

certain scientists during the past few years, seems to indicate, that it is largely hereditary, it also proves that a tendency in this direction may be stayed by good diet and healthy exercise of body, brain and sight. Statistics have declared the singular fact that the three classes most liable to this anomalous vision are deaf mutes, Jews and Quakers. We have however seen satisfactory reasons given why it should be so, unless it may possibly result from an improper regard for the laws of consanguinity. It has also been proved that out of 9,200 railway engine drivers nearly 400 were colour blind, i.e., more or less unable to distinguish a green signal from a red one. This fact alone shows that farther and full enquiry is absolutely needed. Indeed it would seem evident that some examination in this respect should be instituted before any man should become a policeman, an engine driver, a pilot, a guard, a chemist, a soldier, a weaver, or an artist.

THE REV. E. BAILEY SMITH, a priest of the so-called "Catholic Apostolic Church" takes exception to a paragraph we copied from the Boston Watchman last week. He affirms that the Church, so-called, was not founded by Edward Irving, that "it was not placed by him under twelve Apostles," and, "that they would guide the Church till the end of the world, in the sense there implied;" and that not "two" but only one of the apostles survives." And further he states that there is no such body as "Irvingites," or "ism as Irvingism, but in the thought or impression of those utterly uninformed about this work." That being the case we leave Mr. Smith to settle the matter with the Watchman.

It is said that proceedings are to be taken to set aside the election of Prof. Foster, who defeated Mr. Donville, in New Brunswick. Rev. J. W. Weeks, the respected pastor of the Chester Church, and Mrs. Weeks, passed through Halifax last week on a visit to his home in Cape Breton. We hope on his return he will make it convenient to stay and preach a sabbath in Halifax.

We learn from the Halifax Morning Herald of Wednesday last, that on the previous day the Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, Attorney General, had waited upon His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and tendered his resignation, and that of his colleagues in the Local government. His Honor was pleased to accept the same, and, as we are informed, immediately sent for Albert Gayton, Esq., M. P. P. for Yarmouth, and has entrusted him with the formation of a new administration.

Mr. Gayton we learn came to Halifax on Saturday, and went to Truro on Monday morning, to consult with the Lieutenant Governor who is at present residing there. This proceeding will greatly simplify our political situation and be much more satisfactory than calling a short session of Parliament, as some had supposed would be done.

One can but admire the flexibility of the British Constitution under which we live. Although this change is but that of one of its smaller branches, yet it exemplifies the grand principle of responsible government—the voice of the people however constitutionally expressed is listened to, and an adjustment of things made in three or four weeks, without any turmoil or more than a ripple on the surface of society. Of course it is the subject of a good deal of discussion in the secular papers on both sides.

We are glad that so worthy a man as Mr. Gayton is called to fill so responsible a position, and we doubt not, that his discretion and prudence so conspicuous in the past, will serve him in the present emergency, and with his long parliamentary experience will enable him to make such nominations and arrangements of the officers of government as well subserve the public good.

Rev. Dr. Day has been lecturing in several places on The Roman Catacombs, or Christianity underground, during the first three centuries. He was advertised to deliver said lecture in the Baptist Church, Windsor, last evening.

THE OPPOSITION OF THE LIQUOR INTEREST to the observance of the Sabbath, has been illustrated lately in the city of Milwaukee. The ministers of that city obtained the signature, of a long list of prominent merchants to a memorial to the managers of the theaters, asking them to refrain from giving theatrical performances on Sundays. The brewers, a very wealthy and influential class in the community, opposed this, and resolved to boycott the signers of the memorial. They refuse to have any dealings with those merchants, all orders given to them have been countermanded, and they announce that they will have no further trade with any persons who favor the enforcement of the Sunday laws. The hostile attitude of liquor makers and sellers towards the fourth commandment and to good public morals is thus made conspicuous. Our liquor dealers have more policy, and will not openly oppose Sabbath observance. Many of them, however, appear to have their shops open privately.

For some time past there has been much concern among the Baptists of England, with regard to the best means of caring for and helping the smaller churches in rural districts. At the Autumnal Session of the Baptist Union last year, the Rev. G. W. Humphrey, read a paper on "The condition and needs of the Village Churches." Subsequently a resolution was adopted by the Union as follows:

Resolved, "That copies of this paper [by Rev. G. W. Humphrey, B. A.] be forwarded to the secretaries of the Associations, with a request that it be discussed by the Associations, and that representatives be appointed to represent their views at a general meeting to be summoned to meet in London, which meeting shall prepare a report for the Autumnal Session of 1882."

This was done, and a large number of the Associations in different parts of the country passed resolutions confirming the statements made by Mr. Humphrey respecting the need of some remedy for supplying the pressing necessities of the smaller churches. It was recommended that some combined effort be arranged between the Associations and the Baptist Union. By some such plan they would be best able to meet the demands.

On the 4th of July, the Conference, consisting of a large number of representatives from the Associations, was held in the Baptist Mission House, London. Several resolutions were unanimously adopted, of which the following, is the more central and practical, "That, in order to the Baptist Union being able to render to weak and struggling churches anything like the help they require, it is indispensable that its income be greatly increased; and that this Conference warmly recommends to the Autumnal Session, that steps for this purpose to be taken forthwith in connection with the Associations."

"One present" writes concerning the Conference: "There was general unanimity in the belief that the work to be done can be best accomplished by the Associations. For a time it was not found easy to shape the idea into the words of a substantive resolution. Still there seemed to be a consensus of opinion, that it would be well to develop a little more centralization. Although it hardly found full expression, there can be little doubt that one result of the Conference is a step in this direction; and whilst not interfering with the independence of the churches or the full action of the Associations, we submit that the influence of the Council of the Union needs to be more strongly developed."

This is a very hopeful movement although a difficult task in England. It is in the same line as our own Home Missionary Board have for some time been seeking to supply the more destitute parts of these provinces.

A FAMINE of a somewhat singular character is reported in some parts of Norway. The wild birds, which congregate in immense numbers on the rocky coast to propagate their young, have from some cause—probably the great severity of the past winter—been almost wholly destroyed, and the people who depended upon them and their eggs for sustenance, are in a very destitute condition. The feathers also, which furnished quite a large resource and revenue from their exportation, are an entire failure.

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ten per cent., and for the second year not exceeding twenty per cent. of the amount subscribed.

At the said meeting persons present took further stock in the company amounting to \$10,000, making \$50,000.

The Canadian Baptist is changed in its management from the Revs. W. Muir, and Dr. Stewart, to that of Rev. S. A. Dyke, to whom we offer our congratulations. We trust that the pleasant relations with our contemporary may continue no less happy than under the late management.

At a late meeting of the Canada Central Baptist Association the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. Alexander from Judges xvi: 20. The theme being, "The life of Samson an instance of humiliating failure in God's service."

THE CANADIAN BAPTIST CHURCH EDIFICE SOCIETY.—The whole income of this Society since its formation in 1868 amounts to \$5,931.09, yet with this limited capital the Directors have been enabled to issue 33 loans amounting in all to \$10,423. Since 1878, 4 per cent per annum has been charged.

We are informed that the Rev. N. Vidito intends to reside in Windsor. He preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, 16th inst.

News of the World.

It is reported that Mr. Bright will visit America during the recess of Parliament.

A despatch from Smyrna on the 19th says that a great fire raged for seven hours, and fourteen-hundred houses were destroyed. Six thousand persons are homeless.

In the House of Commons the Arrears Bill passed the third reading on Friday night.

Mr. Childers, Secretary of State for War stated on Saturday that the proposed vote of credit for the Egyptian expedition will be £1,300,000. He said he would also ask a supplementary vote of 10,000 men for the army.

At the London Mansion House police court, on Friday, Bradlaugh and three other defendants connected with the publication of the Free Thinker, were committed for trial on the charge of publishing a blasphemous libel. Bradlaugh was subsequently bailed in £1,000.

Miss Fanny Parnell, sister of Charles Stewart Parnell, died at Bordentown, N. J., on the 20th inst., of paralysis of the heart, aged 29 years.

There was a battle between the Indians and the U. S. troops in Arizona on the 17th inst. Fourteen dead Indians were found and it is supposed that there were a great many wounded. Of the U. S. troops two were killed and seven wounded.

An oil fire in Jersey City on Friday—loss \$75,000. Fire at Schenectady on 17th—loss \$15,000. Another at Norfolk, Maine—loss \$100,000.

A terrific wind and rain storm at Pittsburg on Monday. One man killed and several injured.

The Alhambra and Rhode Island collided on Tuesday last. Latter greatly damaged and claims \$40,000 of St. Alhambra and has seized for payment. Former also much injured to the extent of \$12,000.

Those timid souls who are worried over the prospect of this country becoming Romanized may take comfort from a recent admission of the New York Tablet, to the effect that the Catholic Church "puts five hundred daily into the grave for one it wins over to its communion."

In January of this year, 530 Telugu converts were baptized. Up to March 28, 970 more were baptised, making the number for the first three months of 1882 exactly 1500. On April 2 the number was increased by 47. Mr. Clough, who had returned to Ongole after a three months' tour among the churches, during which these baptisms took place, writes, that while some irregularities of conduct had been met with among the converts, on the whole, he 'felt that God had so cared for his people, although without pastors except for an occasional visit, and far away from the missionary, and very ignorant that they had honored him by their daily walk and life.'

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in a recent letter from Bangkok: 'While the highest endowments and the richest culture might be fully taxed and find ample employment in missionary work, we need, perhaps, not so much men of profound wisdom as men for practical working; men of good physical form, and not of a repulsive face; men of sound health and sober judgement; men who are less concerned about their wants than about their work; men who think more highly of the approval of God than the approbation of men; men who have enough of the Master's spirit when disappointed not to be discouraged, and when reviled to revile not again; men who have kind words and a good wife.'

General Booth writes to say that he has concluded the purchase of the notorious Eagle Tavern and Grecian Theatre, and dancing-grounds, for the purposes of the Army, and thinks that the building will afford them an opportunity far superior to any they have hitherto had for "gathering tens of thousands of the worst of the people together." He appeals for funds to complete the purchase money of \$16,750, which must be done within three weeks.

Notices.

Baptist Convention.

The thirty seventh Annual Meeting of the BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES will be held with the Leinster Street Church, St. John, N. B., commencing on Saturday, August 19th, 1882, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Forms for Returns have been sent to the Churches. The Secretaries will be at the place of meeting an hour before the opening of the Session to receive the names of members of Convention who are not elected as representatives of the Churches.

THEODORE H. RAND, President. E. M. KIRSTEAD, Secretary. July, 1882.

CONVENTION NOTICE.

Persons who propose to attend the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, meeting with the Leinster Street Church, St. John, N. B., commencing Saturday, 19th August next, as delegates from churches, or in their own right, are requested to forward their names and Post Office address to the undersigned.

Such delegates will be notified of the place where they will be accommodated.

AMON A. WILSON, Sec'y of Com. St. John, N. B., July 22nd, 1882.

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As 79 contributing churches have each sent in less than they did last year, we hope they will make an effort to forward a large amount by the 10th of August. Sixty-eight churches have done better than they did last year.

South Yarmouth Church, \$20 00, \*First Cornwallis Church, 34 50, \*This should have been acknowledged in Messenger of July 12th. G. E. D.

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THE DIGBY CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE will meet at Waterford, on Tuesday, Aug. 8th, at 10 A. M. There will be a Sermon on Monday evening, and the Conference Sermon on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. A. E. Ingram, or Rev. W. S. Parker. J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

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