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### FROM THE PAPERS.

"The preacher who gets a good religious newspaper into a family where it is read makes that family an indirect pastoral visit each week."—Nashville Ad.

A shrewd observer of European affairs has made the remark: "If six men in Europe could heartily agree, one third of its military could be taken off."

Farmer Dickens, a nephew of the novelist, Charles Dickens, has been elected a deacon of the Methodist Church by the Rock River Conference in Bycamore, Ill.

The Philadelphia Record says that of the fifty-six thousand primary scholars in that city rarely fifty per cent. go into the secondary schools. Forty-two per cent. of those who do go from the primary into the secondary schools never get any further.

"Men who are anxious to transfer for the sake of souls, and for the glory of God, always go to the new Conferences on the frontier. They never lounge around the fat appointments of the old Conferences. That is a bad sign, and yet I know of several who are hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of some thriving city appointments in Virginia."—Cr. Richmond Advocate.

Mr. Herbert Spencer has swung completely over to Atheism, and has become a passionate partisan of his advanced beliefs. At his best, Mr. Spencer reasons very badly, his most pronounced vice being that of arguing in a circle; but when he becomes excited and adopts a militant style, he seems to forget all the cautious of the scientist, and to adopt all the methods of the partisan.—N. Y. Methodist.

There is a parish in London which consists for the greater part of thirteen houses on each side of Bishopgate street. The income is nearly \$5,500 a year. The rector has never done duty for the last three or four years, but lives at St. Leonard's. Meanwhile he pays a curate \$600 a year, out of which that gentleman has to pay for gas, for the organist and other expenses of conducting divine services.

Henry Ward Beecher summarily condemns the Methodist Church for expelling Dr. Thomas, and airily affirms that the "is not fit to live and be called a Christian church." It depends wonderfully as to who uses such language whether the subject of it is harmed or needs defense. In this instance no response is required, for nobody is injured by it, save, possibly, the person in whose behalf it is uttered.—Zion's Herald.

It seems, according to a Milanese journal, that the prefect of one of the first cities of Italy, who is a rich landowner, has, in this civilized age, resorted to a feudal custom, obliging his field laborers to wear an iron muzzle during the grape harvest to prevent them from tasting a few bunches of grapes. The fact was noticed last year, and yet the said prefect still represents the Government.—Daily News.

Mr. Ingersoll reads the "beatitudes," and says "good" to every one of them. Then he takes the virtues of meekness, mercyfulness, humility, brought out in distinctness by Christ, to prove that the man needs no Redeemer. "I protest," says Joseph Parker, and every just man will join in the protest—"I protest against any man building his argument with Christian stones, and then calling the edifice a Free-Thinker's Castle.

Hon. John Evans, Ex-Governor of Colorado, has given \$40,000 toward the buildings of the Colorado Seminary and University of the Centur since the beginning of the enterprise. The Governor is a most liberal friend of Christian education, and never wearies in his help. He was converted in Indiana when a young man under Bishop Simpson's early ministry, and has shown his fidelity to Methodism in the founding already of two great institutions of learning under his care.

"We have fallen upon trying times. The Episcopal Church has had its Cowley trial, and has it yet. The Baptists have had their Kalluch, and served him right. The Methodists have deposited their Dr. Thomas, as he deserved. The Presbytery of San Francisco has had a trial lasting seven days, with eighteen ses-

sions." The Bible-class teacher is willing to teach the sayings of Christ to her large Sunday-school class, but rejects the Old Testament in its miraculous parts. The Presbytery sustain the elder who complained.—Ed.

Cardinal Manning with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Simpson, and others on the same platform: "Is not this astonishing! We remember that when the great theater disaster occurred in Brooklyn the Roman Catholic bishop could not appear on the same platform with Protestants at a public meeting called to inaugurate measures of relief. The Lord Mayor of London brought three distinguished divines together in the Mansion House, for a noble object—the suppression of the opium trade."—New York Independent.

We see not a few comments disparaging to the churches, based on the amusing fact that Oscar Baldwin, the great Newark defaulter, is a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, of that city. Such is not the fact. He was an attendant and a vestryman of the parish, but not a communicant of the church. There was in his life and character no apparent reason why he should not be connected with the church; but he uniformly declined positively but decidedly to be confirmed. The reason is now clear, and the fact is so much to his credit.

Sir Garnet Wolseyley contributes his testimony to the current tide of temperance arguments and appeals, to the effect that ninety per cent. of the crime in the British army is due directly to intemperance; that when the men are removed from the temptation of strong drink crime is, practically unknown among them; and that when he was in South Africa his escort had very hard work to do, but did it without grumbling, and behaved better than any other set of men he ever was assisted by, for the reason, he believes, that every man in the company was a total abstainer.

The *Churchman* has very curious ideas of "courtesy" when it publishes the willingness of its ministers to take what they will not give: to go into other men's houses when they will not ask the return of the favor. Is this doing to others as you would that others should do unto you? Is this the spirit of Christianity? Is the instinct of the gentleman apparent in this proposition to accept the courtesy "of every Presbyterian pulpit in New York" while at the same time the courtesy will be offered to no one of the whole number? The least said about "courtesy" the better, until it ceases to be like the handle of a pitcher, all on one side.—N. Y. Observer.

An interesting but melancholy discovery was made at the foot of Mount Blanc. A block of ice, separated from the mass of the mountain by the thaw, rolled down into the valley. Upon closer inspection it was found to contain enclosed the remains of the American, John Blackford, who, some years since, attempted an ascent, and has never since been heard of. He evidently met with his death on that occasion, and has since lain in his cold crystalline coffin, which has preserved his body and clothing admirably. When found, his features were unchanged, as if he might have breathed his last only half an hour before.

An American who recently arrived at Liverpool on an Atlantic steamship complained bitterly because he and his fellow-passengers were kept waiting on board while the steam tug took to shore two members of the English nobility who had crossed in the steamer. *The Manchester Examiner* comments upon the occurrence and complaint as follows: "This American gentleman will probably understand us better by the time he leaves Great Britain. He will have learnt that the passengers from New-York ought, so far from grumbling at the preference shown to the nobility in the matter of the tug, to have felt honored at having these noblemen on board with them at all, and to have appreciated their condescension in not taking a steamer from New-York to Liverpool for themselves."

It is difficult to keep up to Father M'Namara. We were introduced to him by James F. L. Taylor in Raleigh, N. C., in August, 1869. He was then a Roman Catholic priest, and we heard him preach the next morning. Next we heard him as an Independent Catholic; now he turns up a Baptist. This is a free country. Success to Mr M'Namara, who is soon to be ordained as an evangelist, which will make his fourth ordination. Speaking more seriously, we highly respect the Baptist Church. The issue it makes is clearly joined. It lives up to its principles, and when a thoughtful minister or member of any other Church, after thorough investigation adopts its views, we commend his course in seeking admission to it. But this is a peculiar case, and we fear that it will take the vigilant pertinacity of Dr. Fulton and the strength of Dr. Sawyer to manage the erratic convert.—N. Y. Advocate.

### A TOUCHING STORY.

A touching story comes from India, revealing the need of female doctors in that country. The Maharanee of Puna in Bundeland, was suffering from an internal disease. Social custom precluded her from seeing a medical man. The inmate of a Zenana is only allowed to see her father, her husband, and her brother. The Maharajah sent for Miss Beilby, a medical missionary in Lucknow. By the blessing of God on her treatment Miss Beilby cured her distinguished patient. Before she left the palace the Princess had a private interview with her. She charged Miss Beilby when she returned to England to tell the Queen how greatly the women in the Zenanas suffered when they were sick. Miss Beilby intimated that she would have great difficulty in obtaining access to the Queen. She stated also that it was not in the power of the Queen to make lady doctors. But the Maharanee persisted. "Did you not tell me our Queen was good and gracious, that she never heard of sorrow or suffering without sending a message to say how sorry she was, and trying to help? Did you not show me the picture of a train falling into the sea, where a bridge broke, and did you not tell me how grieved our Queen was? Well, it was very sad those people should have been killed, but our condition is far worse. If you will only tell our Queen what we Indian women suffer when we are sick, I am sure she will feel for us and try to help us." Miss Beilby felt she could no longer refuse to promise to convey this message, if possible. The Maharanee next bade her write it down at once (giving her pen, ink, and paper), and she should forget it, and added, "Write it small, Doctor Miss Sahiba, for I want to put it in a locket, and you are to wear this locket round your neck till you see our great Queen and give it her yourself. You are not to send it through another." On Miss Beilby's return to England, the Queen having been told by some of the ladies of her Court of Miss Beilby's work and her message, determined, in spite of all difficulties and many engagements, to see her and hear all for herself, and accordingly sent for her. Her Majesty listened with great interest, asking many questions and showing the deepest sympathy. Turning to her ladies, she said, "We had no idea it was as bad as this; something must be done for these poor creatures." The Maharanee's locket, with its message, was given to the Queen, and Her Majesty intrusted Miss Beilby with a message of reply, which was intended for the Maharanee alone. But the Queen also gave Miss Beilby a message which might be given to everyone with whom she spoke on the subject:—"We should wish it generally known that we sympathize with every effort made to relieve the suffering state of the women in India." The Maharanee, in parting with Miss Beilby, said in solemn and earnest accents, "If you forget your promise your God will judge you." She did not say "my God" or "this or that God," but "your God." A few such incidents as this would add to the funds of the Zenana Mission. It suggests also the importance of combining in one profession the arts of teaching and healing. We wish that many of our missionaries were doctors. It suggests also what a sphere there is in India for Christian ladies who possess some knowledge of medical science.—London Methodist.

### A RECORDER'S OPINION.

When recently considering applications for spirit licenses, the Recorder of Dublin could not conceal his dislike for the duty imposed on him of discriminating between applicants. Long experience in the Criminal Court has made him a thoroughgoing prohibitionist. Where it was possible to do so, he refused to grant licenses, and in one case, where the necessities of a publican were pleaded, he said:—"I don't care what his necessities are. I have been for a whole week trying cases such as no Christian judge ought to have to try—cases of outrage and violence in the city, every one of

which originated in public houses. I tell you I will give you no assistance in this matter. The drinking system of Dublin is responsible for three sentences of penal servitude and seven heavy sentences of imprisonment which I had to impose, varying from twelve to twenty-four calendar months. I marked the evidence in every single case, and every one of them began in the public house. It is the drink system, and the drink alone, that leads to all this crime, and misery and sorrow. Yesterday I went through a mile and three quarters of miserable, wretched streets, manifesting on every side the penury and wretchedness of the unfortunate people who lived in them. The only bright spots were the public houses, which, brilliantly lighted up, reflected and contrasted with the surrounding misery. I hate this magnificence. I look upon it with horror. There is no one, unfortunately, to denounce this but myself. I knew it but too well. As each case of crime and violence comes before me, the same wretched story is told—the drink demon is as necessary a part of every case as the police or myself. I tell you after five years experience, I am convinced that the drink system that has produced this dreadful state of things that prevails in the city."

### WHERE ARE YOUR SINS?

When the Holy Ghost stirs up a heart to feel unwell, it is very solemn because it is His doing. Satan will do his best to say, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. It is very solemn, because it results either in grieving that loving Spirit by stifling His secret call, or in passing from death unto life—the one or the other; I know of no other alternative. Which shall it be? Don't linger just outside the gate of the city of refuge; just outside in danger, perhaps destruction; you are not safe for one instant until you are inside. And oh! have you never thought that it is not merely negative, not merely *not safe*, but unless your sins now are on Jesus, they are now on you, and God's wrath is upon them and so on you. It is a tremendous question. "Where are your sins?" on you, or on Jesus? Oh that He may now send His own faithful word about it with power to your soul! The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Accept that, believe His word, venture your soul upon it, and "he that believeth hath everlasting life." All hinges on this question, "Where are your sins?"—F. R. Haeroyal.

### MR. SANKEY'S CONVERSION.

At an "Experience Meeting" held during the recent Northfield Conference, Mr. Sankey thus told the story of his conversion: "My boyhood's home was in Pennsylvania. I remember that there came news of revival meetings being held four miles away, and we went over the river in boats to the meeting. There was a large amount of joyful singing, which attracted me. After the first night I got my 'chores' done early, in order to be in time to go to the meeting. My companions and I used to get behind the stove, for we knew the minister would look us up in the after-meeting. He was a venerable old man, and one night he reached his hand out to me and said,—"My son, won't you be a Christian?" I was afraid of the boys laughing at me, and I said, "No." Three evenings he came to me, and on the third his beautiful kind face overcame me, and I said, "I'll go." He led me up with those who were seeking the Saviour. I knelt by a man named Thompson, who rose from his knees and gave testimony to having found peace in Jesus. I thought if I could only feel as he did I would testify, too. For weeks I was seeking an imitation of his experience,—not seeking Jesus. But I found out my mistake, and from that time I pressed on, resolved to let the light come when and how it would. I determined to be a Christian, and light began to break in upon me. The more I saw of Jesus, the more sorry I felt that I had grieved him. Since I set my face Zionward, the light has grown brighter, and I expect it to grow more and more unto the perfect day. Short-

ly after my conversion I removed to Newcastle, Penn., and became a member of the Church. My minister was a wise man, and not only instructed his people, but set them to work. I went into the choir, and took a class in the Sunday-school. After this he insisted on my becoming a class-leader, which position I continued to hold for five years, the class numbering sixty members. During most of this time I was also superintendent of the Sunday-school, and president of the Y. M. C. Association of my own town, in which capacity I for the first time met Mr. Moody.

### AN APT ILLUSTRATION.

I noticed, when once riding on the top of a stage-coach, that the driver, at certain points on the road, gave one of his forward horses a slight touch of his whip, and as the horses were going a fair pace, I asked him why he did it. He replied that that horse had been in the habit of starting and sheering at something seen or imagined at those places on the road, and a touch of the whip, just before arriving there, gave him something to think of, so that he passed by without noticing what had before started him.

And is it too much to believe that he who is conducting many sons and daughters to glory notices all the perilous points they pass, and, when the case requires it, diverts their thoughts and purposes from dangerous directions "by giving them such things to think of as will break the force of temptation, and secure them from wandering? A sad bereavement, a bitter disappointment, a serious illness, a pecuniary loss, as the hour of temptation is at hand, is the touch of the whip. It awakens serious thought. It drives the soul to prayer, dims the false brightness of things earthly, and gives fresh vividness and power to things heavenly and eternal; so that, under such spiritual influences, the points of danger are safely passed, and the rest of life's journey is traveled all the more safely, and the prospects of heaven are made all the brighter.

### PREACHERS.

Some points are well taken by Mr. Talmage in these remarks:—"The trouble begins in the theological seminaries. It is a shame that some provision is not made for aged ministers worn out in the service of God. But, in the lack of such provision, the theological seminaries are turned into hospitals for sick, aged and infirm ministers. When a man begins to go down they give him the title D. D., by way of restitution. If that fails, the tendency is to elect him a professor in a theological seminary. Not being able to preach himself, he is set to teach others how to preach. In some cases the poorest speaker in the faculty is made professor of education. We want men like Alexander, who could not only tell how to preach, but could go into the pulpit and with thunders of eloquence could show how. What would you think of a faculty of unsuccessful merchants to train young merchants? Some of these theological seminaries take a man and chip him, and square him, and mould him, and bore him, and twist him, until all the individuality is gone out of him, and he is only a poor copy of his teacher, who was elected because he could not preach. We want less dry wood in the theological seminaries, and more flaming evangelism. At the late General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States a clergyman, accustomed to preach to a congregation of 200 people in a room that would hold 1,500, was appointed to preach a sermon on 'How to reach the masses.'

Young ministers are told that they must preach Christ and Him crucified. Yes; but not as an abstraction. Many ministers preach it in such a way that a church of God will dwindle down to the sexton, who stays only because he is paid to look up. We want Christ and Him crucified, not as an abstraction. But as an omnipotent sympathy, a Christ who will help us in every domestic, social, financial, political and national struggle; Christ for the parlor,

the nursery, the kitchen, the barn, the street, the store, the bank, the factory, the Congressional assembly—Christ for every emergency and every perturbation.

Sometimes the real trouble begins in the home circles to which is the real child who ought to be consecrated to the ministry. John is a bright boy who is sharp at a bargain; he is a made merchant. George has remarkable cerebral development; make him a lawyer. Henry has a large growth of chest and a taste for military things; send him to West Point. William is fond of sketching ships; make him a shipbuilder. But Aleck, who is not very well, who has not a good digestion, who since the last melancholy time has had his spleen enlarged; he has a morbid way of looking at things. He will sit for an hour looking at one figure in the carpet. His language and manner are so mild and soft, so gentle, so effeminate, so heavenly, and he cries so easy. Make him a minister!

No, my friends, that is a great mistake. If you want to educate one of your sons for the Gospel ministry, take one of the brightest, wide-awake boys. There is tremendous work to do to prepare men for heaven. Ministerial laziness has cleared out many a church. Some ministers run from parlor to parlor under the plea of pastoral visits, and go gadding about their village or city. Others becloud their brains with cigars that smoke them up. Then, on Sunday morning, when they preach Christ and Him crucified, and it does not bring them a large audience, they write jeremiads for the religious newspapers about the decadence of church attendance.

### THE JEWS.

"The fate of the Jews would seem to have been inevitably to be absorbed into the mass of the various nations among whom they have been scattered, and whose policy was almost universally such as to crush them into indistinguishable union with themselves. The marvellous result is before us. They are dispersed throughout the world. Wherever commerce is, there are they. But wherever they are, they are unchanged; distinct from the people amongst whom they dwell. Persecution has not destroyed them; toleration, favor, have not melted down the sharp outlines of their character and race. Adversity, prosperity, have passed over them by turns, and alike left them what they were. And should it be in the counsels of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that the predictions of the prophets should be fulfilled literally, and should He summon His ancient people again to inhabit the Holy Land, there are millions who might obey the summons from every clime, from India and Asia, Europe and Africa, America and Australia, still a peculiar people, with the same creed, the same observances, the same hopes and fears, the same well-marked characteristics, with much learnt, perhaps, but nothing lost; who might again raise up a kingdom from Euphrates to the sea, and might again, if God vouchsafed his crowning blessing of belief in the one true Messiah, 'make Jerusalem a praise upon earth.' It is a marvellous phenomenon, and, on the ordinary principles of human action, inexplicable; but it is but the literal fulfillment of the prophecies uttered by Moses in Horeb more than 3,000 years ago, and echoed by seers of their own in after-ages in words of warning and promise. And they stand before us, this Jewish people, a living demonstration that the Divine prescience does predict and perform results which no human foresight could imagine and no human power could accomplish: a testimony which cannot be gainsaid to the sure word of prophecy, whereunto therefore we may, in all its other utterances, the more confidently 'give heed' to the certain revelations of the 'God of truth.'"—Sermon by the Bishop of London.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

NOVEMBER 27.

THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS.—Num. 21: 1-9.

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Because of the childish refusal of the King of Edom to let them pass through his country...

Their ingratitude and unbelief had less excuse than that of their fathers. They had experienced for nearly forty years the power and goodness of God...

2. "The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people." The country through which they were passing abounded in serpents...

The Lord sent fiery serpents, they bit the people, and much people of Israel died. No natural explanation is reconcilable with these statements...

3. Let us note that we are not told whether the serpents were removed; but the natural inference is that they were.

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4. Jesus Christ himself in one of his most blessed utterances shows us this (John 3: 15, 16).

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MEDICAL NOTES.

Says the Philadelphia Messenger: An old Methodist minister of culture and experience once remarked upon the folly of running up and down a dark room...

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These sources of the fund of the church are not to be neglected, and the amount of the fund must be sufficient to meet the needs of the church.

The services were held by these beloved ministers were, we doubt not, greatly appreciated by the large number of persons in attendance, and were accompanied by manifestly blessed results.

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success, as well as in Newfoundland, where his labors were marvellously blessed. In 1834 he passed to his bright reward. It will be felt that it will be fitting to take such advantage of this centennial, by a suitable commemoration, as will tend to remind us of what great things the Lord hath done for us during the past hundred years, and thereby to be stimulated to a fresh impulse of zeal in the work of the Lord.

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consideration. Mr. Coolidge, who accompanied the Rev. T. J. A. Coté to New York, in the interest of the mission work among the French-Canadians of New England, in his address before the Association, estimated their number at one hundred thousand. As an evidence of the success of the work already done, he stated that in Lowell, Mass. where there are twelve thousand French-Canadians, a self-supporting church of one thousand members, having a church property of ten thousand dollars, now existed with Mr. Coté for its pastor.

THE SALVATION ARMY. Opinions may differ, says The Foundation, as to many of the movements and actions of the body known as the "Salvation Army." Maybe those who judge them so harshly now may think differently twenty years hence.

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From the Wesleyan Conference Office, London, we have two little volumes which will soon find their way into our Sunday-schools.

METHODIST NOTES. Rev. R. Tweedie's present address is "Newcastle, Miramichi, N. B."

At the recent meeting of the Board of Missions in New York, Rev. John F. Goucher offered to pay the expenses of three married ordained missionaries, to act as teachers for a few hours a day, to Japan, and to pay \$600 per year toward the salary of each for five years.

The Swedish Lutherans in the United States are said to number 300 congregations, 150 pastors, and 70,000 attendants at different churches.

At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Luke's Church, Rev. F. R. Murray, of St. John's N. F., was unanimously selected as Rector, in place of the late Rev. John Abbott.

From Point de Bute the superintendent writes this week: "Yesterday's services mark a new feature in Methodism in this place. The vestry of our new church was opened for divine worship. Sermons were preached in the morning, by the Rev. Dr. Pickard, and in the afternoon by the Rev. C. H. Paisley, A. M., of Sackville.

The Methodist Church at Fredericton was re-opened for Divine worship on Sunday last. In the morning Rev. D. D. Currie, of St. John, preached from Deut. 32: 31; the evening sermon was by the pastor, Rev. E. Evans. At both services large congregations were present, as well as at the Lovefeast in the afternoon.

There were supposed to be at least one thousand passengers on the last Manitoba special, which left Ottawa on Tuesday.

Albert Greenwood, of Cape Negro, N.S., second mate of the brig Eugenie, when five days out from this port, slipped off the after house, through the rolling of the ship, and sank before assistance could reach him.

The Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick has granted licenses to the Rev. Joseph Frederick Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairville, and to the Rev. James Burns, pastor of Zion Church, Portland, to solemnize marriage under Act 43rd Vic. c. 16.

James Harris & Co., of St. John, are turning out at the rate of five platform cars for the Pacific Railway Syndicate every two days. The cars are boxed every two feet high, loaded with Spring Hill coal at the mine, and despatched to Brockville.

Dr. Wm. Fletcher, of the Government Geological Survey, was drowned at Margate, C.B., on the 12th inst., in attempting to cross the river at the Big Intervale, where the current proved too strong. Only last fall the deceased graduated at McGill College with high honors. He was only 24 years of age.

On Oct. 30th, a little girl, aged two years and five months, daughter of Mr. A. McGillivray, Rear South River, went out of the house unnoticed and no trace of her has been found. It is supposed that she strayed into a neighboring forest and perished there. - Antigonish Casket.

mission and general denominational work. The recommendation of the committee has yet to be ratified by the Conferences of the different Provinces.

The Jubilee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales was held in Manchester, from the 4th to the 10th of October, and in all respects was the largest and most influential gathering of that body ever held in Great Britain. The number of delegates in attendance was over 1600, and among these were representative men and leaders of the Congregationalists from all parts of the world.

The Light House at Cape Bear, P. E. I., goes into operation on the 26th inst.

A telephone line is being built from Bridgewater to Lunenburg.

Convictions under the Scott Act are still taking place in Charlottetown.

The Berthier and West Farnham beet root sugar factories—the first in Canada—have been opened for work.

The Messrs. Miller, of Millerton, Northumberland Co., have commenced the erection of a Bark Extract Factory at Weldford, Kent Co.

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Very early on Tuesday morning the steamer Hecate, from St. John's, N. B., for Portland, Me., with 1,000 tons of coal, came into collision with some twenty miles off Sambro with the brigantine Emma, from Philadelphia for this port. The crews were compelled to abandon them and risk their lives in open boats until picked up by the brig Henri Coipel, from Meteghan for Pictou, fortunately in the vicinity. A pilot boat brought them to the city.

The loss by fire at Woodstock on Friday morning last is estimated at \$75,000, on which are about \$60,000 insurance. Of the three conflagrations sustained by Woodstock, this turned out the greater number of families. It is supposed that incendiarism was the origin of the fire. About fifty residences were consumed, together with the Registry Office, St. Luke's church (now and in course of erection), and the Free Baptist church. The Mechanics' Institute took fire first, about 12.14, and while this and the two adjoining buildings were being destroyed, the people heard the alarm sounded for the northern part of the town, where, in the course of three or four hours, the principal destruction took place.

The loss in persons and property, apart from the buildings, will chiefly be from damage sustained in removal, as generally speaking, the household goods were saved from fire. And we are glad to believe that no persons and injury was sustained by any one.

By the explosion of gas in a sulphur mine at Jesocurgo, Italy, 40 persons were killed and 41 injured.

The 24th inst., has been designated as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer in the United States.

The captain and thirty-passengers and the crew of the Dutch steamer Konig der Nederland, which foudered in the Indian Ocean, have landed at Aden.

Diphtheria, small pox and scarlet fever are devastating parts of Russia. The severity of the disease exceeds anything heretofore known.

An incendiary fire at Orchard Beach, Me., at midnight on the 10th inst., burned six hotels. Total loss, \$70,000; insurance \$61,000.

Gambetta has announced to President Grey the definite formation of the French Cabinet. Gambetta will himself take the portfolio of foreign affairs.

The French expedition south will be gone two months. After this only 15,000 men are to remain in Tunis, when a local mixed army will then be organized.

Many English landed proprietors are making large rent deductions. It is estimated that the average reduction on new lettings in England is fifty per cent.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a letter from the Secretary of the Protestant Educational Institute, says the Government have not sent a mission to the Vatican.

A despatch from Boston says the full bench of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts has endorsed Chief Justice Gray's decision against the admission of women to the Bar.

In the Star Route case, Judge Cox has given a decision that the accused should have been proceeded against by indictments, and ordered the discharge of the defendants.

The American flag was carried in the Lord Mayor's procession last week in London and saluted. It is understood that the American Legation will take an early opportunity to thank the Government for the salute.

A communication has been sent by the English Home Secretary to the colony managers throughout the country, prohibiting blasting in future at heavy mines, except when the colliers are away from the workings.

CORRESPONDENCE

PORT HOOD, C. B. MISSION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I have been intending for some time to send you a few items from this field of labor, to let you know how the work of God is prospering here, and also to say a few words about Cape Breton generally. Lack of time and other causes have prevented my doing so before.

This is the only Methodist mission on the Western side of the island, and includes two stations, Port Hood and N. E. Margaree, distant from each other fifty miles. I spend half my time at each of these places. The majority of the Protestant part of the population are of Scotch descent, and among these, as has been the case elsewhere, Methodism has not spread very extensively. Our membership is small, but slowly increasing. Since I came to this place we have had no extensive revival of religion, but a number have been brought under deep conviction of sin, and five or six at least have given their hearts to Jesus. Thank God, our labors have not been in vain, even this far. One soul won for the Master would repay the toil of a lifetime.

By the friends on all parts of this mission, I have ever been treated with the greatest kindness. My lot has never been cast among a more kind-hearted people. I cannot refrain from taking this opportunity of acknowledging my very great indebtedness to some of them. Mrs. John Smith, who has made her home my home while on this part of the field, with her sons and other relatives settled around her on Port Hood Island, have done all in their power to make my stay here pleasant and successful. They will not lose their reward. At the house of Mr. David Ross, where I have spent so much time while in Margaree, I have also received peculiar attention. His kind-hearted step-mother, notwithstanding her own ailments, has with the past few weeks nursed both my sister and myself through a short season of illness. May God bless both them and theirs! The names of these friends will be very familiar to many of the brethren who have labored here, and partaken of their hospitality.

And now, Mr. Editor, may I be permitted to take up a little more of your valuable space to say a few words about this beautiful island of Cape Breton? Some, even ironically, when I see the adjective "beautiful" to describe the scenery of Cape Breton. Let such come here, and drive over the roads, and through the scenes where I have to drive so often, and I assure them that mere "beautiful" will not be sufficiently strong to express their admiration, but "grand," "magnificent," will burst from their lips, as they so often have from mine. Such is the character of much of the scenery—grandly beautiful.

But not only in regard to the scenery of Cape Breton was I agreeably surprised on coming here and becoming somewhat acquainted with the country, but also in regard to its natural and to a very great extent, undeveloped wealth. This natural wealth is of three kinds.—1st, its fisheries, in coast waters, river and lake. 2nd, its rich farming lands, than which I am safe in saying, there are no better in the Maritime Provinces. And 3d, its mineral wealth. In addition to coal, &c. there are many indications of rich deposits of gold, copper, and other metals. The discovery of oil at Lake Ainslie and other places has caused considerable excitement during the past year or two. Already large sums of money have been expended by American capitalists; wells have been sunk, and general preparations made for carrying on their work. That oil is there, and that of very superior quality, is beyond doubt; the only question now is whether or not it can be obtained in sufficient quantities to pay.

When the opening up of this, or some other industry, shall have led some railway company to consider the extension of the line from the Strait of Canso through the island a paying speculation, and the facilities for traveling shall have thus become such as to invite the general public to visit the place, Cape Breton will be found to be one of the most important places in the Lower Provinces. I believe that for this to be accomplished is a very many years in the future—never utopian the idea may seem to any at the present time.

If these few lines, written by a comparative stranger, shall succeed in any degree in drawing attention to the beauty and importance of Cape Breton, my object will be accomplished.

WM. A. OUTERBRIDGE.  
Port Hood Island,  
Nov. 17th 1881.

FROM THE WESTERN STATES.

REV. M. ATKINSON.  
Some weeks ago I wrote you. If pleasing to you, I will give your readers another short letter. A boy with a new whistle could not be better pleased than I when I had bought my ticket at St. John, N. B., for Hutchinson, Kansas, a point two hundred and twenty miles west of Kansas City, Mo., on the Atkinson, Topka and Santa Fe Railroad. In this happy state of mind, off I went and soon found the end of this lengthy car drive. With the exception of a call at Boston to see friends, I hurried through without a moment's delay.

I had my papers for an appointment as Methodist minister in charge of Sun City circuit, an appointment in the South Kansas Conference, before leaving home, but as my Presiding Elder

lived only ten miles from where I left the train, I went to see him before taking my seventy-five miles back ride to the beautiful city of the Sun. I reached my good brother's place just in time to share an excellent dinner. Having, however, arrived one day later than I was expected, I did not get a piece of the wild goose that was prepared especially for the stranger. Behind time, as my friends say I often am, I missed this feast of fat things; but was not late to a tooth receive as a present a quill for a tooth pick from one of the bird's wings. I greatly enjoyed my twenty-four hours' visit here, and have reason to think that the elder and his family enjoyed it also. We had a good, interesting, pleasant and profitable chat, a wild goose hunt, and time to do a little work on the farm, and I am sure that "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," was not neglected.

Our goose hunt was along the great Arkansas River. How surprisingly thick the geese were! Before leaving home I sold my gun, as it would be something difficult to carry, and I thought perhaps game would be scarce out West. In this I made a great mistake. How I wished for my gun that afternoon as the air over head was almost darkened with geese. My companion in this goose hunt although the "Fox" did not seem to be successful this time.

"The shades of night" came down upon the broad and extensive prairie and we took the hint that that we had better leave our "wild goose chase," and hurry home. Next morning we looked about the farm yard. My brother had fought in the civil war to uphold the "Stars and Stripes," so the Government gave him, with many others, a "soldier's claim." He was living on this claim at this time. We made a sled by rounding off one end of a piece of board into something like sled runner shape; bored a hole in this rounded end, put a piece of rope through, tied it, and then we had a sled. Of course the next thing was to use it. We hauled tough and dry sods, that we cut with a spade, to shingle a corn crib, to make the roof tight and good for winter, which was then just at the door. As we cannot stop to explain this matter to your readers, we will leave them to guess how we would appear at this work.

After our sledding and shingling was done, we started for a quarterly meeting. At this meeting I got a sort of initiation into the work. When we had finished there, I had a better idea than ever before of a Methodist minister's work in Kansas. I gathered all the information that I could about my field of labor, and started for it greatly refreshed with what seemed a rest after my long car ride. We had four different teams on the way, but the same old hack, save for the last few miles. We started about 10 a. m., and at midnight, after many turns, crooks and a vast amount of shaking over rolling prairies, and through rivers, creeks and sloughs—for a bridge is a great stranger on this road—I was tumbled off the back at the door of a little frontier hotel. Chilled almost through with the wind of a Kansas winter night, I entered this little place, which was filled to overflowing with the fumes of tobacco and whiskey, and remarkable for drunkenness and rowdiness. Border ruffianism doubtless frequented it before they went farther westward. It is well if some of them do not linger about here still. Genuine good, either by precept or example, is quite a stranger about this building, and not very generally much better known in any part of this little frontier town of Medicine Lodge, situated in South Central Kansas, and about fifteen miles north of the Indian Territory. When we entered this hotel all was dark and the fire out, and we crawled into bed with the landlord, our teeth chattering with the cold. What a shivering time we had that night! We had started for the "sun-ny south" and warm weather, but were conscious of stern disappointment. We found this country, however, warm enough in July, and even in winter some days were warm, some days extremely cold. Upon the whole the winter was good.

The morning came and we were still alive and well, ready for another shaking over the rough country as soon as breakfast was over. Anxious looks were cast for the end of the journey. On our way to this bright city we had to pass through Lake City. As I had a letter of introduction to the leading man in Lake City, I made particular enquiry about the part of the city in which he lived. I was told that I could not miss him, as he lived on Main St., and I would pass directly by his door. I had no trouble in finding the city and the man I wished to see. I used to tell you a little about this city. It consisted of this Mr. Lake's house and at once combined, two other dwelling houses, a church and school house in one building, a blacksmith's shop and a tavern. There was of course a post office here, and a post office often means a city in the West. "New owners," ambitious to be as great as those of a neighboring town, start out to have a city. They select a name and begin a city, but for some cause or another it does not grow into a city. It retains the name however. From what one hears and reads of western towns one sometimes would think they were large and prosperous, but when visited they appear very different. I do not wish at the same time to say that there are no large towns and even cities in the west, for some are large and display much enterprise, wealth, refinement and taste.

To return, we called on Mr. Lake, presented our letter of introduction, received pleasant looks, kind and encouraging words, and indeed a warm reception; and passed on, promising to

BREVITIES

Ordinarily we know from what country some people come by the language they use; but in the case of the swearer it is different. He needs the language of the country to which he is going. There were 3880 business failures in the U. S. for the nine months ending Sept. 30th. Let every young man who starts out in life to make a fortune remember that every one does not succeed.

A German complaining of the overshadowing influence of militarism: "See the effect on our children; if we have handsome, well-made boys they join the military; if girls, the military join them.—Frankfurter Zeitung.

Mr. E. A. Freeman says that the only word he has heard since coming to New England which was at all unintelligible to him, is the word "rare" as applied to meat not sufficiently cooked. On speaking of it, a Bostonian convinced him that it had the excellent authority of Dryden.

Catherine II. of Russia wrote to Baron Grimm to be sparing in his flattery. "Praise," she declared, "has never done me any good. But whenever people have spoken ill of me, then with a noble assurance, I have sometimes said to myself: 'I will be revenged upon them; I will show them what liars they are.'"

"Not one of the transmitted wrongs, physical or mental, is more certainly passed on to the yet unborn than the wrongs which are inflicted by alcohol. We, therefore, who live to reform the present age in this respect, are stretching forth our powers to the next, to purify it and to lead toward that millennial happiness and blessedness which in the fulness of time shall visit even the earth, making it a garden of human delight, a paradise regained."—Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S.

Mr. Edward Miller, writing to Church Bells, "thinks that the distinction between 'S' and 'St' is perfectly clear. 'S' is the abbreviation for the Latin 'Sanctus'; 'St.' for the English word 'Saint.' Therefore, to insert 'St.' in the midst of a Latin sentence would be incorrect; and to use 'S' with English words is simply pedantic. There is a similar difference between 'A. M.' and 'M. A.' The former is short for 'Artium Magister,' the latter for 'Master of Arts.'"

Miss Phelps, in her story, "Friends; a Duet," recently published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, expresses frankly and clearly the opinion that a man and woman with favourable circumstances can not perpetuate a rational friendship without contemplating or perpetrating a marriage engagement. She vigorously discourages the Platonic affection theory, and places marriage as a "consummation" confidently to be expected whether it is "devoutly to be wished" or not. Charles Reade more explicitly put forward the same idea years ago.

RIVER PHILIP.

On the evening of the 7th inst., in company with several friends, it was my privilege to visit Bro. Morton of the River Philip circuit. We found him comfortably and gladly settled in his new home. Near the spot where stood the old parsonage, for so many years affording shelter and comfort to faithful itinerants, rises in beautiful proportions the new one. Inside and out it is beautiful in design, excellent in construction and plain yet beautiful in finish. Neat, commodious and comfortable, it is a great credit to the circuit, a source of gratification to the minister and family, and will be one of the attractions of the circuit. We were extremely glad to learn that through the liberality and self-denying efforts of the people it is almost free from debt.

On the evening above mentioned many of the friends from all parts of the circuit had gathered in to welcome their pastor and family to their new home and to show them that their hearts were with them in their joys and labours. The evening passed away very pleasantly. Evening music, social intercourse and devotional exercises formed the order of the occasion to the gratification of all present.

On passing from room to room our attention was directed to various and valuable articles of furniture and other things presented during the evening. Among the many we noticed a very excellent study chair that would be gladly received by any student or clergyman, presented by Mr. Harvey Treen, of Oxford. We also learned that \$20 in cash was then contributed toward further furnishing of parsonage. We were glad to find Bro. M. and family well and happy in their work. From what we saw and heard we judge also that he enjoys the fairest confidence of his people, and that his pulpit efforts and pastoral oversight are highly appreciated by a godly and happy and prosperous people.

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