

New Year Greetings. rather to speak of Liverpool. It is a Happy New Year to all far and wast and wealthy city with a population Towever exalted or humble their sphere ; year, and what is it? a few days of care. Dain mingled with pleasure, and hope with despair. Dast years may have brought us much pleasure with pain, Tet would we live over our past lives again? NTew Year's come apace borne on time's ceaseless wing, ver dark and mysterious the future they bring, A isely was it ordained that the future be sealed, Vet many, how foolishly, wish it re-Pager youth reaches forward to joys that are new, ge looks on the past and its scenes brings to view. Decollection is sweet if unmixed with regret, There is much in the past that we would not forget ; Ver memory's pages one fond look nd linger o'er joys far too pleasant to last. oving words have been said which we love to think o'er. oving friends we have had, who are with us no more. Ariends when in prosperity may not be few, dversity leaves but the tried and the true. Dememb'ring the past let us never forget work in the present remains for u New scenes are before us, and years swiftly fly, aily duties await us, sit not idly The whole ceremony was like a pictu. Tever weary of toil though our talents be few. I ver do with our might what our

ence ard boundless ; All this is familiar

to your readers. My present object is Dec 11, 1884.

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a number, or 2.50 a year, postpaid. MRS FRANK LESLIE, 53, 55, 57 Park Place, New York. THE BROOKLYN TABERNACLE, a collection of 104 sermons preached by the Rev. is great in Moody); but we will not. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D. Funk and We have not Moody's faith; we have Wagnalls, New York. Of these popular sermons the London Ohristian Age says : "We believe that for originality, power, and splendor, these sermons will bear comparison with the greatest pulpit productions of any age or country. But for knowledge human life and the adaptation ivine truth to the whole being of man -intellectual, emotional, moral, practical-and for the power of appiying that truth, we know not his equal But the highest testimony is from the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. No man is better qualified to judge sermons. Mr. Spuron says of the sermons of Dr. Talmage "Mr. Talmage's discourses lay hold of my inmost soul. The Lord is with this nighty man of valor. So may he ever be till the campaign closes with victory am glad of his voice. It cheers me asely. He loves the Gospel, and believes in something, which sachers hardly do. There are those about who use the old labels, but the articles are not the same. May the Lord win armies of souls to Jesus by this man ! I am astonished when God blesses

in a month. I believe we could, if we only would, for God can speak to us

confession by instituting a comparison between it and some of the practices of

exceeding half a million inhabitante ; its merchants are princes; its public buildings and institutions are on a magnificent scale; indeed it is the second city in importance in the king. dom. The Liverpool docks are, as your readers know, so extensive as to form one of the sights which strangers seldom miss seeing, but which are indeed a necessity for the vast and daily increasing commerce of the city. Birkenhead, which lies on the opposite side of the Mersey, and is indeed a suburb of Liverpool, will shortly be connected with its great neighbor, by a tunnel under the Mersey, which is now near its completion. There is a large and valuable Art gallery, and Public Library, both of which are daily open free to the public. During my stay, I had the opportunity of seeing the o pening of the Assizes, which is a much more imposing ceremonial than in the Dominion. As [I passed the Courts of Justice, I saw a crowd assembled in the street-an avenue up the wide steps being guarded by a number of men in quaint uniform not unlike that of a beadle, each carrying a javelin-in fact these were the time honored "javelin men" without whose presence at the opening of the Assizes, John Bull would not believe justice could be administered. The crowd was evidently awaiting the arrival of the judge, and in a few minutes their curiosity was gratified by | British Columbia. the approach of a state coach drawn by four horses, with a coachman and two footmen standing behind, all in cocked mence building operations just as soon hats and gorgeous liveries; the Judge in his scarlet robes and wig, with the High Sheriff and other officials occupied the coach, and were all marshalled with much pomp and ceremony up the long flight of steps into the temple of justice. resque scene from a past age dropped down in the midst of the prosaic nineteenth century, but was very character istic of the conservative element in the national mind, which loves even the outward symbols which have been for ages associated with important affairs. Like all the rest of the kingdom, the commerce of Liverpool is undergoing a very grave depression ; it is said that there are thirty thousand people of the working classes, now out of employment, and the coming winter is looked forward to, with much apprehension. Liverpool is not singular in this respect. The ship building industry is almost paralyzed; At Sunderland the distress, is terrible, and even in London a large and important meeting has just been held to consider the causes of the distress, and to devise, if possible, some mode of relief. As an illustration of the stagnation of trade, I may mention, that one great shipbuilding firm in the north, which in good times, employs ten thousand men, has now only four thousand at work, and even this number is retained at a large daily loss to the firm. Of course the distress among the unemployed and their families is very great and is largely due to the depression of trade, but this is by no means the sole cause of their misery. The Pall Mall Gazette sent a special representative to the North to enquire into the reality and extent of the distress, and his report is very striking. The ship building firm alluded to, used to pay out from £10,000 to £12,000 each week in wages, of this amount he ascertained by carekind. ful enquiry, that £4,000 went every week

## News from the Churches.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH, HAL-IFAX .- On Sunday morning last Mr. W. H. Cline announced from the pulpit his acceptance of the pastorate of the Granville Street Chur h. He expressed the earnest hope that the union would be blessed of God to the upbuilding of the church in the faith. its development in Christian activity, and the saving of men. All present doubtless said " Amen !" in their hearts as the youthful pastor said " Brethren PRAY for us." The time for Mr. Cline's ordination has not yet been announced.

Mr. Cline was born at Boston, Ontario, studied at Wood stock College and completed his course and graduated at University College, Toronto. He has preached to several churches, the last of which was the First Baptist Church in Montreal.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10th 1884 .--desire to acknowledge the receipt of eight dollars, collected by Mrs. Catherine Colpitts, Moncton, for our new church building. This unexpected donation made us feel very happy, for it showed that our friends in the East had not forgotten the little Baptist Cause / in

Five persons joined us by letter at our last Covenant meeting. We shall comas the way opens.

Brethren pray for us. Yours in the fellowship of Christ. WALTER BARSS.

THE GOOD WORK MOVES FORWARD .---- A letter just received from one of our correspondents in Scotland has the following:

"I can bear testimony to the healthy signs that are here and there asserting themselves of an unprecedented enthusm in regard to subjects of education. The cry in Scotland that is being raised for a better professional training for the teacher is one of the sure indications of an awakened intelligence. The day is not far distant when every one of our teachers will be able to claim a connec tion with the university." - N. E. Journal of Education.

me, but somehow I should not be so much surprised of He blessed this man." S. F. Hyestis, 141 Granville St., Halifuz, N. S. is general agent for the Maritime Provinces.

THE MENTOR," a little book for the guidance of such men and boys as would appear to advantage in the society of persons of the better sort, by Alfred Ayres, author of "The Orthoepist," "The Verbalist," etc. Funk & Wagnalis, New York. Smiles.

This book of 211 pages tells young men and boys how to conduct them selves in society. All who wish to get a revelation of the mysteries of etiquette in a small compass will find it in "The Mentor." S F. Huestis, 141 Granville Street, Halifax, N S. is general agent for the Maritime Provinces.

MOODY AS SEEN AT TORONTO .- Having been privileged to read a portion of private letter, written by a Nova Scotia, in which some important leatures of Moody's character and is fluence as an 89.98:

directly throughhis Spirit in our hearts, as well as indirectly by his Spirit through Moody's great heart, (it is the heart that is great in Moody); but we will not. not his capacity for work ; we have not bis forgetfulness of self; therefore we have not his grasp of the truth.

It is really hard to speak of Moody's ability as a man. When you have been with him the impression is of no man's ability or capacity. You feel as though you had been with Jesus. Yet I can say that I noticed marvellous executive ability. He knew when to sing, when to make the whole congregation sing, when to make the side galleries sing teachings and examples of the Word of when to make the end gallery sing; when to begin to speak, when to stop, (always while men wanted more and he evidently could say much more); when to pray, and how long; when to call for expressions of desire from the uncon verted, &c., &c. I think his judgment did not fail once. He marvellously the message of the Gospel. The one combines sensibility with presence of mind. There were between 3,000 and spiritual freedom. The one directs 3,500 at every meeting."

THE English Baptist Mission Central Africa has had another sad loss in the death of Mr. Mims, the engineer, who went out to assist in the reconstruction of the steamship Peace. but has fallen a victim to fatal fever. He was urgent in the request to be sent on this mission, and pleaded that "Manners are the ornament of action." his experiences in China and Cuba were some guarantee that he could live through the perils of the Congo. It is the old tale. He was overheated and over-fatigued by a journey, and this raised the temperature of his body. The two Combers were with him, but they failed to arrest the progress ol the fever, and the brave man fell on he field. The Congo Mission is.

indeed, costly. The London Freeman of Dec. 5th

Our readers will not forget the widow and orphan, but remember them in prayer to Him who is more than husband to the widow, and the Heavenly Father to the otherwise fatherless children. Nor is this the only loss ustained by the Congo Mission. Since 1884 began Mr. Dixon has had to abandon all thought of returning to San Salvador. More recently medical men have declared that Mr. Ross is put the priest in a box and give him unfit for further service on the Congo. We sympathize with our young brother, who is almost bitterly and altogether sadly disappointed by the probibition. Mrs. Crudgington, who suffered much power to forgive sins? Shades of the rom her brief residence on the Congo. is forbidden by the doctors to go back. and this means the loss of Mr. Crudgington to the Congo Mission. Still, this is infinitely better than the news sition to this institution, which has of former years. Mr. Dixon goes to China, Mr Ross will presently find

the Methodist class room and the enquiry room exercises used by some other bodies. An article in the London Freeman meets this by saying " the comparison is as unjust as to group together a thimble and a toadstool. The confessional and the enquiry-room are essentially distinct in idea, in procedure and in aim. The one is secret ; the other is open. The one is for the absolution of a priest; the other for the counsel of a Christian friend. The one is the outcome of the assumption of Rome ; the other is in accord with the God. The one has within it the most arrognant claims for power; the other is simply an opportunity for loving advice. The one is a shameless attempt to get at a penitent's secrets ; the other is but an occasion for pressing home brings spiritual tyranny; the other the soul away from Christ to a priest; the other directs from man to the Saviour. It is an abomination to com-

pare the two. The attempt to get in the thin end of the wedge of the confessional by means of the enquiry room is a dodge unworthy of professing Christian men."

A correspondent of one of the Church organs tells us, " One point of interest I must mention which came under my notice quite casually. It was thisthe men remarked that whenever they carried the cross before them in their processions through the streets, they attracted larger crowds, aed commanded more respectful and reverent attention than was the case on the one or two occasions when, for some reason or another, it had not been brought out." Now, why should the semi-idolatry of the image of the cross be thus anxiously nurtured? Because it is a step towards

Papism. It is this that we deprecate,

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God makes crosses of great variety ; he makes some of iron and lead, that look as if they must crush; some of straw that seem so light, and yet are no less difficult to carry; some he makes of gold and precious stones, that dazzle the eye, and excite the envy of spectators, but in reality are as well able to crucify as those which are so much needed .- Fenelon.

By a rough calculation the corn on chessboard, putting one grain on the first square, and doubling on each succeding one of the sixty-four, would fill 1,884,875 barns, each holding 1,000,-000 bushels of 100,000 grains each, bushels round numbers. If we made 1,800,000,000 bushels each year, it would require a little over 550 years to make enough.

San Francisco claims a larger area of public parks than any other city. There are eighteen parks and squares belonging to the city, aggregating 11,161 acres, of which the largest is Golden Gate Park, embracing 1,018 Acres.

In Ontario Women's Home Missionary Societies are being organized in connec. tion with the Baptist Churches. In the account of one of the meetings held in Toronto for this purpose it says, " Home Missions will now get its share of family conversation and sympathy."

REV. JOHN CRAIG writes respecting the work of our Upper Province brethren in India and gives an account of the labors of Rev. Mr. Timpany. During a tour in the latter part of October be baptized 61 converts, and the native preacher, Peter 9, making 70. Of one place he says, " This villiage may now be called a Christian Village."

Sir John Lubbock, M. P., has introduced a Bill into Parliament that forbids the employment of young persons between the ages of thirteen and eighteen in a shop for a longer period than twelve hours in any one day. The "shops" here referred to include retail and wholesale shops and wareuses, in which assistants are employed for hire, but not licensed publicuses or refreshment houses of any

evangelist are forcefully noted as see and felt at Toronto a little ago, we take the liberty of transferring a portion of the letter to our columns. We do so because we believe the writer is pecu liary happy in conveying to the reader some of the elements of Moody's power

in their simple strength and grandeurwhat he says, therefore, is just what our readers will be profited to read :-"I have heard Moody. Having heard so much of him for so long a time, it might not have seemed surange had been disappointed. But I was not. Far from it. Moody is even a miguier man than I had supposed. He is certainly a "plain" man. But it seems to me that his plainness and simplicity are, more than those of any one I have ever seen, like the plainness and simplicity of Jesus. Never once did he use, or attempt to use, language other than

weep. He never seemed fiery, never appeared to wish to excite in any way. He talked as quietly as one would when sitting round the fireside of his own home, in the twi ight. Yet there was a voice that shook the whole place. Moody was lost,-lost to hunself. God was present in Lim,-in us. God seemed to be speaking, and it seemed as though the speaker were just giving us what was only a foretaste o' what he could

's field to cultivate at home, and happy ordinary. Yet he made strong men the church which secures him as a pastor.

The work happily progresses and prospers. There is no room for dis couragement. Cheeriness and courage are at home on the Congo, and missionaries are exceptionally happy in Goodspeed, editor of the new paper. their work. Meanwhile, the six new It is expected that all who took the men for the Upper Congo, above Stanley Pool, are called for. The little steamship is ready. We tell no ers of the consolidated paper. We wish secret when we add that Mr. Arthing- the Messenger and Visitor a happy and would give us could we only be ton, of Leids, has forwarded to the new year, and success to its great and longer with him. It is the spirit of the society £3,000 to be invested, the sacred mission.

The Cincinnati Western Christian Advocate of Oct. 29 says ou this subject :--

We confess to no small surprise that in the Protestant Episcopal Congress. recently held in Detroit, so many members spoke with great positiveness in favor of the confessional. They would full authority to pronounce the absolvo te in genuine Roman Catholic style. Is it possible that any Procestant minister minister really believes that he has Reformers, what cruel superstitions still linger among intelligent men! We believe, however, that the larger drift of opinion in this Congress was in oppocursed many generations.

