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GIVE THE MESSENGER AND VISITOR ONE DAY.—Who of our pastors and subscribers will give one day to canvassing for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR? Help us, brethren, just now.

—AN EXCUS—A brother writes, "Mr. — wishes his paper discontinued. He cannot be persuaded to take it any longer—pays six or eight dollars a year for tobacco." This friend has deliberately decided to choose his selfish and harmful indulgence, and rule out an influence which might be of untold good to his family, if not to himself. He has incurred a very serious responsibility. If the question had been submitted to the Master for decision he would never have done this. How can men answer for it, when they hold to indulgences of this kind, which are bad under any circumstances, and reject from their families one of the strongest helps to good morals and to the faith that saves. We hope no one else will follow this lamentable example.

—HALIFAX CORRESPONDENT.—Beginning with this week, we hope to have a regular correspondence from Halifax every fortnight. For several months past, very little has come to hand from this centre of interest, through the ordinary channels. We hope still to receive fugitive communications thence; but there will be something to depend upon. We hoped this may be satisfactory to the brethren in Halifax, and make the MESSENGER AND VISITOR more interesting to all.

—APPRECIATION.—We could fill columns with the kind words of appreciation that keep coming to us almost every day. We have never published extracts from letters of this kind, so far as we remember. The reason is not that they do not help and cheer us; but because it did not appear justly to us that we should do so. One of the best evidences that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is enjoyed by its readers is seen in the fact that its list of subscribers has increased fifty per cent the last two years, although the times have been exceptionally hard. Another encouraging feature is that very few discontinue after once taking the paper. For all kind words we return our sincere thanks. For the help of our pastors and many esteemed brethren who have sought to get the paper into all our families, we are very grateful. Words of commendation from the pulpit, and personal effort to secure subscribers, explain much of the success achieved, and the place the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is winning in the esteem of the people. Most of all we would not forget that many are taking the paper to God in prayer for his blessing. We rejoice to believe we can say, without presumption, "it is the Lord's doing." May he give more grace to the editor, and send the paper to help on his work in all the spheres of life and all the activities it touches.

—WEALTHY BAPTIST.—Mr. J. A. Bostwick, of New York, is said to be the wealthiest Baptist of America, if not of the world. He is put down as worth at least \$40,000,000. He is a member of Dr. Armitage's church.

—CALVINISM.—Some of our Methodist exchanges have been discussing Calvinism. Many uncompromising references have been made to this bed-rock doctrine. It has been said that the New Theology is but a reaction from the logical conclusions to which this doctrine commits its adherents. A Prof. Seldon, however, takes his brethren to task for their shallow criticisms of Calvinism. He decries that it tends to render efforts for the salvation of souls less earnest, or makes people less interested in the fate of the heathen. This is all very true, and more might be said in the same line. It is a fact that modern missions had their origin in a denomination which held this doctrine. It is equally true that, for a long time, Arminians as well as Calvinists were very sluggish in their efforts to save the lost in darkened lands. In all the great enterprises of the Christian world to-day, those who hold to this doctrine take a leading part. It surely will not render a man less, but more energetic, to feel that there is a triumphant purpose of God to be attained, and that he labors for an un-happy result.

—IS IT GENERAL?—We have the most reliable information that a minister of a Methodist church has been preaching up the doctrine that the church is not to be a place for saved people only; but that all are to be welcomed who have any desire to be saved. As a corollary of this teaching, baptism is to be given to adults who do not profess to have believed. We are aware that the original Methodist societies were framed with no other condition of membership than a "desire to flee from the wrath to come"; but we supposed that the Methodist churches of to-day were differently constituted. It is true, also, that in-

fants, by virtue of their baptism, are considered members in some sort, but to receive to full membership those who do not profess to have accepted Christ as Saviour, and thus recognize them as the members of his body, while still not his subjects, is a belief and practice we had hoped the generality of Methodists had outgrown. However, the seed of all this mischief is in the infant baptism, by which the unregenerate are introduced into the church, to remain there, unless out-breaking sin makes their lives a disgrace. Were it not for this unscriptural practice, it is doubtful whether any would have conceived the doctrine that a man who has no life from Christ is to be welcomed to a place in his visible body.

—AS USUAL.—Henry Ward Beecher is terribly distressed at the cruelty with which the sects, which he numbers at seventy, are attacking each other. He pitches into them without mercy, and shows a spirit more bitter than the one he so wretchedly condemns. It is hinted that Mr. Beecher has not been very kindly treated by the orthodox across the water during his late tour. If one person abuses another, we should be careful how we abuse him for it. How few preach what they practice, and fewer still practice what they preach.—*Gen. Baptist.*

This is very common inconsistency. Who is there that has not heard men scolding other people like fish women at Billingsgate, for their lack of kindly Christian charity? Those who talk most of union are often most determined to have no union except on their own terms, and those who claim to be the most liberal are often the very men who will not allow others the right of private judgment.

—KIND.—The editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR has received an elegant Christmas present from the subscribers at Spring Hill, Camb. Co., N. S. He wishes to express his heartfelt appreciation of the thoughtful kindness which prompted these dear friends to send it.

—MISLAID.—Some time since we received a series of questions from a brother. We were unable to give attention to them at the time, and now we find that they are mislaid, and we are not sure of the name of the brother sending them. Will he kindly repeat the questions, and they shall receive attention?

—INDEPENDENT SABBATH SCHOOLS.—"Sabbath School Worker" has sent us another communication. We should be glad to publish it, if we thought it would serve any good purpose. We fear, however, that there will be no place where the discussion could more easily and profitably end than at the present stage. Our brother has had considerable more space than we have taken, and the one whose views have been criticised has the privilege of the last word. It is just to our brother, however, to give the following extract from his communication, which explains itself:

I have to say, in reply to your last, that you labor under a little misapprehension in reference to the principal point raised by me in my first letter. I did not say, neither did I attempt to prove, in that letter, which plan of conducting a Sunday school was the best. That was not the point; but the point I raised was that a Sunday school operated on the independent plan might be run as successfully as one managed in connection with the church, and that such Sunday school did not occupy an anomalous and unfortunate position, simply because it was managed independently of the church.

—ENTHUSIASTIC.—We fell in with a student on his way home from Acadia college, to spend the Christmas holidays. We enquired about the state of things at the college, and the glowing account he gave of the work of the last term and of the advantages to be had there, was good to hear. He said that Dr. Sawyer commended the students in high terms, for their good behavior and for the diligence with which they have studied, during the year, thus far. All our readers will be glad to hear that the work of our college is going on so well. Oh for the means to make her, in still greater measure, what the times demand! You that have thousands, ask the Master if he does not desire you to leave the mark of your lives upon the future, by helping to make Acadia the greatest power for good possible to the generation to come.

—THE THEATRICAL TO-DAY.—D. W. Howell, the distinguished American novelist, who no doubt possesses wherever he farms, the talent of a man of letters, has recently put into the mouth of one of his characters, in the serial being published in the *Century*, this characterization of the modern theatre:

"About three weeks ago, at the theatre, there was one of those pieces on which makes you despair of the stage. A farrow of indecently amusing innuendoes and laughably vile situations, such as, if they were put into a book, would prevent its being sent through the mails. The theatre, apparently, can still be an filthy suggestion as it was at the restoration, and not shock its audiences. There were all sorts of people there that night; young girls, who had come with young men for an evening's polite amusement; families, middle-aged husbands and

wives; respectable-looking single women and average bachelors. I don't think an ordinary theatrical audience is of a high grade intellectually; it's third or fourth rate. . . . All the people were nicely dressed, and they sat before that nasty scene . . . and listened with as smooth self-satisfaction as if they were not responsible for it. But all at once it occurred to me that they were responsible, every one of them—as responsible as the players—as the author himself."

This is said of the high class theatre, so called, in praise of the purity of which a good deal is said. Those who wish their children to grow up pure minded, had better keep them as far as possible from all the places of resort of this kind. Children would not be sent to a district where there was danger of small-pox, because they might escape infection; but be kept away, because they might take it: ought not all to act with the same prudence about the moral nature which is immeasurably more worth than the body?

—DEAD THINGS THAT DON'T DIE.—The *Christian Index* is disgusted with the statements so often heard about the dying condition of Christianity and much of that which has been its strength, and speaks plainly:

The other day we heard that Calvinism was dead; then that non-rationalistic service in churches was dying or dead; then that the old theology was dead; then that Protestantism was dead; then that Christianity itself was dead; and having heard all this we concluded that those who are regardless of truth in their statements are not dead.

The truth is, in all statements of this kind, the wish is the father to the thought.

—RESOLUTION OF CORDELIO.—We have received a resolution of condolence presented by Harcourt Division, Sons of Temperance, to the family of Mrs. Joseph Stephens, of Weldford, Kent Co., N. S., lately deceased. Tender reference is made to her high Christian principles and her many amiable qualities.

—THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET.—The article which lately appeared in the *Canadian Baptist*, in reply to the unfavorable comments of *The Week* on the decision of the Ontario Baptists to ask university powers for Woodstock college, has called forth unfavorable remark. The *Baptist* responds by throwing down a challenge to discuss the following propositions:

First: The State transcends its legitimate functions, and wrongfully uses the money which belongs to the whole people for the purposes of a class, when it appropriates public funds for the support of colleges and teaching universities.

Second: It is, from the very nature of the case, impossible for any State Government to conduct such institutions in the most economical and efficient manner, or to surround them with such moral influences and safeguards as are essential to the highest well-being of the students who enter them.

We believe these propositions cannot be successfully attacked. They embody the fundamental questions in the whole controversy of denominational versus State universities. We are never safer than when we plant our feet firmly on bottom principles. The discussion of these propositions would be of general interest to the Baptists of the Dominion.

Programme for Week of Prayer.

Sunday, January 2: Sermon.—Monday, January 3: Praise.—Long-suffering grace of God; for many tokens of the mighty working of the Holy Ghost; for new openings for the spread of the Gospel in many lands.

Tuesday, January 4: Humiliation.—Intemperance, licentiousness, and all immorality; for the formalism of many, and the cold indifference of others.

Wednesday, January 5: Prayer for the Church.—That the people of God may know their high calling and responsibility; that grace may be given to all pastors, teachers, and preachers; to proclaim the Word in its simplicity and fulness.

Thursday, January 6: Prayer for Families.—That the young may be early drawn to Christ and kept from the evil that is in the world; blessing of God may rest on all universities, colleges, and schools; better observations of the Lord's Day.

Friday, January 7: Prayer for Missions.—That the Church of Christ may recognize the glory of the commission to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and may feel a privilege to make sacrifices that it may be fulfilled. That far greater zeal for the Divine glory, and far more purity for the perishing, may be imparted by the Holy Ghost to all the people of God.

Saturday, January 8: Prayer for Nations.—For the suppression of the opium, the liquor, and all other immoral traffic. For the blessing of God to rest upon all efforts to remove the curse of intemperance.

Sunday, January 9: Sermon.—(We hope the Spirit's power may be felt by all who gather together to pray, and that the week of prayer may be the beginning of revival and ingathering, in many of our churches.)

Home in our Father's House.

BY REV. NEWMAN HALL, D. D.

Afflicted believers, your sorrows are only for a little season; your weeping is for a brief night; joy cometh in the morning, the morning of an everlasting day. A Christian's trials are but the discomforts of a journey, each stage of which, however rough the road and wild the weather, brings him nearer the home of his heart. The darkness is only that of the tunnel through which we are hurrying at express speed. The speck of light at the end is nearing and brightening as we speed onward to the sunshine of eternal day.

Our Lord allayed the heart trouble of his disciples by assuring them that in his Father's house were many mansions, and that the parting which caused them sorrow was for their good; that though he was going from them, it was to prepare a place for them, and that he would surely return to receive them to himself, that they might abide with him for ever.

Our Lord speaks of heaven as home. "My Father's house." What a contrast to the gorgeous imagery employed by servants of the child. Inspired men are overawed by the celestial vision of the paradise of God, the distant city, Jerusalem, with its pearly gates and streets of gold. It is as if a poor cottage, after visiting a royal palace, tried to describe the unimagined splendors of a place which members of the royal family simply knew as home. How in harmony with the high claims of deity asserted by and for him! The disciples were not to be troubled on his account. Although being troubled, condemned, crucified, he was going home. "Let not your heart be troubled." And because of their intimate union, they were not to be troubled for themselves.

If heaven is Christ's home it is ours also. He is our Elder Brother. "He is not ashamed to call us brethren." He said, "I ascended with my Father and your Father." We are "joint heirs with Jesus Christ." His Father's home is ours also. What hallowed associations are suggested by the word! All these are many exceptions caused by very extreme poverty, and still more by sin. Yet it is true of most persons of all conditions that, whatever scenes of grandeur they may visit, they feel, "There's no place like home." Not the outward investiture, but the indwelling light and the pervading atmosphere of affection render the humble dwelling equally with the grandest mansion, home. Love makes home.

Home promises rest. The weary limbs or wearied brain repose after the days toil. See, amid the multiplied cares and labors of the present life, we look forward to the rest that remaineth for the children of God. There will be occupation, but no painful toil. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors."

Home suggests fidelity. There is no true home without it. We may suspect deceit and treachery outside, but we can cast off all reserve, all distrust, at home. Home suggests sympathy. There may be coldness outside, no interest in what deeply concerns us, no response to our warmest feelings; but at home we are always sure of a listening ear, a kindling eye, a responsive hand-grasp, a heart-expressive kiss. There may be curiosity outside, openly avowed or suspiciously concealed; and even friends may sometimes prove forgetful, selfish and unkind. But home, true home, is the palace of love.

"Where have ye each other sure." But the purest and brightest of earthly homes are but faint types of the home above. There every heart is wholly true to every other, every thought true to God. No suspicion lurks here, no envy at other's gifts, no cherished ill-will, no antipathy, no mere calculating selfishness, but true, hearty, genuine, expressive, warmly manifested love. What a heaven this world hints true intercourse among Christians "will have been left behind." "We shall all be changed" in this respect and the unloveliness which more or less cling to believers and interfere with fellowship there will disappear, when the bride of Christ will be "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

Oh, the rapture of meeting again and being forever at home with the dear ones we have loved on earth, all made perfect in the presence of the elder brother, whose likeness all will bear! Oh, the bliss of holiest, deepest constant sympathy with Christ himself, and so being in the fullest sense "at home" in heaven! There by grace alone and yet by covenant right; not strangers, nor visitors, not mere residents, but children at their Father's, having "a right to the tree of life"; penetrating every recess of that paradise, entering every chamber of that place, and feeling, "It is all mine, because it is all his, and I am his!"

It is a permanent home. There are mansions yonder, abiding places, not movable tents, but a fixed, enduring habitation. We know that when this earthly tabernacle

is dissolved, we have a building of God. How unlike the uncertainty and perishableness of earthly things! The lake, so calm reflecting from its unrippled surface the sky and stars, may, in one short hour, be wild with storms. The stream which reflects or, suddenly, becomes dry. The fairest flowers droop and die even as we gaze on them. The loveliest and most loving homes are quickly broken up. No locks and bolts can shut out sickness, sorrow and death. But as the home above is everlasting, so its pleasures are for evermore. The sunshine will never be overcast by one fleeting thought of change or death.

And there is abundance of supply. There are "many mansions." The Jewish temple was a place not merely for worship but for residence, and had around it courts a variety of chambers for priests of various degrees. So the heavenly Jerusalem has habitations for all whom Jesus consecrates "kings and priests unto God," and these consist of all who are washed from their sins by his blood. The Father's house is large enough for all his children.

The preparation is vast as the heart of God. Holy angels are there, and saints of all ages, "a great multitude whom no man can number, out of all kindreds and tribes and peoples." But still there is room. The Father is bringing not a few but "many sons unto glory." There are multitudes unknown to men, but known to God, who have not bowed their knees unto Baal. Heathen nations are pressing into kingdom, and the day is not far distant when all shall know the Saviour from the least to the greatest. There is room for them all. There is room for us. There is room for every mourner; "Let not your heart be troubled." Number implies variety. The mansions are not of uniform size and arrangement, though all are perfect in beauty. They are fitted and prepared for dwellers of varied capacity and degree. Mansions for children and for young men, for the weak and the strong, for babes in Christ and for those of full age. None need fear that because they are inferior to others there will be no place for them above. There will be no seclusion of classes, no barriers of separation, but there will be variety of degrees of glory, suited to the meanness for the inheritance, and thus the very lowest in attainment if a sincere believer in Christ, may be sure of a home among the many mansions. There is no fit place in hell for any soul in which there is sincere penitence for sin and trust in the Saviour. Timid, doubting, sorrowing one, let not your heart be troubled. Those gates shall open for you. Those streets shall be trodden by you. You shall drink of the river, clear as crystal, and you shall eat of the Tree of Life, and find a home in the many mansions of our Father's house.—*The Advance.*

Soul Restoration.

A man upon the way having accidentally lost his purse, is questioned by his friend where he had it last. "O," he said, "I am confident that I drew it out of my pocket when I was in such a town, at such an inn." "Why then," said the other "there is no better way to have it again than by going back to the place where you last had it." This is the case of many in these loose, unsettled times. They have lost their love for Christ and his truth since there corn and wine and oil have since increased; outward things are in abundance added unto them they have slighted the light of God's countenance. When they were poor and asked of all worldly goods, they then sought God's face both early and late, and nothing was more dear unto them than the truth of Christ. What, then, is to be done to recover the lost love for Christ? Back again, back again, directly where you last had it! Back to the sign of the broken heart. There it was that you drew it out into good words and better works; and though this love be since lost in the crowd of worldly employments, there and nowhere else you shall be sure to find it again.—*Dr. Spencer.*

A lily grows mysteriously, pushing up its solid weight of stem and leaf in the teeth of gravity. Shaped in beauty by invisible fingers, the flower develops we know not how. But we do not wonder at it. Every day the thing is done; it is nature; it is God. We are spiritual enough at least to understand that. But when the soul rises slowly above the world, pushing up its delicate virtues in the teeth of sin, shaping itself mysteriously in the image of Christ, we deny that the power is not of man. A strong will, we say, a high ideal, the reward of virtue, Christian influence this will not account for it. We allow a miracle to the lily, but none to the man. But mysteriousness is the test of spiritual growth. It was Christ's test: "The wind bloweth where it listeth; thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh nor whither it goeth. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.—*Drummond.*

"My Finger Marks"

We were struck by a thought of Elisha Burritt's, that thousands of our fellow-creatures will probably never carry with them the finger marks of his hand, which have carried thither had not never lived. "The sunlight of the world," says he, "will reveal my finger-marks in their primary formations and in their successive strain of life and thought." A pair of women believed they had gained sixty miles in one day in their course, but it was proved by observation that they had lost more than thirty; the ship had been urged forward by the wind, but driven back by an under-current. How many under-currents of trivial actions or even looks and manners, influence scarcely heeded, may be hindering the Christian progress of others! But, on the other hand, how many an example that seems itself unnoticed has been honored by the Master as the means of doing immortal work for him! Our concern must be present fidelity to God, leaving all consequences with him; the Evil One is ever ready to use the frailties of professed Christians as instruments of harm—may we not believe that every true, loyal, loving life is so employed by the all-seeing Christ as to move the waters of the River of Life to the healing and comfort of many?

Angell James, a mighty instrument in the conversion and building up of souls, traced his solemn impressions to the consistent life of a lad with whom he was thrown into companionship. They shared the same bedroom, and he became powerfully influenced by the regularity with which his friend went to pray and read the Bible. That boy, leading his quiet Christian life, little dreamed that he was stirring thoughts and feelings that would inspire congregations at home and abroad, for the writings of Angell James are dear to countless hearts. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things," whispers the Master; he will take care that this faithful servant is made ruler over many things, setting in motion, though perhaps unconsciously, even "the fountains at which God's angels drink."—*The Quaker.*

That, That, and the Other.

A home missionary was asked the cause of his poverty. "Principally," said he, "with a twinkle in his eye, 'because I have so often preached without notes.'"

—Some one intending a rebuke to Mr. Spurgeon's hyper-Calvinism, asked him, "Do you ever preach to sinners at all?" and received for answer, "Yes; you must come along to the Tabernacle and you shall hear me preach to one!"

A traveller in India writes that he has seen at a bazaar a devotee who has lain sixteen years on a bed of nails. His body was full of sores. Another aspiring saint was holding a flower-pot at arm's length, and had held it in that position for five years. A third stood with his arm uplifted, and without power to move a muscle, and lay appearing apparently stiff, and the long finger-nails growing into the wrists.—*London Baptist.*

—The more perfect the sight is, the more delightful the beautiful object. The more perfect a appetite, the sweeter the food. The more musical the ear, the more pleasant the melody. The more perfect the soul, the more joyous the joys of heaven, and the more glorious to us that glory.—*Richard Baxter.*

—He whose chief anxiety is to reach heaven, is not worth much for practical service here on earth. And he who is not fit for any place on earth, is certainly not fitted to enter heaven. The way to get ready for heaven, is to fill one's place here on earth. He who is in the loving service of Jesus will be ready to stay on earth or to go to heaven, just as Jesus thinks best.—*S. S. Times.*

—The infinite goodness of God bestows more mercies upon us in the method of prevention, than of answer to particular prayers. We enjoy most things before we ask, and often more excellent in kind, and more abundant in measure than we ask.—*Samuel Lee.*

—Our goodness is not a fruit of the love of Christ. Sweetness, gentleness, and pity are the qualities with which He endows His disciples. It is imperfect virtue which is sour, severe, and implacable. Perfect virtue is meek, affable and compassionate. It thinks of nothing but doing good, of "bearing one another's burdens." There is an acidity in pure Christ-love.—*Zion's Herald.*

A convention of the Universalist churches of the United States was recently held at Akron, Ohio, and reports there presented show that there are 900 Universalist churches in this country, with 35,214 members, and property worth 7,000,000. —Haracok, the German critic, says that explorations among the tombs and catacombs of Rome have proved not only that there were Christians in the Imperial Palace before the end of the first century, a fact known to Paul; but that members of the Imperial Family were Christians.

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Sabbath School.

BIBLE LE SONS.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT—GENESIS.

First Quarter.

Lesson 11. Gen. 3: 1-10, 17-19.

SIN AND DEATH.

GOLDEN TEXT.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin—Rom. 5: 12.

The remainder of the chapter after our last lesson describes the Garden of Eden, the naming of the animals, and the formation of woman.

18. Thorns... and thistles shall it bring forth to thee. In the wild lands outside of the rich and fruitful garden...

19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread. He should gain his livelihood only by hard work.

20. The serpent is not a merely symbolical term applied to Satan...

21. THE TEMPTATION. Now the serpent, tempted by Satan to be the instrument of his temptation...

22. THE TEMPTATION. Now he said. Really, Satan said it through, or apparently through, the serpent...

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He handed her a little white paper package, a small, square box; the string was tied several times in knots, but fortunately they were bow knots, and Sophie's fingers soon untied them.

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1886.

There is reason to be grateful that the year just closing has been one of peace. Great Britain has had some heavy skirmishing in holding the domain so easily taken from Thebaw, and there have been a few encounters with the Arabs in Egypt.

Great Britain has been in the throes of a political revolution. At the beginning of the year, Salisbury was Premier, largely by the suffrage of the Liberals. The Conservatives were soon overthrown, how ever, and Gladstone resumed the reins of government.

The last year of our denominational history has been a successful one, so far as regards having been a success. It is to be feared, however, that there is a diseased state of the general religious life which must, sooner or later, reveal itself in unfruitfulness and barrenness.

In the financial world, the outlook is brightening. Business is reviving in Great Britain and in the United States. We also are beginning to feel the swell of the tide of trade.

In the Dominion, there has been a little more than the usual interest in local and Dominion politics. In the provincial

elections that have been held, the governments in power have been sustained; those in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, with increased majorities; those of Manitoba and Quebec with a smaller following.

THE OLD AND THE NEW YEAR

We do not call the year 1886 old because it has lasted so long; but because it is so near its end. Really, it seems scarcely to have been before it is gone.

We refer in another column, to some of the events that have been of chief importance among the nations and in society. The most important records are not the annals of national history, however.

But with what feelings should we step over the boundaries of another year? We should be very thankful to God; for he has been very good to us.

This is also a good time to resolve to do better. It should be the inquiry of each, wherein can I improve upon the record of last year? The Christian life should be a progress.

And is there not room for wide improvement in the matter of hand-to-hand work for souls? How many of those to whom our paper goes have spoken no word to us unsaved soul during the last year?

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Halifax Notes. Although the weather continues unseasonably warm, we are happy to notice a gratifying increase of business in all departments.

At present, the affairs of our denomination in Halifax exhibit a rather undesirable quietness. The Lord's Day services at all the churches are well attended.

During the afternoon and evening the meetings were deeply interesting and very profitable, but as the secretary is to furnish a report of them, it is not necessary for me to give a lengthy description.

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Halifax, Dec. 21.

Notes by the Way.

In travelling, a person often finds much to amuse as well as sadden him. Some months since, I saw a number of young men who were just going out from their homes which were probably humble and perhaps Christian homes.

It seems strange that so many, Jonathan-like, think they can run away from the presence of the Lord. As soon as they get beyond the shadow of their homes, they can take the name of the Lord their God in vain.

During my stay at Bridgetown, I was pleased to learn that the three manufories of the place were owned and controlled by Baptists.

whose views and practices harmonize with our own, than with others. And this seems to be right as well as natural. It gave me special satisfaction, therefore, to know that Bro. B. R. and Sons were doing an extensive and successful business in the manufacture of furniture.

The pastor, although in delicate health, is improving, and he hopes to be able soon to go on with the work he loves. He is highly esteemed by a loving people and his work is not in vain in the Lord.

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Nova Scotia. One can scarcely realize the size of one of these great lakes, until he rides in sight of it for more than half a day. Leaving New York state behind, we pass through the northern part of Pennsylvania, then into Ohio, we cross that memorable bridge at Ashtabula, where that heart-thrilling accident occurred, when P. P. Bliss and wife were killed, and reach Cleveland in time for supper.

Thursday. Have travelled all night through the southern part of Iowa and now are passing through Missouri. As we approach Kansas, the snow disappears, country level, and corn fields greet our eyes wherever we look.

Friday.—Still in this "corn state" and continue to ride through it all day and another night. This is emphatically a corn and prairie country; pass many herds of cattle feeding and many stacks of hay; no barns in this land.

Saturday.—When we awake and look out, how changed the scenery! We are at L. Janta in Colorado, about 4000 ft. above the level of the sea. The ground is almost covered with snow; the air pure, dry and light, and the country about us rugged and mountainous.

Sunday.—Bright, warm morning like a spring day in Nova Scotia. The climate here is very inviting, but not so the people. So, on we go toward Arizona.

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Expansion versus Concentration. Thanks to the efforts of our indefatigable Home Mission secretary, the virtues of concentration in our denominational work will not soon be lost sight of; but there is danger that the conditions calling so imperatively for expansion may be entirely overlooked.

When communities are extensive in area, and rich in wealth, industry, and happiness, it becomes impossible for a single church to supply the needed centres for work and growth. There is danger of lethargy and torpor. In such circumstances the motto should be, "Divide and conquer." Two communities occur to the mind at once as instances in point.

To set out in a new enterprise may call for self-identifying earnestness and zeal. It may be hard to give up the old mother church, but all other considerations should give way to the cause of Truth.

Home Mission Notes.

There have been requests from time to time for information on Home Mission work to bring before the missionary prayer meetings. To meet this want general missionaries and missionary parties have been requested to send direct to me, all items of interest concerning their work, instead of reporting to the Messengers and Visitor, in order that I may be able to publish, at least monthly, something to bring before the missionary prayer meeting. It is hoped that pastors and others will not neglect to use what is thus presented.

During the summer vacation of 1886, twelve young men from our institutions of learning were engaged in mission work, under the direction of the Board. All of these but two have returned to their studies. These two continue their labors on the same fields where they spent the summer. Four of these missions were self-sustaining. All the young men have made a good record.

There are at present two general missionaries and twenty-four missionary pastors and one missionary to the French, receiving assistance from the Board.

Rev. M. Normandy, missionary in Kent Co., has been much encouraged on his field of late. He reports the churches much revived, and seven added by baptism.

General Missionary McGregor reports the work in Canada as widening every day. Seven were baptized on Sunday the 19th inst., making eighteen in all since the work began. In the meeting of the following evening, seventy-three testified of the saving power of Jesus. Twenty-eight of them were young men. About sixty profess to have been converted. Many more are expected to obey the Lord in baptism.

Bro. J. B. Ganong is being encouraged in his work on the North Bk. field. He expects a number to be baptized shortly.

The 28th of November was a day of much interest to the brethren and sisters of the Tyne Valley Church, P. E. I., on account of the dedication of their new meeting house. It is well known to those acquainted with the history of our cause in this part of the Island, that our people have often had to worship under great difficulties. In some places school houses have been closed against us, and at other times the services have been disturbed by the enemies of the cross. What wonder, then, if when assembling in their own meeting house, the brethren felt to thank God and take courage.

Oh for the words to press forward this Home Mission work, and plant New Testament churches everywhere. But thank God

which the grand work of last year brought upon us is gradually growing less. As will

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be seen below, we are drawing near to the first thousand and hope to reach it before the end of the year. But, in order to do this...

Mrs. W. M. Whittman, Carleton, Yar. Co., \$5; Mrs. H. Lozon, Amherst, \$2; E. N. ...

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Fifth Annual Report of the Yve Missionary Society

The past year has been one of more than ordinary interest in the history of our society. The experience of the faculty and students during the first four years of the College's existence, and moreover the relations which the students were beginning to bear to the Home Mission boards...

This new constitution practically means that now the Yve Missionary Society is the College, including both students and professors, manifesting itself in a missionary capacity.

A feature of the new constitution particularly worthy of notice, is the institution of a Missionary Day in connection with the regular work of the College.

Before proceeding further, let us turn aside for a moment to perform the sad duty of recording the ravages of death amongst us.

Mr. A. E. Haines, after a short but painful illness, passed away on the 23rd of December last year, much lamented by his fellow students.

Let us again resume the account of our work. In the more active efforts of the members of our society it has been our aim to labor, as far as possible, through the existing missionary organizations of the denomination...

Questions

- 1. How should a church deal with one of its members guilty of circulating evil reports about another member? 2. When one member has been publicly slandered by another, and passes it by as unworthy of notice, is the church doing right in not taking it up? 3. When a church member habitually turns his back upon the table of the Lord on account of some real or imaginary grievance against one or more of the brethren, what should be the proper course for the church to pursue? In reply to 1 and 2 we would say that in the New Testament, Matthew 18: 15-18, requires the party trespassing against to use certain means to reclaim the offender, and, these failing, to bring the matter before the

church. The offended party is as much required to bring the matter before the church, if kindly efforts fail to remove the difficulty, as to make these loving efforts before this action is taken.

3rd. Matt. v 23-24 requires those against whom the real or imagined grievance is to visit the brother, and seek a reconciliation. The brother should be brought, also, he is not justified in refusing to obey the command of our Lord—do this in remembrance of me—became a brother, in his estimation, has given him ground of offence. If the brethren against whom he thinks he has a grievance follow the direction cited above, and the church labor with the brother, in nine cases out of ten all difficulty will disappear.

—Number of student-teachers of the different denominations enrolled at the Normal School, Fredericton, during the last ten years, 1876-86:

Table with 2 columns: Denomination and Number. Includes Baptists, Free C. Baptists, Church of England, etc.

These numbers include those students who have been in attendance more than once, probably about 10 per cent. of the whole. The number given opposite Roman Catholic includes the students in the French department for the last three terms, but not previously.

—Omitted from last week's list of monies received—C. D. Everett, Esq., Hampton Station Church for Foreign Missions \$10. Bro. Everett contributes regularly \$10 a year each to Home and Foreign Missions. J. MARCH, Treas. F. M. B.

THE TRUE MOTIVE OF SERVICE.—When a great citizen of Florence lay dying of the plague, deserted by his courtiers, abandoned by his family and friends he appealed to a crowd under the window for some office of charity. "No," said one, "you are not rich enough to us. We will not give life for gold." But up started a young man and rushed through the crowd, exclaiming, "I will come in to you, not for money, but for gratitude; for I am one of those you saved from the death-block." That is the language of true Christian love. It says to Christ, "I will come to thee, not for a great name, not for reward, not for praise, but because I am one thou hast saved from death."

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES. DEBIDJON.—The new Baptist meeting house at Wiggins Cove, Waterborough, Queens county, N.B., will be dedicated (D. V.) on the second Sabbath in Jan. 1887, at 10.30, a. m. The Rev. W. J. Stewart, of Portland, St. John, is expected to preach the dedication sermon. All who are interested in this meeting house are respectfully invited. J. W. H.

CHOROUGH, N. S.—Our people placed us on the "sunny side" on Wednesday evening last. They met at the parsonage in large numbers, and made us a very generous donation. We have received much kindness from the friends since coming here, and we feel encouraged in our work. I. E. BILL, Jr.

COW BAY, C. B.—One candidate was received into the Mira church by baptism on the 19th inst. M. S. S.

GUYSBORO.—God has visited his people in this vicinity with a season of refreshing. Christians have become more devoted, earnest, and zealous, and sinners are being converted. By invitation of the brethren here, I came to assist Bro. Rowe (loc.) in holding some special services. The Lord was present, and blessed the people. It was our privilege to baptize and welcome into the church five Dec. 12th, and three Dec. 19th. There are a good number inquiring the way, and we trust further additions will be reported before long. The Methodists are also holding special meetings, and they report a large number of conversions. Bro. Rowe has labored upon this field with great energy. The Lord has owned his endeavors to the conversion of sinners. The Guyboro church appreciate the services of their minister, and are giving him a generous moral support. It is with joy and gratitude we have heard of the Lord's work in Onso. May the Lord continue to bless. W. B. BRADSHAW.

P. S.—I expect to go to Antigonish this week, and return to the assistance of brethren here as occasion may require. W. B. B.

TOMBER FIELD.—Bro. Henderson recently baptized five converts, one each from five families, and the first from each family to join a Baptist church.

COW BAY, Dec. 23.—Since the "field editor" of our paper could hardly get over this field, I would like to give the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR some idea of what is going on in this most "sunny corner" of the Baptist vineyard in the province. Our pastor, Rev. M. B. Shaw, has been with us now six months, and his labors here and are being greatly blessed. The field is very large—six preaching stations and about 20 miles between the stations; but by enlisting the hearty cooperation of the brethren the interest is not allowed to slacken in any place. Although during brother McDonald's work among us last winter there were large numbers of converts, yet our pastor has had the privilege of visiting the baptismal waters on five occasions, and nine have been added to the churches, and others are even now deciding to follow Christ in this ordinance. Among these baptized were nearly a whole family. The father, two sons, a daughter, and an adopted daughter; these formerly held Episcopalian views. I was baptized 48 years ago by Rev. Joseph Dimock and all the time since I never saw more harmony among God's people along these shores or brighter prospects of blessing. Long may our pastor and his estimable wife live to hold the warm place in the

hearts of the people. When Bro. McDonald gets his sickle sharp he will find the Cape Breton fields waiting for him to come and reap an abundant harvest.

DAVID SPENCER.—The opening of our new church at Clementsport was a fine success. The weather and the sleighing were propitious. The collection was creditable. All hands felt encouraged. Now we wait for God to fill the house with the glory of his conveying and converting grace. E. N. ARCHIBALD.

LUDLOW, NORTH CO., N. B. Dec. 13.—On the 8th inst. Bro. G. L. Price and I went to the Lyons' Settlement, and convened meetings. The Lord was present to bless the word, and Sabbath, 12th inst., 6 happy converts were buried with their Saviour in baptism. Five of them were heads of families. On the 19th inst. four more were buried with Christ in baptism, two of them were heads of families. We look for more next Sabbath. To God be all the glory. Pray for us. S. SMITH

WALLACE, CMB. CO., N. S. Dec. 20.—We are rejoicing in the prosperity of the Lord's work. Yesterday we again visited the baptismal waters at Wallace river. C. C. N.

PERSONAL

Bethlen Fletcher, Smith, Hutchinson, and Beals called at our office last week, on their way home from Newton to spend their Christmas holidays. We were sorry that we were absent at the time, and did not have the privilege of seeing them. We are sure they will have a very pleasant journey home to their respective homes, and return invigorated for their work. Brethren in the churches, keep an eye on these and other of our young ministers studying abroad, and do not let them stay away; because they are uncertain whether the churches want them, but young ministers are much like young ladies in this respect, they like to be sought.

Bro. E. N. Archibald has been quite ill, but is again better.

Bro. W. H. Robinson, as will be seen by communication elsewhere, has arrived in California. He hopes the climate is what he needs to make him strong again.

SUNNY SIDE.—Pastor Gordon, of Leicester St. was the surprised recipient of a Christmas present from his church and congregation, consisting of cash and valuables to the amount of about \$180. Of course he is very thankful.

Pastor Gates, of Germalin Street, had presented him from the people of his charge a purse containing \$110 in gold. For this and other Christmas presents our Bro. is also grateful.

We are glad to note these gifts had no reference to the salaries of these pastors. The teachers and scholars of the Leicester Street Sunday school presented their appreciation, Bro. A. W. Masters, with a gold-headed cane. Bro. Masters has held his office 25 years.

NOTICES. The Carleton and Victoria Counties Quarterly meeting convenes with the Albert Street, Woodstock church, on Friday, Jan. 7th, at 7 o'clock, p. m. Opening sermon by Pastor Thos. McDonald, of Houlton, Me. Quarterly Sermon by Pastor Geo. A. Hebert, of Alberton, Pastor A. H. Hayward. It is especially requested that our pastorless churches in this Quarterly Meeting will send delegates to this gathering. Churches! shall we not all bring to this meeting a New Year's Gift for our Convention Fund? W. P. PARKER, Sec'y. Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 16.

Marriages.

GIDNEY-BLACKBIE.—At Sandy Cove, on the 11th Dec, by the Rev. J. C. Morse, Angus Morrison, Gidney, of Milk Cove, Digby Neck, to Annie Laura Blackbie, of Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N. S.

TUPPER-WALKER.—At the residence of the bride's father, at Bridgetown, on the 25th ult, by Rev. W. H. Warren, Mr. John A. Tupper, of Newton, Mass., to Miss Sarah J., younger daughter of Mr. Edwin Walker, of Bridgetown.

REED-YOUNG.—At Bridgetown, on the 22nd inst, by Rev. W. H. Warren, Mr. Samuel S. Reed, of the manufacturing firm of J. B. Reed & Sons, to Miss Kate T. Young, daughter of the late Abram Young, Esq., shipbuilder, all of Bridgetown.

SMITH-RUTHERFORD.—In this city, on Dec. 25, by Rev. G. O. Gates, A. M., Mr. Thomas S. Simms, of Mill Cove, to Miss Ruth, daughter of Mr. Samuel Rutherford, all of St. John.

SEGRE-BURDEN.—At the home of the bride, Lake George road, Prince William, Dec. 22, by the Rev. B. N. Hughes, Mr. Jedediah Sege, and Miss Permelia B. Burden, all of the same place.

DREXLEY-YARWATER.—At Dorchester Lower Mills, Dec. 22nd; by Rev. Nathaniel Hunt, Mr. Wilber A. Drexman, and Miss Gussie M. VanWart, both of Lynn, Mass., formerly of St. John.

LINGS-LANGILLE.—At Lunenburg, Dec. 10, by Rev. S. H. Cain, Mr. Alexander Leary, and Miss Esther Langille, both of Tanook Island.

PERRY-MOORE.—At Brooklyn, N. S., on the 22nd inst., by Rev. J. W. Tingley, assisted by Rev. F. H. Robinson, Stephen B. Payson, of Meadowvale, and Louise M. Moore, of Brooklyn.

GIBSON-HAYES.—At Middleton, N. S., on the 23rd inst, by Rev. J. W. Tingley, B. A., Alfred Gibson, of Bridgetown, and Bertie D. Hayes, of Mount Hensley.

MISSENG-O'LEARY.—Dec. 15th, at White Brook, Kings Co., N. S., by Rev. M. P. Freeman, Mr. Charles Misener, to Miss Bertie O'Leary.

GERTRIDGE-ANGUS.—At Gasperaux, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. M. P. Freeman, Mr. Charles W. Gertridge, to Miss Laura T. Angus, both of Gasperaux.

KIRBY-PRIOR.—At Sussex, on 22nd inst, by Rev. Sydney Walton, A. B., John Kirby, to Miss Jane Prior, youngest daughter of Edward Prior, Esq., of Ward's Creek, Kings Co., N. B.

PITTS-CRAB.—At the residence of the bride's father, Greenwich, on the 7th inst, by Rev. G. W. Springer, Mr. William Pitt, to Miss Albena Crab.

DONKEY-CROSSMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Fairford, on the 19th inst, by Rev. F. H. Young, Mr. John F. Doherty, to Miss Clara E. Crossman, both of Fairfield.

WILSON-HIGGINS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Belmont, N. S., Dec. 16, by Rev. C. H. Martell, A. B., assisted by Rev. W. Currie, B. D., Eben M. Wilson, Esq., and Ella F. Higgins, both of Belmont.

HAWKINS-PREPAID.—At the residence of the bride's father, D. Bert River, N. S., Dec. 21st, by Rev. C. H. Martell, A. B., G. G. Hawkins, of Lawrenceton, Halifax Co., and Edith E. Peppard, of D. Bert River.

Deaths.

MERITHW.—At Carleton, N. B., Nov. 29th, of paralysis, Dec. B. Benjamin Merithew, in the 76th year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Bro. Merithew was a good man, and faithful in looking after the house of God. He filled the office of Deacon for many years, and was always at his post.

SHERWOOD.—At Wakefield, N. B., Dec. 12th, W. Sherwood, aged 67, leaving a wife, two sons and four daughters to mourn. Though in poor health, our brother was much interested in the cause of God, and faithful in looking after the house of God. He died the office of Deacon for many years, and was always at his post.

LOVE.—On the 11th inst, at Springfield, York County, Edward Perry, infant son of Edward and Martha Love, beautiful in life, more beautiful in death.

REID.—On the 12th inst, at Springfield, York County, Deacon Duncan Ford Reid, aged 50 years. Brother Reid was the subject of early religious impressions, but it was not until about eight years ago that he saw his way clear to obey his Lord by a public profession of religion. He was a true man in the best sense. He was truly the servant of the church, always at its post when possible, the pastor's right hand man. Godly in life, wise in council; earnest, loving, and scrupulous in observations and prayers. He leaves many friends behind, chief among them are a faithful wife, two daughters, and three little sons, to mourn their great loss. May the Lord raise up the man to take his place in the church. J. E. FILLMORE.

CLARK.—On the 13th inst, at the residence of her son-in-law, G. A. Lounsbury, Esq., of Upper Queen'sbury, York County, Isabelle Clark, widow of the late George Clark, aged 75 years. Our sister's early religious education was among the Congregationalists, and she continued in that connection until about 50 years of age, when there arose in her mind a great question, whether to follow the tradition of men, or to follow the example and teaching of her Lord. After much prayer, she saw clearly it was her duty to follow Jesus in the ordinance of believers' baptism, and to unite with the Baptist church, and so believing, she was baptized and admitted to the church, of which she has continued a true member. Her peculiar experience led her, perhaps with more than ordinary care and prayer, to the Holy Bible as her guide. She was a very intelligent Christian. She leaves two daughters and many friends to remember one whose life was noble, and whose death was triumphant. J. E. F.

ARMSTRONG.—At Kings-ton, Kings Co., N. S., December the 10th, of paralysis, Jessie, beloved wife of George Armstrong, in the 32nd year of her age. Sister Armstrong professed faith in her Saviour one year ago, and was baptized by the Rev. W. E. Hall, and united with the Melville Square Baptist church. About two years ago she came with her husband to this place, where he has since been engaged in business. She made many friends here. All speak of her as an edifying Christian.

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STEVEN.—In Hillsboro, Dec. 17th, at her father's residence, Roberta A. Steves, aged 36 years. Miss Steves was the daughter of Christian and Adeline Steves, and niece of Dr. James Steves of the Asylum. She was baptized by the Rev. William T. Corey in 1875. From her conversion to her death, she lived a consistent Christian life. No one in our village took a greater interest in the spreading of the gospel, and in the prosperity of the church. In her death we have met with an irreparable loss. Just before her death, her father asked her, "Bertie, can you trust Jesus?" "Yes, father," she replied; "I can trust Jesus with all my heart." So she passed away peacefully, calmly, and triumphantly. Beautiful in person, lovely in disposition, kind and affectionate as a daughter and sister, she leaves a vacancy that can never be filled. Our Bro. and Sister Steves have experienced many days of sorrow. Out of a large family only two are left. May God, who has been their Friend in other days of trouble, grant them his sustaining grace in this hour of sad bereavement. W. CAMP.

COLE.—At Sackville, Dec. 19, aged 66 years and 8 months, Mr. Judson Cole. Our aged brother went out for a pail of water, and falling upon the ice, struck his head, and across the edge of the pail, and died in a few hours.

PATTINGILL.—On Dec. 8th, at 186 King St., St. John, Mrs. Olivia, relict of the late Thos. Pettilling, in the 86th year of her age. For long years our sister was most beloved member of the German street church. Her end was peace.

SMITH.—At McDonald's Point, Dec. 14th, of erysipelas, Robert James Smith, in the 68th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing wife and two daughters. Brother Smith was a good husband and a kind father, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, his sudden death has cast a gloom over the entire community. Our brother was a member of the Baptist Church in this place, and frequently gave evidence of a knowledge of his acceptance in the beloved. May Divine grace sustain the mourners.

CHAFFER.—At Donkton, North Co., Dec. 14th, Susan, wife of Morris Chaffer, and daughter of James and Susan Donk.

DODGE.—At Middleton, N. S., on the 20th inst., Parker Dodge, after a lingering illness, quite suddenly departed this life in the 66th year of his age. About fifty years ago he found the Saviour, was baptized by Dr. Bill, and ever since has been a member of the Baptist church in this place. He leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

ATKINS.—Deacon Samuel Atkins, of Port Medway, passed to the better land on the 13th inst., in the triumph of faith, after having been ten weeks confined to his bed. He entered meekly, but bore it with Christian fortitude. He was 65 years of age. In

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"I'll tell you," returned Delia frankly. "I don't want them to know it at home, as they'd object; but I don't see why, if I can, I may not so well use my time and pleasure there to some advantage, and I am going to try."

"Let me tell you then what we can do, and what we can't," said Delia.

"We are just as happy as we can be," it read "and though we have only been here three days, I have never been away from Delia."

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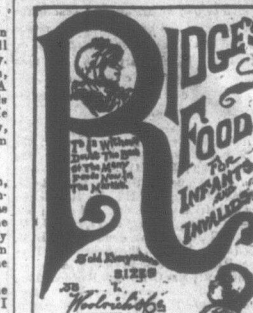
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It was announced last Wednesday that Lord Randolph Churchill had resigned his seat in the cabinet, owing to a disagreement with the majority of his colleagues.

ould to further prorogue parliament until the second week in February. Lord Randolph Churchill alone insisted upon an early meeting. A cabinet council has been announced for the week ending December 29th.

It is stated that an interchange of views between Gladstone and his colleagues of the last liberal cabinet on the attitude to be adopted by the liberal party in the opening of parliament, has resulted in an agreement to support the government in all legal efforts to suppress the anti-rent campaign, but to urge immediate enforcement of some form of Parnell's bill for the suspension of evictions by one of their own circle.

The war clouds between Germany and France are becoming thicker. Germany has now under discussion a very important army bill, while France is rapidly increasing the fighting strength of her army and navy.

Gen. John A. Logan, U. S. senator, died on Sunday. He represented the state of Illinois, and was the republican nominee for vice-president in 1884.

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