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**—THOSE BILLS.**—We regret greatly that our clerk sent circulars to some of our agents and pastors acting as agents. Will they kindly excuse the oversight, and consider them unused? There were also bills sent to some who had paid to agents, who had the subscriptions still in hand. We regret that, in some cases, they were sent to those whose subscriptions had been received at our office. Will all kindly accept our apologies?

**—AS USUAL.**—Those who criticize their pastors most sharply are not usually those who cooperate with them most heartily. The *Christian Union* gives an illustration of this. Two laymen were talking in a loud voice about their pastors. One said his pastor was a fine fellow, but did not reach the masses; the other, that his pastor did not draw. The gentleman who overheard them instituted inquiries about these critics, with the following result: "The critical brethren were both members of the church, satisfied to attend church once each Sabbath, but prayer meetings were not for them, and Sunday school was out of the question. They contributed about ten dollars per year for the spread of the gospel, though both are wealthy men, and each has a large income. Several times their ministers have invited them to cooperate with them in some work for the outside multitude, but they always have some excuse—they have a lodge to attend, or some one of the almost innumerable excuses will be offered."

If loud-mouthed grumblers would but cease their complaints, which cripple their pastors' influence, and begin heartily to cooperate with them in their labors, the want of success about which they find fault would not continue to have place. If there is anything that right-minded Christians should frown down, it is talk against the pastor, fitted to neutralize all his efforts to build up the cause of Christ.

**—CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE.**—There are some ill-informed people who declare that Christianity is hostile to the highest culture. They cannot get rid of the notion that the state of things existing during the dark ages of Roman superstition still has place. We would commend to those the facts which follow:

In the United States there are 376 Colleges of which 312 are denominational and 64 un-denominational. Of these latter 23 are State Universities. There are 39,000 pupils in these institutions and 34,000 of these are in the denominational colleges.

That is, there are only 41 colleges supported by voluntary contributions that are not under the auspices of some christian body, while there are 312 under christian control. It is probable, also, that the most of the endowments of the 41 colleges not organically connected with any denomination have been contributed by christian men and women. The truth is, while christians do not give as they ought, they are about the only people who have an interest in what is philanthropic and elevating enough to reach far down into the pocket.

**—BACCALAUREATE SERMON.**—Dr. Sawyer preached a baccalaureate sermon the Sabbath prior to our anniversary last week. He was requested, by the Alumni, to consent to its publication in the *Messenger and Visitor*, and also in pamphlet form. As it has been decided to have such a sermon each year, it was proposed to bind the successive sermons together in a volume, some time in the future. We are sorry that Dr. Sawyer has declined to allow his sermon to be published.

**—HEATHENISM.**—What a contrast between Christianity and heathenism! The heathen religion encourages physical and moral impurity, while Christianity aims to sweep both away. Is it not strange that men can be subject to religions which make their most solemn festivals seasons of revelry and debauchery? How much the heathen used Christianity for this world as well as the next, and what a transforming power it carries with it can be seen from the following sentences from the letter of a missionary to the Gurus, India. How ready we should be to give to carry the gospel to them!

"The disgusting side of heathenism has been seen by me during this short trip. Tuesday was a dismal, rainy day. After getting something of a wetting in the morning, we were obliged to stop in the first village we came to until the next day. The village had called the priest, and were all engaged in sacrificing; and that, on such occasions, means drinking and carousing for the greater part of the night. A heathen Garo village is exceedingly filthy. Every house has one or more pig-sties underneath; and the whole village resembles a hog-yard, not an inviting place in which to lodge, and eat your food. I must say that last night, while sleeping in such a place, I could hardly help longing for this class Government rest-houses here. But, whatever may be these disgusting incidents of the work, we rejoice in it, and will more and more rejoice; for God in his infinite love is lifting up out of the filth and degradation a Christian people,—those who, cleansed to the blood of the Lamb, shall dwell forever pure in his presence."

**—NON-CHRISTIAN BERLIN.**—Rev. Jos. Schmann declares that there are seats in the churches and chapels of Berlin for only 50,000 of its 1,460,000 inhabitants, or for one in each 28 of the people. There are more servant girls in the city than could find seats in the places of worship. The Lord's day is given up to amusements and beer drinking. The theatres, race courses, concert halls and beer gardens reap their richest harvest on this day. It is gratifying to learn that the Baptist church in this great metropolis is growing. Its membership has doubled in the last five years, and now numbers 1,025 members. We shall never forget a Sabbath spent with this church seven years ago. They are about building a new house of worship to accommodate the many who desire to hear the simple gospel message, in this centre of rationalistic doubt and scepticism.

**—JOHN 3:4.**—We know our readers will read with great interest Dr. Kendrick's exegesis of this passage. It is the one generally held by scholars.

**—GOOD ADVICE.**—*Zion's Herald* closes an excellent article on "Doubt in higher Institutions of Learning," in the following ringing words, which have a very direct application to parents in our families who have children to educate. We hope they will give heed to them:

Parents cannot too sedulously guard their sons and daughters in our times. It is far easier to prevent than to cure the evil following neglect. If we would save these beloved members of our families from the cold wastes of infidelity, from the moral despair of utter selfishness, from the wretchedness of a life without a divine purpose and a future without hope, we cannot be too earnest in watching over their early and susceptible years, in shielding them from the perverting influences, and in laying around and deep the foundation of their Christian faith. These diverting influences are in the atmosphere, in the literature of the day, and in the public teachings of the unshapely disciples of doubt. The child cannot, unaided, defend himself. Wise and positive restraints and culture will secure a pure and wholesome development. Thank God! there are institutions for the highest and broadest learning under the most wholesome supervision, where the atmosphere is utterly christian, where the example and conversation of the instructors is positively religious, and where children can be safely placed during their formative years. Can any really believing parent afford to permit his solemn and tender charge, when a good Providence has opened an equally favorable opportunity, intellectually and near at hand, for the highest and broadest training of his young dependant?

**—DR. ARMSTRONG MEMORIALS.**—A beautiful tablet, in memory of the late Rev. George Armstrong, D. D., has recently been placed in the Baptist Church at Bridgetown, N. S. The inscription refers in brief and appropriate terms to the twenty years of faithful pastoral labor performed by this honored servant of God, between the years 1854 and 1874, in connection with the Annapolis and Upper Grandview Church, and also to his valuable services in other fields, and in various departments of denominational work. In the neighboring cemetery, where his remains lie buried, a very fine monument has also been erected. Mrs. Armstrong desires to express her gratitude to the many friends who kindly aided in defraying the expenses of these appropriate memorials.

## Warming, Ventilation and Sanitation of the New Seminary Building.

The Directors of the N. B. Union Baptist Seminary have decided to introduce into the new building in course of erection at Saint Martin's the Smead System of Warming and Ventilation. This decision has been reached after a careful study of the various systems at present in vogue, and because of the preponderating advantages which this system secures over every other.

As this is the first occasion on which the Smead System of warming and ventilating buildings has been introduced into the Maritime Provinces, it has been thought desirable that the committee should prepare a statement and publish it in each of the Baptist denominational organs, setting forth, for the information of those who contemplate sending their youth to this institution of learning, the principles upon which this system is based and the methods by which they are carried into practical effect.

Air is a substance, occupying space and having definite weight. These are affected by temperature and density. At 70 degrees of temperature the air in a building containing, say, 144,000 cubic feet, would weigh 10,318.8 pounds. If, to secure proper ventilation it should be necessary to change the air in such a building six times in an hour, then 65,000 pounds, or thirty-two and a half tons' weight of air must be brought into it at the basement, and lifted, it may be sixty feet, to pass off at the roof, every hour. Nature has provided the power by which this immense weight may be thus lifted. For, at zero, one pound of air occupies 11.68 cubic feet of space; but

warm it to 70 degrees of temperature—the barometric pressure being the same throughout—and its volume will be increased to 13.32 cubic feet. Here we have over 14 per cent. of increase in volume or pressure as the air is confined within an elastic or non-elastic envelope or covering. To create the heat necessary to secure this increase about 90 per cent. of the fuel used goes into the air, making an extremely active force which communicates itself to everything with which it comes in contact of a lower temperature, until it has exhausted itself and produced equality of temperature. It is thus shown that by warming the air as it comes into a building, we are able to lift it up or push it out of the way, and with sufficient force or current to ventilate as well as warm, provided we control its direction.

But more than this, Nature's method of sanitation, or deodorizing and cleansing decaying matter, is by heating the particles and driving out the noxious gases so that the ozone in the atmosphere can perform its appointed function of purification upon them.

These processes of warming, ventilation and sanitation form the *dastaratum* for all buildings, whether public or private. Unfortunately, until the perfecting of the Smead System, the idea of combining these natural principles seem never to have entered the minds of those who have had in charge the construction of our buildings; but the builder, the stove or furnace man, and the plumber, have each run on his line of business, giving us manifold appliances and costly mechanism, but no system by which the health and comfort of our people may be equally conserved.

The Smead system combines and utilizes all the forces of nature to which reference has been made, controlling each, and producing plenty of pure, warm air, at the least possible expenditure of fuel, and using the same air, after it has done its double duty of heating and ventilation, to dry up and carry off from the W. C. results the noxious gases which are inseparable from the best closet appliances of the day. To secure all this, is provided (1) a brick chimney into which pure, cold air is brought from without. This passes direct (2) as many furnaces may be required to warm sufficient air to keep every room flooded and at the desired temperature. The furnaces are constructed on the same principle as a locomotive boiler, the best known apparatus for rapidly heating water, only that the tubes are filled with air instead of water. The heated air passes into (3) a brick shaft, or flue, (open also a direct current of pure cold air) which communicates with the rooms by means of (4) large register openings in the side walls near the floor. In this flue is placed (5) a damper, which can be so regulated from the room as to allow all the current to be warm, or cold, or at any stage between the two, but cannot be placed in any position by which the ventilation is interrupted. The rooms being flooded with air at any desired temperature the vitiated or devalued current passes swiftly off through (6) numerous small registers in the partitions close to the floor, thence under the floor between the joists to (7) another shaft terminating in (8) a foul air gathering room in the basement, between which and (9) the main ventilating shaft, which is carried far above the roof, are placed (10) the W. C. results. Through these the current passes at a rapid rate drying up the moisture and carrying off all poisonous vapors and gases. To facilitate the current of air in Summer (11) a small stove is placed in the main shaft.

In this manner, briefly stated, are the forces of nature made to take the place of mechanical appliances and to give the most satisfactory results at the lowest possible expenditure of money.

The Directors of the Seminary have decided to ask the children of our Sunday Schools to contribute the funds needed for this important work, and have appointed Rev. W. J. Stewart and the Rev. J. T. Parsons, respectively, to correspond with Superintendants all over the province, so that the full amount may be collected and paid over as soon as the work is finished. They purpose to issue a nicely printed card certificate with a fine lithograph of the building thereon, which may be detached and framed, or framed as a whole. The certificate will state that the holder, whose name is inserted in the blank, is a contributor to the extent of  $x$  cents to the Seminary Warming and Ventilating apparatus.

The system and the plan are alike simple and perfect, and the Directors trust, by the blessing of God, they will be alike successful.

Saint John, May 24, 1887.

**—The Christian Instructor says:** A saloon can no more be run without using up boys, than a flouring mill without wheat, or a saw-mill without logs. The only question is, Whose boys—Your boys or mine; or boys, or our neighbor's?

**Obituaries.**  
**THE REV. DAVID SHAW**  
died suddenly at Fall River, near Halifax, on the 5th of last April. He was 74 years old.

His ancestors came from Connecticut to Falmouth immediately after the expulsion of the Acadian French. As Falmouth was remote from the principal scene of this tragedy, the French house, on what became the Shaw farm, escaped the torch of the soldier. Peter Shaw therefore found a home under the roof which had sheltered the heads of an unknown Acadian family. David succeeded his father; then followed another Peter who was the father of the departed brother. Mr. Shaw was baptized by the Rev. Robert B. Dickey, in June, 1832. In June, 1856, he was licensed by the Falmouth Church to preach the gospel; and on January 24, 1860, he was ordained at Falmouth as an evangelist.

Bro. Shaw spent most of his time as a missionary. His talents for singing, impressive declamation and prayer made him very popular among the colored people for whom he expended a good deal of labor. He also labored as pastor at Mahone Bay and Tanook. A goodly number were led by him to the Lord and baptized into the several churches where he happened to be preaching the gospel. For two or three years past the infirmities of age prevented him from laboring even in the summer, as he had been accustomed to do.

He leaves three children, Leigh Richmond Shaw, now in one of the Western States, W. Wilberforce Shaw and Mrs. W. Z. Kennedy—the two latter residents in Halifax, and members of the Granville Street Baptist Church. His beloved wife had gone before him to the better last.

Bro. Shaw inherited a farm from the Shaw estate in Falmouth. To this, by a very strict economy, he made considerable addition. As a missionary, he was deeply interested in the foreign work. For many years he had purposed to give largely of his possessions to sustain our missions in the distant East. He therefore committed \$3,450.00 in trust to the President of Acadia College for this purpose. Baptist literature also was regarded by him as an important part of denominational work. Property, which cost him about \$700.00, was left to the Book Room in Halifax. For some years past our brother had not mingled with us at our annual gatherings, and because of this, was not well known to the younger ministers. His work on earth is done, and he has gone to his eternal reward. He has, in his large gifts, given proof of his deep interest in the Lord's work. Two-thirds of all he possessed was given to promote religion in the world. This is an example for others who make disposition by will or otherwise of their earthly possessions. He believed that his children could make their way successfully through life, and so he gave to the Lord. Let others follow his good example.

E. M. SAUNDERS.

## MRS. THOMAS HARDING.

At Falmouth, May 22nd, peacefully passed away one who has long been a bright and shining light in the Christian service. The deceased, the eldest daughter of the late Wm. M. Young, M. P. P., sister of the late Elkannah Young, M. P. P., of Falmouth, and of the late John W. Young, of Halifax, was born in Falmouth, August 1st, 1811; was married in 1836 to Mr. Thomas Harding, Jr., a son of the late Thomas Harding, Sr., a former mayor of St. John, in which city they resided for some years. She has been an active member of the Baptist church for nearly half a century. She was baptized by the Rev. Theodore Harding, and united with the Baptist church at St. John, N. B. In 1864 she removed to Shippagan. Seeing the spiritual destitution there, among the French Catholics, she instituted a Sabbath school, which she taught for some years with zeal and devotion. Her ladyship will reveal the result of those years of toil. While here she was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband, who was killed by the overturning of a coach near Wolfville, N. B. She returned to St. John for a short time, and then removed to Falmouth, where she resided until her death. While in Falmouth her life has been characterized by much Christian zeal and piety. She has been unusually successful as a teacher in the Sabbath school. Making each member of her class a special subject for prayer, she has had the happiness of seeing many for whom she has thus labored added to the visible church of Christ. Among those thus converted are the Rev. Charles Bishop, Rev. William Robison, Lonastates Lawson, Fullerton, Samuel Daniels, and Stewart Maston. She has been president of the W. M. A. Society here since its inception. Her heart and purse were always open to aid the cause of Christ. Her long and painful illness, which dated from October last, was borne with patient resignation to the divine will. Not a doubt or fear ever assailed her. Her desire was great to "depart and be with

Christ." She leaves four children to mourn the irreparable loss of a loving Christian mother.

J. W. BROWN.

## "Of Water and the Spirit."

BY REV. DR. A. C. KENDRICK.

JOHN III. 5.

The prophetic writings of the Old Testament abound in rhetorical and poetic imagery. The element of water in its refreshing, beautifying and fertilizing influences, is employed to set forth the beneficence and bliss of the reign of the Messiah. This metaphorical language is indefinitely varied, and water may sometimes denote in general the results, sometimes the gracious elements themselves. But in either case any allusion, in language like that of our Lord to Nicodemus, to those metaphorical images of poetry and prophecy, seems to me totally unappreciable. I think we can easily find a more excellent way of explaining the passage.

Greatly preferable to this would seem to me the interpretation which refers the term to water as a symbol of cleansing and purification, and thus, indirectly to that regeneration of which spiritual cleansing is so vital an element. Such a use of water is most natural in itself, as is shown by the extent to which lustrations by water have entered into the rites of heathen worship. It would be familiar to Nicodemus in the numerous ceremonial ablutions of the Jewish ritual. With these outward ablutions the idea of internal spiritual renovation, which they really symbolize, is easily associated, and so it probably was in the Jewish mind. Take in illustration the language of the 53rd Psalm: "Purge me with hyssop (i. e., the hyssop branch dipped in water) and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God," so again in Isaiah: "Wash you, make you clean, cease to do evil, learn to do well."—the outward and the inward, the ceremonial and the moral mutually illustrating each other. To make a reference of the word "water" here to so serious objection. It would be surely natural for our Lord to couple with the efficient agent of regeneration that element which naturally and beautifully symbolizes its cleansing efficacy, just so John the Baptist, in contrasting with his own merely outward baptism the spiritual and efficacious baptism of his Master, unites with the agency of the Spirit that of the most subtle, penetrating and powerful of all the agencies of nature: "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire." "To enter into the kingdom of heaven," our Lord would then say to Nicodemus, "you must have the heavenly birth whose cleansing symbol is water, whose efficient agent is the Holy Spirit," and the order would be determined by the fact that he proceeds from that with which Nicodemus is familiar, and which he recognizes, to that which is more foreign to his carnal apprehension.

Still, possible, and in the main unobjectionable, as I deem this view, I yet believe that our Lord had here in mind not water merely as a general symbol of purification, but in the direct form of baptism. He is—possibly anticipating with divine insight the question of his visitor—declaring to Nicodemus the conditions of entrance into the kingdom of God. These were two-fold, regeneration and baptism; birth by the Spirit and birth by water; the one inward and essential, the other outward and symbolical. These two—as at an infinite remove from each other in their intrinsic nature—are yet co-ordinated as of equally universal obligation. To believe and to be baptized, to be born of the Spirit and to be born of water, were the standing and equally binding qualifications for admission into the kingdom of God; and that our Saviour already had them both distinctly in mind, is shown by the fact that directly after this conversation he quoted Jeremiah for the Jordan, and through his disciples commenced administering baptism. That he should now couple these together was exceedingly natural, for we see he stumbled at the fact that he brings them both under the category of a birth. This is simply in accordance with the familiar laws of metaphor. Just so from the material side he might speak of the baptism of water and the baptism of the Spirit, so on the spiritual side he might speak of being born of the Spirit and being born of water. The regeneration wrought by the Spirit might be figuratively transferred to the baptismal emblem, just as the baptism of water might be figuratively transferred to the spiritual prototype. In the close connection of the two, both in idea and in outward relation, would be found the reasons for this striking phrase. Considering how inseparable they were in the Christian profession—believe and be baptized—and how imperative and absolute was the requisition upon the believer to testify his allegiance by baptism, it could not be deemed singular that the two should thus

be united, and wrought together as it were into one complex conception.

But why then place the water first? Why not rather "born of the Spirit and of water"? I answer again, our Lord accommodates himself to the spiritual standing-point of his hearer, and thus proceeds from the outward, the sensible and the known to the inward, the spiritual, and the comparatively unknown. Nicodemus knew water lustrations in the typical ablutions of the old economy. He also knew, and probably partially recognized, the divinely instituted baptism of John. From this our Lord takes his departure, "You must be born of water; you must have that ritual and symbolical birth with which you are familiar; but not only this, you must have another baptism than that which consists in putting away the filth of the flesh; you must have that spiritual regeneration, without which the emblematical birth from water is but an empty ceremonial." In putting an argument, or stating a series of particulars, we proceed from the higher to the lower, from the essential to the incidental, or the reverse, according to circumstances. Here it would be the circumstances for our Lord to start with that which Nicodemus might admit and comprehend, and proceed to that which was less familiar to his carnal ideas.

Yet another reason for this order may be added. In the New Testament baptism the apparent order was that here suggested. The outward, palpable descent of the Spirit followed, not preceded, baptism. With the single exception of the case of Cornelius, the "baptism of the Spirit," technically so called, followed upon baptism by water. That faith, indeed, always preceded baptism, and that this faith was the fruit of the regenerating work of the Spirit, we, of course, cannot doubt; but the outward and phenomenal often does, and might easily in this case, give character to the language.

It would be, then, that we "may refer the "water" in our passage to baptism, without resting upon the rock of baptismal regeneration. We have to remember first, that the two elements are to be taken together, and may not be dissociated. We have no more right to assume that the birth from water involves the birth from the Spirit, and thus do away with the one, than to assume that the birth from the Spirit involves the birth from water, and thus do away with the other. We have got to have them both, each in its distinctness, in order to fulfil the conditions of membership in the kingdom of God. We might just as well merge the baptism of water in that of the Spirit, and thus dispense with the separate, outward rite, as merge the baptism of the Spirit in that of water, and thus fall into the heresy of baptismal regeneration.

Again, we must bear in mind that familiar law of language by which things, intimately and almost inseparably associated, are often in language confounded or interchanged with each other. Baptism is, indeed, by no means the intrinsic equal of faith, but it is invariably its concomitant and outward expression—the indispensable outward condition of entrance into the visible church. What wonder, then, at their close association and interchange of the language of the New Testament? Look at that language: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;" "Repent and be baptized, that your sins may be blotted out;" "As many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ;" "We were buried with him by our baptism into his death;" "By the washing (or bath) of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost;" "Which (water) as an antitype, baptism doth now save us." These passages, all certainly but one, and in my opinion beyond question all, refer to baptism; some of these Baptists are very fond of quoting; but all demand the application of the same principle of interpretation which we claim for the one we are considering, in order not to lead us into an exaltation of baptism totally foreign to our profoundest convictions. We must in all cases take the language as figurative and hyperbolic, and all to be modified by its general and settled doctrine of the New Testament. That doctrine is that faith is the single absolute and invariable condition of salvation; that he who believeth upon the Son of God shall have eternal life; that being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Carrying this doctrine with us, we have no difficulty in disposing of all these passages which seem to attribute so much efficacy to baptism. They belong to that familiar law of thought and diction which puts the sign for the thing signified, the symbol for the substance, the outward and accidental for the spiritual and necessary. And as in all these passages we easily recognize the great efficacy seemingly attributed to baptism, with the transcendent value of the work of the Spirit, so may we in the passage before us.

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Lesson XII, June 19, Ex. 20:19-21.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:39.

Ver. 12. Honor. In the heart and in the life. The word expresses far more than "obey." The duty of a child to its parents should all spring from a feeling of profound reverence and affection. Thy father and thy mother. The father and mother are distinctly specified, to indicate that they are equal in authority, and, therefore, equally entitled to that honor which the mother will attract by her love, and the father will enforce by his power.

Thou shalt not kill. Or, as in Rev. Ver., "Thou shalt do no murder," for this is the killing forbidden. The general duty enforced by this command is the sacredness of human life.

Thou shalt not commit adultery. This commandment is the wall around the family, the city of true love, with its home, its children, its heavenly life of love,—the type of the city of God.

Thou shalt not steal. This commandment recognizes and protects the right of property. The application of the commandment will be much simplified if we lay it down, as a general principle, that all taking of the property of another, without giving a fair equivalent in exchange, is, except in case of gifts, stealing of property.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. The worst form of lying, and including all other forms. "Truth" implies two things. (1) Veracity, i.e., speaking and living according to our convictions and belief. (2) Justice, the convictions being according to the actual facts. The truthful man not only speaks what he believes, but seeks with all his heart to believe only what is true.

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allers, and I stayed away from meeting. Bible Society day I'd generally a leech of surliness, so I didn't feel like going out, so I stayed home. Tract Society day I'd begin to be afraid I was going to be deaf, and I oughtn't to be out in the wind, so I stayed indoors, and on the Sabbath for helping the Fabian Society, like as not, my corns were unusually troublesome, and I didn't feel able to get out.

Young Man, You Will Do. A young man was recently graduated from a scientific school. His home had been a religious one. He was a member of a Christian church, and his parents, brothers and sisters, his family was one in Christ.

On graduating he determined upon a Western life among the mines. Full of courage and hope, he started out on his long journey to strike out for himself in a new world.

The Lone prayers followed him. As he went he fell into company with older men. They liked him for his frank manners and his usual independence. As they journeyed together they stopped for a Sabbath in a border town. On the morning of the Sabbath, one of his fellow-travelers said to him, "Come let us be off for a driver and the night."

"No," said the young man, "I am going to church. I have been brought up to keep the Sabbath, and I have promised my mother to keep it in that way."

His road acquaintance looked at him for a moment, and then slapping him on the shoulder, said, "Right, my boy. I began in that way. I wish I had kept on. Young man, you will do. Stick to your bringing up and your mother's words, and you will win."

The boy went to church, all honor to him in that far-away place, and among such men. His companions had their drive, and the boy gained their confidence and won their respect by his usual avoidance of sacred obligations. Already success in smiling upon the young man. There is no lack of places for him.—Christian Weekly.

The Independent has made a fresh study of Church returns—those of all American churches without regard to denomination. The showing is a cheering one:

Four years ago we presented statistics showing that our churches, not including several denominational fragments, independent congregations, the Jews, or the Mormons, had 115,610 churches, 81,717 ministers, and 17,267,178 members. The totals for the same bodies are now 132,435 churches, 91,911 ministers, and 19,018,977 members.

No deduction has been made for members in mission fields, but on the other hand, the Methodist statistics of members do not include the ministers, and the Congregational statistics do not include the missionary membership of the American Board. If the exact figures could be known, it is quite as likely that the net increase would be smaller than those we have given.

The gains of the four years are magnificent. The net increase of members is 1,631,799. That is, the churches have in this period not only received enough new members to make good their losses by death, discipline, and other causes, but to increase the number of professing members by over sixteen hundred thousand. This allows, as will be noticed, only a comparatively slight gain to the Roman Catholic Church. Sixteen hundred thousand increase in four years is at the rate of 407,549 a year, or 1117 every day, in the year or 46 every hour in the day. Is not this a grand demonstration of the propagating power of Christianity?

The increase in churches is every year, and more than ten every day. A very new society means a new building, means an investment of money, and such investments mean faith in the present and future of Christianity. The increase of ministers is 9694, which is about 12 per cent, and is at the rate of 63 a day, or 2423 a year. This, too, is an indication that the alleged decay of faith is purely imaginary. The churches must have some vitality if they go on adding 2400 ministers every year to the great army already in commission, and furnish means for their support.

It will be noticed that increase is the rule, and decrease the exception. There are only two cases of decrease in the column of churches, three in that of ministers, and only one in that of communicants. The Universalists, the Swedenborgians, and the Moravians, have lost slightly; the Moravians, 1 church and 6 ministers; the Swedenborgians, 4 ministers; and the Universalists, 24 churches, 40 ministers, and 688 members. Is not this general fact one of great significance?

The table set out gains shows that the Methodist family is at the head of the list, with the Baptists second, the Lutherans third, the Presbyterians fourth, the Episcopalians fifth, and the Congregationalists sixth. The order is a little different if the various families be arranged according to present strength in numbers. The Methodists are first, the Roman Catholics second, the Baptists third, the Presbyterians fourth, the Lutherans fifth, the Congregationalists sixth, and the Episcopalians seventh.

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BILLS.—Bills have been sent to many of the subscribers in arrears, during the last week, and more will be sent this week.

THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE. Dripping skies and drenching fogs gave place to bright, warm sunshine on Tuesday last.

NORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY. An audience that comfortably filled the hall assembled to show their interest in the lads of greater or lesser age and stature.

- Prayer... 1. Music... 2. Essay... 3. Essay... 4. Essay... 5. Music... 6. Essay... 7. Essay... 8. Essay... 9. Essay... 10. Music... 11. Essay... 12. Essay... 13. Essay... 14. Music...

Not having been at an exhibition of the Academy before, we are unable to judge of the way it compared with previous entertainments of the kind.

The graduation exercises of THE LADIES' SEMINARY were held on Wednesday evening.

to prevent the overcrowding of the hall, which has interfered with the comfort of the people on similar occasions, admission was by ticket.

The number enrolled during the year is 83. Of these, 11 are from New Brunswick, three from Cape Breton, one from P. E. Island, three from the United States and 65 from Nova Scotia.

The graduation exercises were as follows:— Processional Marche des Troubadours... Misses Clerke, Wood, Henderson, Rice.

- 1. Essay, Queen Elizabeth... 2. Vocal duet, On the Moonlight Stream... 3. Essay, Music... 4. Piano Solo, Rhapsodie Hongroise... 5. Essay, Holland House... 6. Vocal solo, La Stella... 7. Essay, The Vanity and Insanity of Genius... 8. Piano solo, Polonaise in A b... 9. Essay, A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine... 10. Concerto, Don Juan... 11. Essay with Valedictory, Social Life in the 18th Century...

Owing to the fact that we were near the door where there was a good deal of disturbance, we were unable to follow any of the essays except that of Miss Smith.

A glance into the studio next day showed that care is here taken to impart instruction in first principles.

has its anniversary. On Wednesday night the stars were twinkling in the expanse of blue, and there was a general prophecy of a propitious day on the morrow.

hold six or seven hundred comfortably. The following is the PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES.

The student as a Patriot Colman W. Corey, Havelock, N. B. The Rational and the Empirical in Medicine; Jesse T. Prescott, Sussex, N. B.

Honor Certificates were next awarded as follows: In the Senior Class to J. B. Morgan, in Metaphysics; E. R. Morse, in moral philosophy; I. W. Porter, in moral philosophy and history; G. A. Whitman, in history; L. D. Morse, of the Junior Class, in logic; C. H. McIntyre, Sophomore, in physical science; J. E. Eaton and C. B. Freeman, of the Freshman Class, in classics.

The class was so large that only a part of the graduates could give their addresses. The eight gentlemen who represented their fellow students acquitted themselves nobly.

Mr. Corey showed that education made a man a better patriot by enabling him to appreciate the natural features of his country and giving him a deeper, because a more intelligent interest in all that pertains to her institutions and government.

Mr. Miller showed that nations could only have true liberty when the government was in the hands of a majority of the people sufficiently intelligent to know what was for the general good.

It must be a cause for great pleasure to the friends of Acadia that the attendance this year at the College has been 91—the largest in its history.

The Report of the Executive Committee of the Alumni of Acadia gives a very cheering account of the progress of the society and of a deepening interest in the work of the College.

The following are the officers for the coming year: Dr. Hall, Truro, President; A. J. Denton, Vice-Pres.; S. W. Cummings, Sec. Treas.

An Appeal.

TO THE PASTORS, DEACONS AND MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES. Dear Brethren and Sisters:

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Association an invitation was accepted by the friends in attendance to the laying of the corner-stone of a new Baptist Meeting House at Beaver Harbor.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone was performed by the Moderator of the Association, Bro. C. F. Clinch, and the religious services in connection therewith were participated in by several ministerial brethren.

At that meeting a resolution was passed recommending the Churches of that Association to take up a collection in aid of the Building Fund.

And now, brethren, we appeal to you for aid. Will you kindly take up a collection for us in the month of June?

On behalf of those interested. A. E. INGRAM, PASTOR. Penfield, Char. Co., N. B., May 31st, 1887.

Our Annual Gatherings.

Your remarks on the above subject are timely and to the purpose. When work is well "mapped-out" beforehand things move on so much more satisfactorily than to leave everything to shape itself as it comes before the "Body."

DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT IMPORTANT. Many of our brethren and sisters gather in the early morning prayer meetings, and so are greatly refreshed and fitted for the Master's work before them.

The plan adopted at the Maritime Y. M. C. Association, held some time ago in Truro, will not soon be forgotten (its excellent influence reached our convention held shortly after in St. John, N. B.), viz., at about half way between each business session a brother, not in the chair, took charge of a devotional service of just 20 minutes.

The Italian government declare they will retake Massowah, on the Red Sea, and have been sustained by the deputies. Italy bids fair to rank next to England as a naval power.

English engineers are fortifying Herat. The Afghans are hostile, and they have to be protected by troops of the Ameer. The Ameer of Bokhara is said to wish to join Russia.

The Queens county election case has run its course. Dana has been called to the bar of the house and undergone examination. Finally, there was a test vote whether King should be given his seat, and this just proposition was voted down on a party vote.

Being chairman of one of the committees appointed to report this year, and having received no reminder from the moderator, though only three weeks remain before the Association meets, I take the liberty of addressing the other chairmen through your columns.



List of Ministers.

TO THE MINISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF N. B. The Association last year appointed a committee to revise the list of ministers and licentiates, and to find out where their membership is. In the minutes, as printed in the Year Book, the names of the committee are not given; but I believe I was one of the persons appointed. Who the others were my memory does not recall. In order to assist in making the list correct will every brother who knows of any errors or omissions in the list printed on pages 174, 175 of the Year Book, or in the general list beginning on page 202, kindly send me a post card at once, giving the required correction. Information as to the church connection of the ministers in this Association, and the names of all licentiates will also be thankfully received. HERBERT C. CREED, Fredericton, June 6.

Religious Intelligence.

CANSO.—Since the last Sunday in March I have been acting as pastor, and can say in all sincerity that I have much enjoyed my work among the Baptists of this pleasant little seaport town. It has never been my privilege to labor with a church where there was so much co-operation of people with pastor, and as kind an appreciation of work performed. The church is in good working order, and only needs efficient ministers, very abundantly. The church is small, and the members by no means wealthy, being mostly fishermen, which class Christ so honored in choosing them for such men as Andrew and Peter, James and John, and Master to whom the disciples were given. I have never seen a man who loves his Master, and wish to serve him in every way, giving as well as in praying and believing, and I doubt if any church of this size and means in the province has as great a burden of responsibilities to take up. A new church, upon which some weight is being laid, to finish the old church building to rest and furnish as a vestry, the parsonage to repair, if not a new parsonage to build, and a minister to support. I know some larger and richer churches which would not think of shouldering a burden half as heavy. But the Canso Baptists are of better stuff, and, in addition to all the expense necessary here in Canso, have always something to send out to help others. On Sunday evening, April 24, the Sunday school held a concert, as reported in the Messenger, to assist in wiping out the H. M. debt. The amount realized and sent on was \$20 12, few Sunday schools in the province raising a larger amount. Last Sunday evening, May 29, a similar concert was held in aid of Foreign Missions, and was in every way a success, the collection amounting to \$21 49. On Tuesday evening, May 24, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized with 30 members, who all seemed in earnest, and desirous to help on the work of the Master. This season of the year is a somewhat unfavorable time for successful Christian work here and in many other places along shore. Many of the men are away and those who remain are very busy, early and late. However, the meetings are well attended and encouraging. I believe the work done by Missionary McGregor to be a great and good one, and that its effects will be lasting. Concerning my short stay here I need not say much. I have enjoyed it in every way, and will carry away with me only kindly recollections. May the Lord reward the people of Canso richly for all their kindnesses unto me, His servant. F. G. HARRINGTON, May 31.

PRENSFIELD.—We have made some advancement during the past six months. The incumbrance of a debt of \$200 on the parsonage has been paid heavily on the church for more than two years. During last winter we were enabled, by extra effort, to pay off \$100. It is hoped that the parsonage may be made more comfortable by the erection of an ell during the present season. The greater part of the materials for the frame and the outside are on the ground, the former being generously donated last winter by Bros. John March and Wm. Haley, of St. John. Our hearty thanks are hereby tendered to those dear brethren, for their kind endeavors to promote the pastor's comfort. The meeting house has recently been greatly improved by the addition of new carpets for the aisles, pulpit, Bible and lamp, the money for which was collected by one of the young sisters of the church. The joy of harvest experienced by the late pastor, Bro. T. D. D. vid-on, and the comparatively large increase which he was permitted to participate in, has left the present pastor the equally important work of carrying out the latter part of our Lord's commission, which he is endeavoring to fulfill, not, however, neglecting the work of evangelizing, and though not yet permitted to see such glorious results as we desire, yet we wait for an abundant harvest in due season. Our congregations are very good, and deep attention is given to the preaching of the gospel by the pastor. COME. TYNE VALLEY, May 30.—The weekly prayer meetings of this church are well attended, and the congregations on Sabbath evenings are large. The brethren and sisters take a deep interest in the Sabbath school and are doing a good work. We applied a Lev. 10 on the 15th inst, and again yesterday, and gave the hand of fellowship to three—two by baptism and one by experience. Brethren pray for us. R. B. KINLEY.

TRURO.—Rev. J. E. Goucher had a very interesting "popeel talk" with the young folks of the "Sabbath school" on Sunday evening, May 27th, from Psal. 84: 5—"I will hear what God the Lord will speak." Evidently good impressions were made. The speaker seemed to be quite at home among the children, and we almost imagined him a boy again at the old school. He has promised the children a temperance sermon next time, and will be equally at home on this theme, for he is in dead earnest. Mail letters would do well to reach you in a timely manner, and you would be wolly lost if the "older children" were not to be wolly lost. W. J. G. (one of them.)

WEST RIVER, P. E. I.—A very fine organ has been placed in the Baptist church on West River, P. E. I., and the choir is in training for a concert in aid of Convention Funds. The social and other meetings are well sustained, and the members with their pastor are looking after hitherto neglected localities. The social meetings at Clyde River are well sustained. M. W. CLEMESTON, N. B.—At a meeting of the sisters of this place, held on Friday, May 27, after a precious season of prayer and praise, and mutual interchange of thought on the great subject of Foreign Missions, they organized a branch of the W. B. M. U. with thirteen members. The officers are Mrs. E. N. Archibald, president; Mrs. Jos. Potter, vice-president; Mrs. Jos. Perry, secretary; and Mrs. Burpee Potter, Treasurer. The society bids fair for rapid growth and large usefulness. COME. WELDFORD, June 3.—You will be glad to hear that the Lord is reviving His work here. On Sabbath, the 22nd of May, we baptized two, and last Sabbath nine, and others are coming forward. Pray for us. J. E. BLAKELY.

FREDERICTON.—Bro. Crawley has baptized several young converts within the last few months. On Sunday, the 5th inst, after the morning service, the congregation repaired to the bank of the placid river, where the sacred rite was observed in the old-fashioned way, under the bright blue canopy of heaven. The scene was beautiful and impressive. CLEMESTON, May 31.—We have been cheered by another baptism in the Waldio section of Clemen's church. One of the two was a man of 74, perfectly blind. He had great joy in using his little remaining strength to honor his Great Lord by submitting to His own precious ordinance. E. N. ARCHIBALD. BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—The outlook among us is at present very encouraging. Our monthly conference meeting on Saturday last was one of more than usual interest. Eight trusting converts have been received for baptism, four of which belong to the brethren. They have already decided to follow their Divine Master. A quiet work of grace is in progress among us, giving promise of a rich and extensive spiritual harvest. The good work at Centreville goes steadily forward. Within the past nine years we have not had a more encouraging state of affairs in this field than we are now enjoying. We rejoice to hear similar news from other departments of the great spiritual vineyard. HAMPTON VILLAGE.—We had the pleasure of again visiting the baptismal waters last Sabbath. The candidate is the youngest son of Oliver Jones, Esq., of Moncton. THOS. TODD. BRUNSWICK STREET (St. John).—Eight were baptized on May 29th and four on June 5th, and one received by experience. Meetings continue and are very interesting. June 6, 1887. J. W. S. COVY.

MONTECALM, N. B.—The Baptist ministerial meeting, Monday, was addressed by Rev. H. G. Mellick, who gave an account of the work being done in the Northwest mission. Rev. Mr. Capp read a paper on "Recognition in Heaven." GREENVILLE, Camb. Co., N. S.—There was baptism at Greenville on Sabbath last. Bro. P. S. McGregor, attending a few days with the people. They have a student to labor with them for the summer. PERSONAL. Rev. O. S. C. Wallace has been at his home in Nova Scotia, and Master to whom the disciples were given. This season of the year is a somewhat unfavorable time for successful Christian work here and in many other places along shore. Many of the men are away and those who remain are very busy, early and late. However, the meetings are well attended and encouraging. I believe the work done by Missionary McGregor to be a great and good one, and that its effects will be lasting. Concerning my short stay here I need not say much. I have enjoyed it in every way, and will carry away with me only kindly recollections. May the Lord reward the people of Canso richly for all their kindnesses unto me, His servant. F. G. HARRINGTON, May 31.

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will be held at Cavendish on the 1st day of July next, commencing at 10 o'clock, p. m. Superintendents are requested to prepare their reports and send them to the Clerk of Convention at least one week before the Convention meets. A. H. LEARD, Clerk. Tryon, May 16th, 1887.

The P. E. I. Baptist S. S. Convention will meet with the Wesleyan church on Friday, July 1st, at 10 a. m. The brethren who have received cards assigning subjects to their respective schools will please answer at once so that the programme can be arranged. A. H. LEARD, Chairman of Com.

The Carleton and Victoria Counties' Quarterly Meeting holds its next session with the Grand Falls Baptist Church on June 11th. Conference at 7 p. m. Opening sermon by Bro. George A. Howard, at 7 p. m. Bro. W. F. Parker to preach quarterly sermon. Bro. J. C. Bleakney, alternate. Arrangements have been made with N. B. Railway, whereby delegates can be accommodated with reduced fares. W. F. PARKER, Sec'y.

Ministers and delegates who purpose attending the N. S. Western Baptist Association meeting in Digby, June 18th, will please forward their names to the undersigned prior to June 10th, stating when they may be expected and by what conveyance. J. S. BROWN, Secretary.

The Southern Association will meet with the Hampton Village Baptist Church, on Saturday, June 11th, commencing at 10 a. m. Persons who intend being present are requested to send their names to the clerk not later than June 4th, that provision may be made for their entertainment. A. A. MANNING, Clerk, Hampton Village.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATES ATTENDING THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. Ministers and Delegates to above Association travelling by South Shore Steamship line who have paid one full first class fare will, on presenting certificate of attendance from Clerk of Association, be entitled to a return ticket free. Those who have travelled by the Western Counties Railway line, and the Windsor and Annapolis Railway line, having paid one full first class fare, from any station, will get return for one third fare, on presenting certificate from clerk of Association.

Delegates travelling on S. S. "Secret," between Annapolis and Digby, on presenting a certificate from their pastor or clerk of church, will get a return ticket for one first class fare. Those who may travel by S. S. "Evangelist," between Annapolis and Digby, will be carried either way for 50c. on presenting a certificate from pastor or clerk of church, on going to Association—or from clerk of Association when returning. J. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Desominational Meetings for 1887. N. B. SOUTHERN.—C. F. Clinch, Esq., Moderator; Rev. G. O. Gates, Clerk; at Hampton Village on the second Saturday in June. N. S. WESTERN.—Rev. W. H. Warren, Moderator; Rev. C. C. Burgess, Clerk; at Digby on the third Saturday in June. N. S. CENTRAL.—Rev. J. W. Manning, Moderator; Rev. M. W. Brown, Secretary; meets in New Germany on the fourth Saturday in June, at 10 a. m. N. B. WESTERN.—Rev. W. P. Anderson, Moderator; Rev. F. D. Crawley, Secretary; meets at Centreville, Carleton Co., on June 28.

FRANCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Rev. A. H. Lavers, Moderator; H. H. Hall, B. A., Clerk; meets at Cavendish on the first Saturday in July. N. B. EASTERN.—Rev. W. Camp, Moderator; Rev. F. M. Young, Secretary; meets at Elgin, Albert Co., the third Saturday in July, at 10 o'clock. CONVENTION OF THE MARTINE PROVINCES. B. H. Eaton, M. A., Q. C., President; Rev. E. M. Keirstead, Secretary; at Charlotteville, P. E. I., on Saturday following August 18th, at 10 a. m. N. S. AFRICAN.—Rev. A. W. Jordan, Moderator; P. E. McKerrow, Clerk; meets at Halifax on the first Saturday in Sept'r.

N. S. EASTERN.—Rev. Joseph Murray, Moderator; Rev. T. B. Layton, Secretary; meets at Little River on the second Friday in September, at 10 a. m. MARRIAGES. LOCKHART-SCORD.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. G. N. McDonald, Susex, on the 29th May, Mr. Walter S. Lockhart and Miss Alberta M. Scord, both of Apohaqui, K. C. SHARP-KEIRSTEAD.—At the residence of the bride's father, May 24th, by Rev. Elias Keirstead, Mr. Robert G. Sharp and Miss Mary L. Keirstead, all of Collins, Kings County. TUCKER-STILES.—May 24th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. I. W. Carpenter, C. W. Tucker to Annie Stiles, all of Elgin, A. C. COLPITTS-HOPPER.—May 24th, at the Public Hall, Mapleton, Elgin, A. C., by Rev. W. Carpenter, Mr. Robert G. Sharp and Miss Lily M. Hopper, all of Elgin, A. C. FLEWELLING-GILCHRIST.—At the residence of the bride's father, Portland, on the 1st inst, by the Rev. W. J. Stewart, Fred E. Flewelling, of Hampton, N. B., to Ella M. Gilchrist, of Portland, N. B. FLEWELLING-DICKSON.—In the Baptist church, Hampton, on the 1st inst, by Rev. W. Carpenter, Mr. Robert G. Sharp and Miss Louise Dickson, both of Hampton, Kings Co. MILLS-TAYLOR.—At Stanford, N. H., on the 4th of June, by Rev. C. F. Clarke, Mr. Alexander Mills, of Stanford, N. H., and Miss Lizzie M. Taylor, formerly of St. John, N. B.

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BLAKE.—At Salisbury, N. B., June 1st, 1887, of consumption, William F. Blake, aged 34 years, only son of A. J. Blake and Moncton, leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss. He was a member of the Baptist church for over 20 years. A. H. LEARD, Clerk.

WINCHESTER.—At Smith's Cove, N. S., May 24th, Capt. Alfred J. Winchester, aged 75 years. Professed faith in Christ 1878. He was baptized by Rev. J. H. Saunders and became a member of the Second Hillsborough Baptist church at Smith's Cove. He was a dutiful son, a kind and helpful brother, a loving husband and a tender father. Trustful as a business man, and consistent as a Christian, his body was followed mournfully to the grave by a large number of his friends and relatives. His pastor, Rev. J. L. M. Young, preached his funeral sermon assisted by Rev. J. S. Brown, of Digby.

WHITMAN.—At Riverside, Cal., on Thursday, the 25th of April, Eva Blanche Whitman, in the 16th year of her age, daughter of Bro. Charles A. Whitman, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Many of the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR know that Bro. Whitman and wife came to this country in last autumn in search of health for their only child, and will sincerely sympathize with them in this deep affliction. Early in life she gave her heart to the Saviour, and was baptized about two years ago by the Rev. E. T. Miller and united with the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay church. The evening before her death she dictated a letter to be sent to the Sunday school at her old home. She said she would not see their faces again on earth, but she would be watching for them in heaven. On Sabbath morning, the 1st of May, she was laid away to rest till her resurrection morn, in the cemetery at Riverside. A very tender and comforting sermon was preached from Rev. 21: 4, by the pastor, the Rev. Charles Button. May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved parents and lift upon them the light of His countenance in this time of lonely grief and sorrow. W. H. R.

WALKER.—Forest Glen, Tobique, V. C., N. B., May 14, Maggie E., aged 19 years, eldest daughter of Deacon A. and Jessie Walker. The deceased made a profession of religion in her sixteenth year and united with the Forest Glen Baptist church. The first words she uttered in public after light came into her soul were, "Friends, I have found Jesus." Her subsequent life proved that she not only found him who Moses and the prophets did, but that she was continually abiding in him. The influence of her deep piety and Christian work in the family circle, in the church and among those with whom she associated will long be felt. Our loss is our dear sister's gain. M. C. CABRE.—At Fresno, California, May 25th, James T. MacCabe, dearly loved son of Ed. Cabre and Sarah MacCabe, of Musquodobi, Nova Scotia. The early death of this promising young man is lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends mourning the early death of this promising young man. E. M. S.

DIXON.—At Lowell, Mass., May 16, Lillian E., daughter of James and Ellen Dixon, of Hastings, N. S., aged 21. She left her home in December last with the bright and cheerful smile which so many go to another country. But God has called her, we have reason to hope, to a better country, even a heavenly one. EATON.—At Canard, Cornwallis, May 21st, Paulina, wife of Leander Eaton, aged 63 years. CUNNINGHAM.—At Cheverie, N. S., May 7th, John Cunningham, in 32d year of his age. His death was peaceful. S. S. S.—At Somerville, Hants county, N. S., May 8th, Celestina, wife of Captain Jacob Sanford, in the 29th year of her age. She was a member of the church here and one that will be much missed as she was ever ready to assist in the church work. She leaves a husband, who is at sea, and five children, one a babe. The Lord sustain and comfort them. BLANCHARD.—At New Glasgow, on May 20th, Jane, beloved wife of Savaers Blanchard, and daughter of the late Rev. John Whidden, aged 47 years. Sister Blanchard was baptized about fifteen years ago by Rev. R. B. Phillips, and united with the Antigonish church in October. She joined the New Glasgow church and was an active and consistent member, until called to join the church triumphant. She died trusting in Jesus. A sorrowing husband, two sons and one daughter survive her to mourn their loss. They rejoice, however, in the fact that their loss is her gain. May the Lord sustain the sorrowing ones. BLANCHARD.—At New Glasgow, on May 20th, Jane, beloved wife of Savaers Blanchard, and daughter of the late Rev. John Whidden, aged 47 years. Sister Blanchard was baptized about fifteen years ago by Rev. R. B. Phillips, and united with the Antigonish church in October. She joined the New Glasgow church and was an active and consistent member, until called to join the church triumphant. She died trusting in Jesus. A sorrowing husband, two sons and one daughter survive her to mourn their loss. They rejoice, however, in the fact that their loss is her gain. May the Lord sustain the sorrowing ones.

REID.—At Lakeville, Kings Co., N. S., on Thursday, April 14th, of typhoid pneumonia, Charles H. Reid, aged 22 years. BENNET.—At New North, aged 13 years, Mary Margaret, beloved wife of Ephraim Bennett, in the 60th year of her age. ROBERTSON.—At Woodworth Settlement, May 21st, Melissa, beloved wife of Martin Robinson, in the 40th year of her age. LUCAS.—At Lucas Settlement, on the 23rd ult., of consumption, Levi Lucas, in the 43rd year of his age. Brother Lucas never made a public profession of Christ but always lived a moral life. He died, however, trusting in the blood of Jesus. His last words were, "Come, Lord Jesus." Our dear brother leaves a wife and nine small children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. The writer reported the occasion of the funeral by a sermon from the words of John 11: 25. May the God of peace comfort the widow and fatherless. A. W. J.

BANKS.—At Clarence, Annapolis Co., May 16th, aged 79 years, Joel Banks, Esq. Brother Banks was one of the oldest members of the Wilnot Baptist church, well respected by all as one of the oldest justices of the peace in the county. GABRIEL.—At Halifax, May 23, Charles Gabriel, aged 48 years. The remains were brought to Falmouth and buried with some other deceased relatives. MARTIN.—Deacon Otho Martin departed this life May 20th, after a brief illness, aged 72 years. He was baptized by Rev. E. O. Reid, and was shortly afterwards a member of the Wilnot Baptist church, well respected by all as one of the oldest justices of the peace in the county.

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funeral was largely attended, and the people were addressed from Ps. 121: 1—"Help, Lord, for the gaily man ceaseth, for the faithful fall from among the cultivated of men." BAXTER.—At Farmington, Cumberland County, N. S., on the 11th March, Catherine, wife of the late George Baxter, aged 64 years. Sister Baxter was daughter of John Bax, and born on P. E. Island. She came to Nova Scotia, where she married, and became a member of the Glenville and River Philip church. When the Williamsdale and Millvale church was organized she obtained her dismission and joined the last mentioned church, to which she belonged until her death, she joined the church triumphant. Sister Baxter died of cancer. Her illness was long, but at last she sank rapidly, wholly resigned to the will of the Lord.

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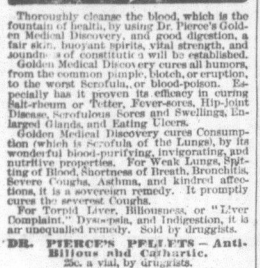
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In June. Some glad thing comes to me Always in June, Some new joy gladly set To a sweet tune.

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Some dear long absent face Answers some prayers, Or maybe a token, That some one cares.

Some glad thing hidden long In some old room, Says, "Let me go to her For this June.

"Why cheat her any more For me are here, Unlock the door, My being there—

"With longing to behold Her face, And with a touch of joy Add some new grace."

Far back in earth's grey Dawn Her face, Had crystallized in suns Or stars had heard

That clear creative call, "Let me be by light On all my works below For day and night."

When first earth's wrinkled face Saw the white moon Gleam on unfinished work There was no June.

But as the thoughts of God Shewed ariens, spheres, We think He called us June To give the years.

When we are inward drawn To God's dear heart, And the white silence falls As we depart,

And the new air seems filled With sun's warm rays, How sweet our last earth look It was June.

The Chant. L. E. M.

Selected Serial. NINA BRUCE.

BY ROSE HARTWICK THORPE. CHAPTER V. THROUGH SUMMER LANDS.

When Ned awoke the next morning, the train was in motion, and Nina was sleeping peacefully as if she was in her own little bed at home.

"Oh, Ned," she exclaimed, in delight, "I have had such a splendid sleep. I feel so rested, and hungry. Isn't it nice to lie here and be rocked to sleep by the cars?"

"Yes, it's splendid," replied Ned; "a sight better than cramping one's self up in the other car."

"Well," said Nina, laughing; "if you will go out into the aisle, and shut my door, I will put on the rest of my clothes. Such a cute little place to sleep in! We must write and tell Nell all about it."

The sight of Nina's rosy, sparkling face lifted such a load of care from Ned's mind that he felt as if he could even forgive Mrs. Blake for the annoyance of the day before.

In a few moments Nina stepped out from between the heavy curtains, a bright faced, rosy little girl, with a mass of tangled golden hair, and a rumped appearance, generally.

"Ned," she began, soberly, with a rueful glance at her crumpled dress; "one's clothes do get badly wrinkled in such a tiny bedroom. Isn't there any place where I can go to shake myself out a little, and make my toilet?"

"Certainly," said Ned. "Go into that little room, and you will find everything you need."

"I am sure I do not need it," said Nina. "Water will do for me quite as well."

"Downey said that you must have milk whenever we could get it," said Ned, "and we can get it now."

"They did not get it," Mrs. Blake again until they reached Louisville. As they were stepping out from the train at that place, she came up to them and informed them that, on account of not having had her proper rest the night before, her nerves were in such a condition that she would not be able to go on to New Orleans that day.

"I am sorry to leave you unprotected," she said, with a severe look at Ned, "but it is your fault. I was obliged to sit up the whole night, and am quite worn out. Ned and Nina were both of them too honest to express regrets that they did not feel, and they therefore said simply, 'good-bye' to their troublesome travelling companion.

"Oh, it will be more than jolly, the rest of my trip," exclaimed Ned, when they were again alone.

"They had but a short time to wait at Louisville, but the time was fully occupied by them.

At this place they first discovered those comical, two-wheeled carts, drawn by single mules with negro drivers. Negroes were so numerous that Nina indignantly asked if Louisville was a negro settlement. They seemed to be everywhere, on the street, in the doors and windows; on hitching posts; sunning themselves on the benches of the depot; on the station; and every place Ned and Nina looked they were sure to see one or more black faces.

"This must be the edge of Dixie," said Ned. "What will it be when we get into the very heart of Dixie?"

The train going south left Louisville at noon, and this northern boy and girl, had quite enough to occupy their attention, all that long afternoon.

Across the aisle from Ned and Nina sat an aged couple, whose names, like theirs, was at the far north. They were going to visit their son, who was living in Alabama. Ned and Nina derived much enjoyment during the afternoon listening to the old people's conversation. Presently the train ran into a tunnel, and darkness settled down upon the passengers almost instantaneously.

"For the land sake, father," exclaimed the old lady in shrill tones, "did you ever see the like of that before? Nathan wrote home that they didn't have such long twilight down in Alabama as we do up north; but I never expected to see the night shut down so sudden like. It must be dreadful uncomfortable to live in a country where it gets pitch dark all in a minute."

"Folks get used to it, I s'pose," remarked her husband. "We mustn't be surprised at anything we see, Nancy. Now I was sort of expecting unusual occurrences, and I was on my guard. Do try to control yourself, my dear, and don't let Nathan's wife see that you are surprised at anything."

"Well, when the day ends like a clap of thunder, one is apt to be scared at first," said she, but she was so used to it that she expected after this; but I am afraid that I never get used to such sudden ways of doing things."

At that moment the train shot out of the tunnel into bright, dazzling daylight again. As Ned was saying, Nancy, said the old man quickly, "I don't know why I should be so surprised. How Nathan's wife would have laughed at you if she had been here! I am glad, for your sake, that she isn't. Don't think it's right every time the train runs under a mountain."

"You thought so yourself, you know you did," said she, in an aggrieved tone of voice, looking about her to see if any one had overheard her mistake. Ned and Nina were intently watching the landscape from the window at that moment, and she did not discover the merriment which they could not keep out of their eyes.

"Ned," said Nina, "just see what funny red earth. It looks like powdered bricks."

"I have been noticing it," replied Ned; "and I wouldn't give much for the whole State of Kentucky if it all like this. I don't believe it is worth much for farming. Look at that fellow's boots, as red as an old rusty stove. Why, I'd rather have an acre of our Michigan sand than a whole farm down here."

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Ned gave him a dime, and thanked him, but he did not say a word more.

"Humph," he said, bluntly. "I reckon it's what they hire me for, and then walk away whistling; and the two forlorn northern children at the door of the Crescent House felt more lonely than ever as their old little sister walked away from their sight, and only the great houses loomed up on all sides, grim and silent, with the long, deserted streets below."

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With unsteady hand Ned reached up and rang the bell. Then the door was opened to receive them, and an hour later they were both asleep. Nina's golden head was nestled on her pillow, and a feeling of perfect security had chased all troublesome care away, for her dear, dearly loved father was here in New Orleans, just the same as in her far northern home; and just across the hall, the door of his room facing her own, was Ned, her brave big brother, ready to shield her from danger the moment she called upon him.

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For the first time Ned realized the full weight of his responsibility. Nina must not be worried at all. He, Ned, must think and act for both. The boy stepped aside and took his place.

Leaving Nina with her eager, expectant face pressed close to the open window, and her brown eyes reflecting the sunset glow, intently watching each new object in the vast panorama of southern scenery, Ned hastened to make inquiries of the brakeman, who seemed like a nice young man.

"Can you direct me to a good, respectable place where myself and sister can get lodging for the night?" Ned asked, respectfully. "I'll—with a slight hitch on my cheeks—cannot afford to pay very much for our lodgings."

A spirit of mischief possessed the brakeman at that moment. He was only a boy himself, and he thought it would be rare sport to send this country boy to a "high-toned hotel," as he designated it.

"Yes," he replied, soberly. "I know just the place for you. You'll have to take 'bus' tickets, and I'll give you 'bus' tickets for you, if you like."

"I shall be most obliged if you will do so," said Ned, gratefully, handing him the required amount for two 'bus' tickets—fifty cents.

"Ahem—this the City Hotel, big name, but there's the most there is of it. It's just what you want though; a nice, respectable place."

"Ned," said Nina, when they were assisted from the 'bus' to the pavement in front of the great City Hotel, "this is the place where we are to stop? Why it is like a palace."

And like a palace it seemed to the bewildered boy, as he walked beside his sister up the long flight of marble steps to the wide, elegant landing at the top, from which long, brightly lighted halls—where the foot rank deep into soft, rich carpeting, and the light from the handsome chandeliers fell with dazzling rays on the gilded paper which adorned the walls—branched off in all directions. The porter, who went before them carrying their valises and lunch-bags, led the way to one of the several elegant parlors, and bade Nina be seated while Ned went to register their names, and have rooms appointed them.

Nina had never seen anything like those parlors in her life. Every part of them was rich with heavy carving; the windows were draped with the most beautiful of curtains. Chairs and sofas, whose richness of upholstery Nina could find no words to express, stood on all sides.

"All this is for the wealthy," she said, at last, when her wonderment had subsided enough to allow her to think. "It is not for Ned and me."

While the grave, troubled look still lingered in her eyes, Ned returned to her. "Nina," said he, with a corresponding shadow on his own face, "it will cost us four dollars apiece to spend the remainder of the night here. Do you see, the train will not get in until midnight. I asked for their cheapest room, and told them that we did not want breakfast; but eight dollars is the very least they will let us stay for."

"Eight dollars?" cried Nina, in consternation. "Oh, Ned, we must not pay that much. Think of father and mother and Nell, working so hard to earn eight dollars! What shall we do?"

"I told the clerk all about it," said Ned, soberly; "and he seems like a kind-hearted man. He said the brakeman ought to have had his head broken for sending us here; but he knows of our father's situation, and he says that if we will only go away, where they take lodgers at seventy-five cents apiece. They don't get meals in the house, but will go out and buy meals for their lodgers, if requested to do so. As we have our lunch-bags, and I can go out, in the morning, to my bakery and get what we need, we will not call about a hot breakfast. Do you feel any better to the Crescent House?"

"Yes I am quite rested," said Nina, rising. "Can you find it?"

The clerk has kindly offered to send a boy to show us the way," replied the man. "Once more Ned and Nina Bruce were out in the calm silence of the night, with only the clear, southern sky over them, and their strange little guide trudging on before with such rapid footsteps that it was with difficulty that Nina could 'keep up' with him."

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The Humming Bird's Nest.

Cozily seated in the very tiniest little nest, so soft and elastic that even her delicate plumage is unharmed by contact with its moss-covered sides, we find our humming bird. High on the garbled and twisted branch of a dogwood she has built this fairy home; and therein with the overhanging leaves for a canopy, the little eyeh is brooding. How shall I describe the cunning little structure? A few weeks ago the building was commenced, but on such a small scale that the foundation was laid ere the site was discovered by us.

Soft puffs from the blossoms of oak and chestnut, bits of the softest brown fungus, and scraps of gray mosses that grow in secret places known only to these little fairies, were worked into the walls, and gradually the little cup like house approached completion. Little flakes of lichen and bark, veritable diminutive clappers, were added, and the task was finished. There it rested, its mossy covering harmonizing so well, with the tree bark as to conceal it from all but the closest observer; and often, though knowing its location so well I have missed it for an instant, so cunningly is it placed. A dead twig projects from the branch a few inches to one side, and here the little wood sprites frequently perch. There is the male now, his ruby throat all ablaze as a sapphire covers him for an instant while gold.

And now, as he snuggles close beside his mate, he is wisely telling her where her breakfast is waiting in the trumpet-flower he tapped for her last night, and which is half filled with nectar this morning, accumulated drop by drop during the cool hours of darkness. Like a flash she is off, and takes her place to keep the chill from the eggs. These little creatures have gradually become accustomed to my presence. At first they were nervous, and would cease work, while one or the other would dart down to within five or six feet of me, and point on its whirling wings, the white sandy peeps and curious little cries. Now that they are convinced that no harm is intended, they do not even leave the nest at my approach. What a dream life is theirs! gliding in zig-zag lines over the flower-beds, now suspended almost motionless over a fly-bloom, now racing with the tumble-bug for a honied prize, or dashing at the sparrows and robins, and speedily putting them to flight with the fury of their quest. What they do or where they go when it storms I do not know; but at the first returning gleam of sunshine, they are as perfect as the rapidly of thought, slipping the rain-drops from the flowers. And, when bedtime comes, what wonderful stories of the sunshine the little things must tell each other, as cuddling close up there in the dark they listen to the cool moon of the insects, and watch the fireflies gliding in the twilight among the trees by the light of their torches—Forest and Stream.

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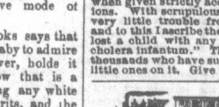
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THE HOME.

Nobody Knows But Mother. Nobody knows of the work it takes To keep the home together; Nobody knows of the steps it takes, Nobody knows—but mother.

The Pucker in the Forehead.

It is because of the old-fashioned bonnet with the shadowy brim that the good Quaker grandmother whom I met the other day had no pucker in her forehead just over the parting of the eyebrows? Is it owing only to the pretty millinery of the day that our girls, even before they are far into the twenties, acquire that anxious line which mars the smoothness of the brow and gives a fretful look to the sweetest face?

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What's the Harm.

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answer our prayers. We cannot consent to the sacrifice of our own desires, nor the surrender of our will, which He requires. We seek amuse, or to drink from the duty text to us, which must be done willingly, ere the Lord can bless us as He waits to do.

THE FARM.

The Good Old Farm. There's got to be a revival. Of good sound sense among men, Before the days of prosperity Will dawn upon us again. The boys must learn that learnin' Means more than the essence of books, And the girls must learn that beauty Consists in more than looks.

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What hosts of 'em go back broken In health, in mind, and in purse, To die in sight of the clover, Or linger along, which is worse.

What hosts of 'em go back broken In health, in mind, and in purse, To die in sight of the clover, Or linger along, which is worse. An' how many mourn, when useless, That they didn't see the charm, The safety, and independence Of a life on the good old farm.

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Now Workingmen Live in Italy.

The assertion is often made that what an American housewife wastes in throwing away a worn-out blouse, and a mangled and lived with the workmen of nearly every state in Europe, from Gibraltar to the Bosphorus, and from the Mediterranean to the cold shores of the Baltic.

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then to play with his companions. He scorned the idea of playing for money; but it was customary for him to drink, and as nothing stronger than lemonade was taken, he saw not the harm. Ere long a fixed habit, which neither parents' nor sisters' entreaties could overcome, caused him to frequent the saloons, where so much evil in various forms exists.

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"Don't, mother, say more about it," said Willy, with choking voice. "I can now see 'what's the harm'! Perhaps the boys will get to gambling over this very game, and if I was there I would be as bad as any of them in betting over the matter, I'm so excited. I wish, mother, that I wasn't so easily led into temptation."

"Yes, Willy, you have a very impulsive nature, but you cannot expect the divine aid mentioned in the verses unless you ask for it." "Mrs. Horton in anguish covered her face, and Willy cried out: "What, my uncle go to prison! Why, mother, I'm named after him. Oh, how terrible. How he has disgraced us all."

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wife obtains her provisions, her clothing, and her furniture. The average rent paid by the Italian workman for his room, his home and his workshop combined, is twelve to fifteen dollars a year. If he is a stone-mason, or engaged in other work that does not require him to make a workshop of his home, he may, for the sake of sunshine and air, pay more—eighteen or twenty dollars—and take a room-higher up, on the third or fourth floor. Those who are able to do this are not many. The majority must content themselves with the cheaper rooms in the basements and on the ground floors.

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## News Summary.

### DOMINION.

—Hon. Mr. Costigan is dangerously ill at Ottawa.

—“Bear stories” are “all the rage” just now about our exchanges.

—The summer time table of the W. & A. R. will take effect Monday, 13th.

—Sir Alex. Campbell was sworn in as Lt.-Governor of Ontario on the 1st.

—The St. John Sun appeared in a new dress on the 2nd inst., and looks well.

—Closing exercises of Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, were held last week.

—Trains are now running between Sackville and Cape Tormentine on the N. B. & P. E. I. railway.

—The Odd-fellows will decorate the graves of their deceased brethren on the 21st, Frederick.

—Woolen mills at Orangeville, Ont., were destroyed by fire, Friday; loss \$40,000; sixty hands idle.

—Archibald McMillan, of Gays River, was accidentally drowned Wednesday last, while steam-driving on the West River.

—Rev. Mark Guy Pearce of London, has been addressing large meetings in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the past week.

—A copy of *Glad Tidings*, a new publication issued under the management of the Methodist ministers of St. John, has been received.

—The summer time table of trains on the I.C.R. will come into force on Monday next. It has been arranged on the twenty-four hour system.

—A young man named George Taylor had his head cut open in a saw mill in Albert county last week. It is supposed he fell against the saw.

—W. C. Miller, of the *Sackville Post*, has taken to himself a wife. A little else, brother, but “better late than never.” Accept our hearty congratulations.

—A private despatch received from New York states that there are at present 5,000,000 laths on the market unsold, and that prices have declined from \$2.50 to \$2.40.

—The Savings bank at St. Martins was broken into one night last week, the safe blown open, and a number of bonds and debentures to the value of about \$50,000 stolen, as well as about \$80 in cash. Detectives are investigating the case.

—It is proposed by the Protestant Ministerial Association, Montreal, to have a procession of school children, thirteen thousand in all, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee celebration, and a committee has been appointed to carry out the scheme.

—The monthly statement shows the total net debt of Canada on 31st May to be \$225,475,946, an increase during the year of \$19,950. The expenditure on the capital account during May was \$205,248, making a total for eleven months of \$194,310.

—We are sorry to announce that Parker Bros., druggists, St. John, have been compelled through losses by other parties to sell their business to the benefit of their creditors. The business will still be carried on at the old stand, and we hope some of our customers will forsake them in the present crisis.

—The Victoria hospital which is to be built at Fredericton as a memorial of the Jubilee year, will be a two and a half story frame structure, light, well-ventilated and commodious in the fullest sense. It will consist of a main building, 30x40 feet, with an extension of 13x23 feet. The cost of the edifice is estimated at \$4,000 to 5,000 most of which has already been subscribed.

—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon is a decidedly practical preacher. He caught the true spirit of his text, “Take no thought for the morrow, &c.” and gave it practical illustration when he declared: “I insured my life last week, and have thus been able to obey the injunction of the text; for much undue care and anxiety that I had is now laid aside, and I have provided for my loved ones.” If you too wish to obey the injunction, The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B., will take care of your loved ones.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—The Sultan of Turkey has ceded the Island of Cyprus to England.

—A fire covering an area of 300 by 400 yards, occurred at Hamburg on the 31st ult.

—Gladstone has started for Wales, where he will deliver a series of addresses in favor of home rule for Ireland.

—It is officially announced that the Crown Prince of Germany will attend the coming Jubilee ceremonies in London.

—President Grevy has made a personal donation of 10,000 francs for the benefit of the sufferers by the fire at Paris last week.

—Windows are being let thirty pounds, along the proposed route of the Queen's procession in London on Jubilee day; rooms bring fifty pounds.

—The Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, goes to Dublin June 20th as the Queen's representative at the jubilee celebration.

—It is rumored that the government will introduce, probably during the autumn session, a broad local government bill including Ireland, and that the government might dissolve parliament over the measure.

—Austria is in the midst of a flood, caused by the dykes giving way. Great damage has been done to the wheat crops and there is much suffering. The dykes cost \$1,000,000.

—A German paper, the *Krenz Journal*, says: “In view of the recent events in France, the immediate future is looked forward to with confidence, and assurance of the maintenance of peace is felt for the first time since last summer. The favorable state of affairs has been greatly assisted by the change in Russia's relations with Germany, which have assumed a far more friendly character, coöperation giving way to cordiality. A meeting of the three Emperors is now probable.”

UNITED STATES.

—William A. Wheeler, ex-vice-president, is dead.

—O'Brien is making a tour of the United States, and looks to a large audience in New York last week.

—An unsuccessful attempt to blow up a coal shaft with dynamite at Davidson, Pa., while four men were at work, was made on Tuesday last, by striking miners.

—It is estimated that by the strike in the building trades in Chicago \$900,000

has been lost in wages, aside from the loss that must have been caused to other industries and to capital by the suspension of building operations.

—A sharp earthquake swept over the greater portion of Northern California and Western Nevada, Friday afternoon, cracking houses and shattering plastering and doing other damage. The hot springs at Carson City, Nevada, are reported to be dried up.

—The business failures for the last seven days numbered for the United States 135 and for Canada 35, against 175 last week, and 130 for the week previous, and 187 for the corresponding week last year. Failures are steadily diminishing in all sections, especially in the Western States, where the number this week is the smallest for years.

—An unknown man handed an express driver in Jersey City last Thursday night three packages addressed to Police Captain Williams, Inspector Byrne, and the British consul in New York. The driver took them to police headquarters, thinking there was something wrong with them. Chief Murphy opened the one addressed to Inspector Byrne. It contained some machinery and some “excelsior.” The package was addressed to Captain Williams, and was sent to him. He had opened the package of water. It made a hissing noise and the water turned white and boiled over the edge of the pail. A chemist says the substance in the box was nitro-cotton, which is an explosive. There was also a fuse. The material in the latter package was not delivered.

—THE SHORT LINE.—Two hundred Frenchmen and Italians were brought over the Maine Central yesterday from Danville Junction to this city on their way to work on the Megantic railroad. The men came from Montreal and New York. They were on the Grand Trunk. To-day about fifty Italians arrived from New York to go up on the line of the Canadian Pacific to work. At present few laborers are being hired in this city and there seems to be a decided scarcity of men here. Nell Curran, the agent of the contractors, is to go to St. John in a day or two and will hire about 250 men there to work on the road. By the middle of summer there will be a large army of laborers in the Maine woods working on railroad.—*Bangor Commercial.*

—A meeting of the Reformed Presbyterian synod in Newbury, N. Y., on Friday, a letter was read from Rev. L. Nevins of Ireland in reply to a communication from the American body. The following are extracts: The outlook in Ireland is not very bright. Home rule requires a check but may be revived. The agitators, whose love for their country is very questionable, will not rest. There is a strong suspicion of the question is not their aim. They have undoubtedly been in alliance with men whose record is very dark. What is coming on our unhappy country we know not. Perhaps Romanism, which Great Britain and her utter shame and disgrace, fostered and cherished is made the instrument of more chastisement to an infatuated people. We cannot tell. Our comfort is that amid all earthly changes and commotions, “God reigneth.”

GENERAL.

—The Allan Line have already this year brought across the Atlantic more immigrants for the Northwest than they did in the whole of 1896.

—At the end of this year all Catholics in the world will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the entrance of the present Pope, Leo XIII., into holy orders.

—After ten years of separation and conflict, the two Right Worthy Grand Lodges of Good Templars have been re-united. The consummation took place at Saratoga, N. Y., last week.

—The *Book Buyer* states that the \$494,600 which Mrs. Grant has received from the sale of her husband's work represents 70 per cent of the gross profits on the publication, which have thus amounted to \$706,600.

—Canadian pieces coined last year at the British Mint were as follows: Twenty-five cents, 585,807; ten cents, 831,644; five cents, 1,719,392; one cent, 1,536,465; total, 4,667,208, of which 4,640,000, representing the value of \$64,728.50 were forwarded to the Dominion. The medal department of the Mint struck 5,650 medals to be forwarded to the troops engaged in the suppression of the rebellion in the Northwest of Canada.

—An old copy of the New York Tribune has been discovered that contains the following editorial by Horace Greeley, which, viewed in the light of subsequent events, amounts to prophecy: No practical enforcement of the license system will ever sensibly mitigate the evils of intemperance. But let the law inflexibly forbid the sale of alcoholic beverages, and every youth will thereby warded from the cradle that those beverages are harmful and dangerous, and that in drinking them he encourages the violation of the law. It would command the respect of its antagonists.”

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Literary Notes.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has written the opening article for the “Boecher Memorial” now being prepared for Mrs. Beecher and her family by Mr. Edward W. Bot, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to which Mr. Gladstone, President Cleveland, the Duke of Argyll and some 75 other distinguished Americans and foreigners have also contributed articles. Only 100 copies of the “Memorial” are intended for the public.

Can the red man be civilized? An affirmative answer to this question seems to be given in an article entitled “Metlakat

la.” by Z. L. White, which will be published in the July number of *The American Magazine*. A tribe of brutal savages, the worst Indians on the Pacific Coast, has been transformed, according to this account, into an orderly, industrious and thrifty community.

This, That and the Other.

—The moon, in an eclipse, complained to the sun, “Why, O my dearest friend, dost thou not shine upon me as usual?” “Do I not?” said the sun; “I am sure I am shining as I always do. Why do you not enjoy my light as usual?” “O, I see!” said the moon; “the earth has got between us.” This is the trouble with every backslider.

—Let us never suppose that God cares only for the soul, and not also for the body; that the temporal needs of His redeemed people are a matter of indifference to Him; that the maintenance of a laboring man can be beneath His notice who sent His own Son to work as a carpenter; or that a little child's happiness is uncared for by that Eternal Father who has looked on His Christ as a helpless infant slumbering in a human mother's arms. God cares for everything that can affect His people.—*Rev. A. W. Thorold.*

—Never use long words, especially if you do not understand them. Here is a nice story for you. “I have neither time nor inclination to pass paragonics on the deceased,” remarked a funeral orator. “Panegyrics!” a person present corrected. “As you please, sir,” remarked the orator stily; “the words are anonymous.”

—Sam Jones says: “It is sad to see a Methodist preacher preaching falling from grace on Sunday and the members practicing it all week.” We think it sad, too, and would advise the members not to practice it, even though the pastor does preach it.

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—The real things are inside. The real world is the inside world. God is not up, nor down, but in the midst.—*Mrs. Whitney.*

—Many persons join the preacher instead of the church. If the preacher pleases they will support the church, and be regular in their attendance on the means of grace; but if they do not like the preacher, their contributions are withheld, and what influence they have is practically thrown against the church. Such persons are unstable as water, no reliance can be placed upon them, and the more numerous they are, the worse it is for the cause. The church is greater than the preacher. If the preacher is not what we could desire, for the sake of the church we should be the more faithful, and endeavor, so far as we can, to make up for his lack. Preachers may come and go, but the church remains, and for her our tears should fall and our prayers continually ascend. Whether you like the new preacher or not, stand by the church.—*Methodist Recorder.*

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