Queen has written to the Prince about it, but the contents of the said letter "have not yet been made public."

The Down Grade controversy is still to the fore. Tongues and pens are busy. There is a slight lull compared with a short time ago, and the conference between Mr. Spurgeon and the four Ds, who were appointed by the Council of the Union to confer with him, is looked forward to with increasing interest. In a letter to the church and congregation, which was read Dec. 25th, Mr. Spurgeon says: "I have not spoken without due consideration, and therefore I have chosen my ground, and by God's grace I shall maintain it against all comers, in the spirit of love I trust, but assuredly without vacillation." That reminds one of Luther, "Here I am, I cannot do otherwise, &c."

He evidently expects some hard work this year growing out of the controversy, for he says in the *Sword and Trowel* for this month: "To us, at this moment, our uppermost feeling is a shiver at the task that lies before us in another year, not because we take less delight than formerly in the service of the Lord—far from it; but because we have a keener sense of our own weakness, and a fuller idea of what our services ought to be, a trembling trust hold upon us. Before us lie labor and warfare and watching; while within us are weakness and folly and fickleness. Alas! Master, what should we do if it were not that above us is the eternal throne, and beneath us the everlasting arms?"

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Literary Notes.

The number of *Littell's Living Age* dated January 7 begins a new volume—the one hundred and seventy-sixth—of that standard weekly magazine. A periodical literature has been growing from year to year in extent and importance, the *Living Age* has gone on increasing in value. The first number of the new year has the following table of contents:—*The Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, *Contemporary Review*; *The Magic Fan*, by John Strange Winter, author of "Boodle's Baby" etc.; *English Illustrated Magazine*; *Mohammedanism in Africa*, *Nineteenth Century*; *Lord Macaulay and Madam D'Ailly*, *National Review*; *A Dramatic Effort*, *Blackwood's Magazine*; *The Future of the Negro*, *Spectator*; *Essay by English Navigators and their Nautical Instruments*, *St. James's Gazette*; *New Names for New States*, *Spectator*; *Old Silver*, *St. James's Gazette*, with choice poetry and miscellany. This, the first weekly number of the new volume, is a good one with which to begin a subscription. For fifty-two numbers of six or four large pages each (or more than 3,500 pages a year) the subscription price (\$5) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. *Littell & Co., Boston*, are the publishers.

The *Pulpit Treasury* for January is a good beginning for the new year. The Baptist are given the first place, in the portrait, as a frontispiece, of Rev. Dr. G. DeWitt Bridgman of Madison Avenue Church, New York City. His sermon which blows on "Service the Purpose of the Church," should awaken earnest thought. The sketch of his life and a view of the Church which Dr. Bridgman serves will interest all readers. The *Leading Thoughts of Sermons* are unusually valuable, suggestive and helpful. The *Sunday School Lessons* have Dr. Mooney's able expository notes. Dr. Hunter shows how "Giving is the Fruit of a Christian Life." Rev. E. L. Pell shows how interdependent are "Preaching and Hearing." Dr. Bulling gives "Financial Reasons for Prohibition." Rev. W. T. Smith furnishes a valuable article on "Monuments Illustrating the Early Life of Moses."

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The *Homiletic Review* for January contains strong papers on Progress in Theology, Christian Evidence, How the Pulpit best may counteract the influence of Modern Scepticism, recent Lives of Christ, and shall women be licensed to preach? The sermons and other departments are ably sustained. Fank & Wagnall.

Woman is the title of a new monthly magazine for women issued by the Women's Publishing Co., New York, at 25 cents a number, or \$2.75 a year. The number for January has a full and inviting title of contents, with a fine portrait of Dinah Muloch Craik forming the frontispiece. The illustrated articles are: "The Actor Library," by Frederick Saunders, the Librarian of that institution; "The Swedish Nihilists," by S. Fredericks; "The Doctor's Eldest Daughter," a story by Margaret Sidney; and "Old Winter's Cove" (a poem). "The Lady of Lyndesay" is an appreciative sketch of the life of the late Mrs. Craik by Katherine Prynne. George Egbert Symonds gives many helpful hints on Home Decorations; Elsie Dow Cheney discusses "Woman in the Brahmo Soma"; Sarah Belton has charge of "The Table," and gives many timely hints and recipes for dainty dishes. There is a Western story by Patience Stapleton, and a readable article by Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, the Arctic traveler, on "Flowers of the Snow." The following departments are well filled: "Our Society," "What to Wear," "For the Mothers," "Our Daughters," "The Household," "Societies for Christian Work," "Temperance and Woman Suffrage," "About Women," "Events of the Month," "Book Reviews," etc.

The eleven colleges in Missouri under Baptist control report 71 teachers, 1,190 pupils, property valued at \$290,000, and endowments amounting to \$645,000.

"Still, how shall I be kept?" Jesus has Himself answered it: "If a man work in the day, he stumblsh not, because he seeth the light of the world." "Walk in the light," "looking unto Jesus," and so shall we be "kept by the power of God through faith."—Frances Ridley Havergal.

What a mighty force the Christian Church is in the United States! Statistics show that we have 132,000 churches, 92,000 ministers, and 19,000,000 members; and yet there are those who say that the church has no influence, that it is only a small body. Let the church be a unit on the moral issues of the day, and our country will be saved for God. *Pulpit Treasury*.

Church History.

It is a common error to suppose that the history of the church is a mere record of events...

its thunderbolts at its disciples' head. But the clouds passed, and peace ensued. Oh! there is never any difficulty about obtaining grace...

forever and ever; He will be our Guide even to death. There is nothing humiliating in the necessity of having a guide...

A Dark Evening.

He was just discouraged, and that was the whole of it. He sat close to the stove, leaning his ragged elbow on his knee...

which he was expected to keep in order, is return for his board and clothes. What an amazing change had come to him!

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SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS.

READ!!

We are glad so large a number of our subscribers pay up promptly. There are some, however, who are in arrears since January, '86, indicated by the figure "80" on the labels of their papers.

TO THE WORK

Again we return to this most practical subject. "What wilt thou have me to do?" should be the query of every believer of his Lord.

THE WEEK.

Salisbury has been in Liverpool and given a couple of addresses. On the way he was greeted by large crowds at the stations.

THE WEEK.

It is not passing strange that Christians should not make this personal work with people to save their souls the most established habit of their lives?

Especially is this true if those in peril are their friends, members of their families. Yet we fear many parents who read these lines have not ever spoken to their ungodly children of the Saviour and his great salvation, and of the peril which should urge them to seek him in his power to save.

Yes, you say, but the minister is paid to do this; he preaches, and that is warning enough. If they do not listen to him, they will not to me, etc., etc.

It is well said that about the only "commodities" in which there is free trade between us and the United States are ministers and rogues.

THE OTHERSIDE.

In commenting on the statement in the Standard which Dr. Castle corrected last week, we remarked:

The above, from the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, of New Brunswick, excites our sympathy. We can readily understand that our neighbor on the North is getting very undesirable accretions to its population, and that if the present order of things continues, the "swap" of ministers for rogues is going to be largely profitable to the United States.

There is more in this. Still if we mistake not, the most of the rich rogues who find an asylum in Canada are of the native American race, and not from the drags of society received from Europe.

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Salisbury has been in Liverpool and given a couple of addresses. On the way he was greeted by large crowds at the stations.

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the continued arrival of fresh troops at Bessarabia, and other military preparations near the frontier. A council of war has been held to consider the situation.

It is said that the Powers are about to require the abdication of Ferdinand of Bulgaria. He says, however, he would rather go out dead than alive, and the kingdom is putting as large a force as possible into the field.

There has been another plot to murder the Czar. As a consequence, all the arrangements for the movements of the Russian court have been altered.

Our Queen has again honored herself in sending to the Prince of Wales a drastic and severe letter, rebuking him for giving a reception to the pugilist Sullivan, who is simply a low and vulgar brute.

The strike on the Reading Railway still continues, and the price of coal continues to rise. The mines not affected by the strike are coining money, while the poor, in this cold season, are suffering.

Parnell is about to resume the active leadership of the Irish party. He advises the giving up of the obstructive tactics. This has given some offence to his followers.

The Annuity Fund.

This arrangement made to meet a sorely felt want, is already a success. The churches are responding and the ministers are sending in their rates.

With the churches, where there is no minister, do as some of them have already done, take a collection and forward it to the Treasurer? Ministers in the three provinces are making themselves members.

Dedication at Jeddore.

The new Baptist house of worship at East Jeddore, Halifax county, N. S., was dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 8th. Services were held morning, afternoon and evening; and the day being unusually fine for the season, we were favored with a very large attendance.

Home Missions.

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about call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise." The dedication prayer was offered by Dr. Enoch Baker. The singing at the services was rendered by an efficient choir, under the direction of Dr. Jeremiah Harpell.

As before stated, the congregations were all large. That in the afternoon fully tested the capacity of the house; and at the social meeting in the evening the body of the edifice was comfortably filled.

This sanctuary, in many respects, is like the Baptist meeting house at West Jeddore. The total cost will be about nineteen hundred and sixty dollars, of which over sixteen hundred is now paid in, leaving a debt of some three hundred and fifty dollars, which, we have faith to believe, will soon be provided for.

Nowithstanding these efforts the contributions of the church for denominational and other benevolent objects were largely increased. Provision is made for larger benevolence during 1888, in the way of providing funds, in common with sister churches of this city and Portland, for the purpose of erecting a new mission hall and the payment of a city missionary's salary.

Truro Items.

Union week of prayer meetings well attended. Special meetings will continue in the Baptist church, commencing 10th. Brothers Reeves, Fielding and Cummings, of the Truro Baptist church, are continuing the good work outside, and the Divine blessing seems to be with them.

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of the missionaries have not been paid the amounts due for 1st quarter.

Will all who read this pray for our Home Mission work? A CORROBOR, Cor. S. C.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

LEINSTER ST., ST. JOHN'S.—Leinster street Baptist Church held their annual business meeting last Friday evening and reported through their treasurer, financier and pew rent collector, receipts of \$4,585 55; expenditures, \$4,162 49, and with the balance of receipts paid off a deficit of \$229 89, with the exception of \$7 or \$8.

The annual meeting of the members of Leinster Street Baptist church was held Friday night. The affairs of the church were found to be in a highly satisfactory condition, as the financial statement shows. The total receipts from all purposes were \$4,585.55 and the expenditure \$4,162.49, leaving a balance on hand of \$243.17.

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Out of my weary self, O, lift me up!

Out of my selfish self, O, lift me up!

Out of my lonely self, O, lift me up!

Out of my doubting self, O, lift me up!

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Her Husband's Opinion was Changed.

Yes, professor, I am afraid I shall have to sell or rent my farm. My wife is so miserable, I can't carry it on without hiring and hiring out as usual.

THE FARM.

The Dakota gas crop for 1887 is estimated to be 3,900,000 bushels. A proportion to its area, Holland has a larger number of cows than any other country.

her face wrinkles like a burnt boot. She never goes out, so she don't dye her hair. She goes to you, but it looks like a wild weed...

Then Monday if you were to tell her you were going to hire a girl, and that she must sit in the sitting-room with that new silk dress...

I will be sure as you live. And then when she has stood in her white and blue dress...

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Insurance. - The statistics show that retailers of liquor realize a profit of 131 1/2 per cent on the investment.

The Women of Italy. - The position of women in Italy has of late years greatly improved.

Ashamed of Their Deeds. - The keeper of a meat-market does not hide from view his fastened, choice meats.

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News Summary.

DOMESTIC.

Moncton is becoming one of the most flourishing manufacturing centres in the Maritime provinces.

The British American gives the number of N. & A. steamships in the principal cities of the United States.

Diphtheria has been committing its ravages on the families at Cow Bay, C. B.

Mr. C. C. Dudge, of Middleton, was tried recently before N. H. Phinney, Esq.

Yarmouth is now lighted by electricity. The arc light is used and gives great satisfaction.

Buyers are in Picton procuring all the potatoes they can get and having them stored in available places ready for shipment by rail in March.

Times at the Acadia Mines, N. B., are looking much better.

Russian ruble notes are quoted at six pence lower than yesterday.

The order to re-open the St. Petersburg universities has been suddenly revoked.

Advice from the Russian frontier say that the troops in Jubla district are suffering terribly from cold.

Chas has made more progress toward civilization in the last five years than for twenty years before.

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Foreign.

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The number of people who speak English, has increased even-fold during the last century.

The late Mrs. Dinah Mulock Craik left a fortune of \$65,000 to her adopted daughter, Miss Dorothy Craik.

Dr. Schweinfurth, African explorer, writes from Cairo under date of Dec 30th, that Stanley reached Emin Bay and arrived at Cairo Dec. 22.

Statistics show that during the past year the oyster beds of France have produced 600,000,000 oysters.

Russia is on the verge of bankruptcy. For years she has been borrowing at the rate of one hundred million dollars a year.

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Halifax (North Church) per Mrs A. Clements..... 11 75

St. John (Brussels at) per Mrs J. Ester 14 75

St. George (St. Falls) per Mrs W. Gilmore..... 1 00

Springfield, per E.A. Schofield..... 1 00

Milou (Queens Co.) from Mission Band, for W. B. M. U. per Emily Freeman..... 9 50

Hillbore 1st, per May F. Camp..... 6 60

Cow Bay, per Mrs Thos. Holmes..... 3 67

S. J. MANRIE.

Permit me, through the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, to call the attention of the Aid Societies to the following extract, from the report of the last annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union:

"On motion it was decided to ask the Societies to make collections for the home work, as they did last year."

The MESSINGER AND VISITOR of the present week informs us that our Boards are greatly embarrassed by lack of funds.

Will not every Aid Society that has not already made some effort in behalf of Home Missions, do so before the first of March? There are many ways to help. Surety none of us whose paths have been so brightened with mercies, and whose united efforts for the regions beyond, have been so crowned with success, will lack the will. Necessities press now. Let our "aid" be timely.

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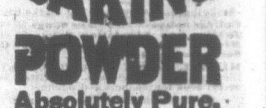
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