

Notes and Gleanings.

—In South Africa the white ants have been found so destructive to wooden ties that steel has necessarily been adopted.

—Mrs. Leland Stanford is said to carry a larger amount of insurance than any other woman in the world. Her policies amount to more than \$1,000,000.

—The annual loss from the burning of buildings in the United States is about \$135,000,000, not including cost of insurance and the appliances for fire protection.

—Liverpool has closed one-third of its saloons during the last ten years, and so decreased her police force in consequence as to have erected an economy of \$40,000 yearly.

—The gold contained in the vessels, medals, chains, and other objects preserved in the Vatican would make more gold money than the whole of the present European circulation.

—New regulations are about to be introduced in Russian prisons in regard to the application of the bastinado. Henceforth this terrible punishment will only be applied to persons over thirty-five years of age.

—The total number of cremations in 1902 was 9,920. Of these France had the largest number, 4,805, the United States had 3,158, Germany 856, England 452, Switzerland 217, Sweden 66, and Denmark 44.

—A novel Belgian method of dealing with smoke consists in driving by fans into a porous receptacle over which flows a stream of petroleum. The smoke is caught and turned into a gas that gives great heat, and can be used for running gas engines.

—The only place where black diamonds are found is in the Brizalian province of Bahia. They are usually found in river beds, and are brought up by divers. Others are obtained by tunnelling mountains. The largest specimen ever secured was worth \$20,000.

—A bride in Korea begins her married life in silence. During the first day she must not speak, even to her husband. It is considered a breach of etiquette. But the next morning she is permitted to give free rein to her tongue, and may talk thereafter to her heart's contents.

—The Emperor of Japan, comparing ages, is sixteen years older than the Czar. He succeeded his father at the age of fifteen, and soon after married Princess Haruko, a daughter of Prince Ichigo, a noble of the highest rank. They have plenty of children, so there is no danger of the imperial line's extinction.

—Rheumatism depends upon an excess of uric acid in the blood. The percentage of uric acid in the various articles of diet are: Fish, 8.15; mutton, 6.75; veal, 8.14; pork, 8.48; beefsteak, 14.45; liver, 19.26; coffee, 4.53; tea, 3.22. Milk and vegetables contain none except the potato, which has a trace of uric acid.

—The latest vice in India is the cocaine habit. It has been the subject of legal restrictions for some time, and there have been many persecutions for evasion of the law. Pernicious indulgence in drugs other than alcohol is increasing even in Canada, and it will soon be necessary to cover a wider field with legal restrictions.

—Sir Thomas Barlow, M. D., one of King Edward's physicians, who attended him during the critical operation for appendicitis at Coronation time, and who is, we have read, a Methodist class-leader, declares that intemperance is one of the greatest crimes of the English people, and one of the greatest hindrances to the nation's prosperity. He ridicules as a superstition the idea that day laborers need to be stimulated by alcohol.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN PRIVATE LIFE

Says the *Presbyterian*: "There is no reason why, in a land that is avowedly Christian, the noble science of government should become degraded into the plaything of unscrupulous men or selfish ends, or that haunts of iniquity should be permitted to carry on their nefarious business under the shadow of our churches, and under the noses of the guardians of the law. But that we shall not secure a clean political life or a pure civic life by periodical moral spurts may be taken for granted. If the public conscience were alert and sensitive and we were free from the fatal weakness of a double ethical standard, which causes a man to tolerate in public life what he would scorn to do or permit to be done in his business, the things that are freely charged against our national honor, and have been charged for years, would be impossible. It is when we become so much engrossed in our own affairs or so blinded by partisan zeal that the public conscience is lulled to sleep, that the tares of corruption are sown and the haunts of iniquity gain a foothold, and speedily grow so strong and insolent that they threaten to exterminate all the nobler and better things.

"The battle against unrighteousness in its manifold forms must be waged not in fitful spurts, but with steady and untiring persistence. The life of our great Leader was a ceaseless conflict with the forces of evil, and his words, 'Think not that I am come to send peace upon earth, I am not come to send peace but a sword,' ring out as a challenge to all who bear his name. The evils that all good men deplore are not to be dethroned by spasmodic effort, but by absolute and unswerving loyalty to him who never temporized with evil, but pressed forward with steadfast face, although the way he trod led on surely to the cross."

THREE KINDS.

The Japanese army is being provided with chaplains representing three religions, viz., Christianity, Shintoism and Buddhism. Rev. L. W. Roote, writing from Japan, says: "In Kobe, we saw the Rev. Mr. Hayahawa, one of our Japanese clergymen. He told us the government is said to have appointed a Christian chaplain for each division of the army as it proceeds to the front, thus placing Christianity on an equal footing with Shintoism, the religion of the government itself, and with Buddhism, each of which has a chaplain in each division of the army. We also heard on good authority that the War Minister, although not a Christian, had making a rule that every war correspondent with the Japanese army must have a Christian interpreter, unless the correspondent himself speaks the language well. The reason for this is that the war with China it was only the Christian interpreter who proved reliable and a credible representative of his country."

—Doors made entirely of paper are now being used in France. They are finished to resemble wood, and neither warp, shrink nor crack.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

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Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Rugs,
Mattings, Art Squares.

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Lace Curtains, Curtain Muslins, etc.,
a big display.

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WAYSIDE BEAUTY.

The C. P. R. has received many encomiums for travellers upon the beauty which has marked the way stations along the line, together with the sidings and approaches thereto. This is due to the work of the floral department, over which Mr. U. S. Dunlop presides. Mr. Dunlop for years has thrown himself into this work of beautification with all the ardor of one who is a flower lover by nature. He is just now busy directing the forwarding of the usual supply of seeds to agents and others along the entire system. Prizes are given to the agents for the best gardens, for the most promising box flowers, and some charming effects have been produced under this stimulus. The C. P. R., once it gets fairly into the country, passes, in the summer time, through a flower garden, due to the scattering of seeds along the way, to the attendance which is given to the flowers by sectionmen between stations, and to the more elaborate care which is bestowed by the agents at the hundreds of stations over the system.

Marriages.

VALLIS-WATERS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Victoria street, on April 14th, by Rev. David Long, Theodore Vallis, of Hampstead, Queens Co., to Florence F., eldest daughter of Jarvis Waters.

ALBERT-BLEZARD.—At 181 Waterloo St., by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr. George Albert and Miss Florence Blezard, both of St. John.

LOGAN-BELVEA.—At 22 Paddock St., on the 4th April, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr. Robert J. Logan and Miss Edith A. Belyea, of St. John.

Deaths.

STEWART.—At St. John, March 29th, Eliza Stewart, aged 87 years, wife of John Stewart. Funeral service attended by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

LEWIS.—At her home, Steeves Mountain Road, Salisbury, April 8th, of heart disease, Amelia, beloved wife of Stewart Lewis, aged 60 years; also, at the same place, on April 9th, of inflammation of the lungs, Biew ri Lewis, aged 53 years. Six sons and four daughters are left to mourn the loss of kind, loving parents. Brother and Sister Lewis were worthy members of the Eagle Settlement Free Baptist church. They were buried on Sunday in the Free Baptist cemetery at Eagle Settlement. The family have the sympathy of the community in this double bereavement. Funeral service at the home, the grave and the church conducted by their pastor. W. H. P.

JOHNSON.—At Fair Haven, N. B., April 5th, of consumption, Eugene Johnson, in the 44th year of his age. He leaves a loving wife, widowed mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn. As we visited the home of our brother we always found him cheerful and happy in the love of his Master, whom he served. His last moments were peaceful. The services were conducted by the writer. J. J. BONNELL.

NEAL.—At Westfield, Kings Co., on the 9th inst., Mrs. Irene Neal, beloved wife of Wilmot Neal, in the 44th year of her age, leaving a kind husband, one son, her mother, two brothers and one sister, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their sad loss. She professed religion when quite young, and lived a consistent Christian life. Just before she passed away she called her friends around her and asked them to meet her in heaven. Her funeral was largely attended; sermon by the writer. JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

COSMAN.—At Havelock, K. Co., on April 12th, of pneumonia, Bro. Richard Cosman, in the 52nd year of his age. Bro. Cosman's illness was brief, and from the first realized it would be his last. He was, however, resigned and patient, and died in the blessed hope. He leaves a widow, two children, a brother and sister to mourn their loss. His aged mother passed over just a few months ago. He was a good man and had a host of friends. God bless the mourners. A. W. G.

SHARK.—At Hainesville, Y. Co., on the 10th inst., Mrs. Jane Shark, aged 87 years. During the last few years of her life she was very feeble in both body and mind. During these years she was tenderly nursed by her daughter, Mrs. John Wallace. Deceased was a faithful Christian for many years. She professed religion under the labors of the late Rev. Wm. Penington, and united with the Free Baptist church at Jerusalem, Q. Co. Later she transferred her membership to the Free Baptist church of Hainesville. Four sons and three daughters survive her. Funeral services were conducted in the Hainesville Free Baptist church by her pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, in the presence of many mourners and a large congregation of sympathizing friends, after which the remains were laid to rest in the burying ground at Hainesville.

WOODS.—At the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, March 31st, Mrs. Frank Woods, of French Lake, Sun. Co., leaving a sorrowing husband and seven small children, besides a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She sat to the writer only a few hours before she died that she was quite content to die. She was happy. May the Lord comfort those who yet tarry on this side. E. H. C.

NASON.—At Rustagornish Station, S. Co., April 6th, the death messenger came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Nason and took away Gertrude Winnifred, their only daughter. The deceased was 18 years and nine months old. Always she took an earnest and active part in Sabbath school work and the mission cause. The promise is to "those that mourn for they shall be comforted." E. H. C.

Sore Throat!

Don't delay; serious bronchial trouble or diphtheria may develop. The only safe way is to apply

Painkiller

a remedy you can depend upon. Wrap the throat with a cloth wet in it before retiring, and it will be well in the morning.

There is only one Painkiller,
"PERRY DAVIS."