

Notes and Gleanings.

..Nearly every city in the interior of Egypt is now lighted by electricity.

..Three and a quarter million acres devoted to flaxseed produced a crop valued at \$22,291,557.

..It is estimated that nearly all the pine timber now growing in Minnesota (about 30,000,000 feet) will be cut and marketed within the next fifteen years.

..Some of the Parisian restaurants serve camel's flesh. The meat tastes similar to beef, though white, like veal. The hump is considered a great delicacy by Arabs.

..The sun gives 600,000 times as much light as the full moon, 7,000,000,000 times as much as the brightest star in the sky, and 36,000,000 times as much as all the combined stars of the heavens.

..The illiterate whites of the Southern States are in some respects more of a menace than the illiterate negroes. And there are 175,883 more of them than there were in 1870. These men have votes. That is the menace of it.

..Georgia's new vagrancy law makes it lawful to put to work on the highways any adult who cannot show he has regular employment. As a result of the enforcement of this law, the highways of that state are being put in the finest condition.

..The danger of handshaking is the subject of a scientific treatise recently published by a savant in Berlin, in which he shows there are about 80,000 microbes on the average palm, and that promiscuous handshaking is attended with considerable risk.

..Germany is a great reading nation. Russia reads less than any other country. In 1893, 22,607 books were published in Germany, as compared with 8,082 in Russia. Its newspaper reading is equally small, for with a population of 130,000,000, Russia has only 800 newspapers.

..France has 464,556 saloons to supply the wants of 38,666,366 inhabitants. That is one saloon to eighty-three inhabitants, and this number is constantly increasing. During the last ten years the consumption of alcohol in France has increased in alarming proportions, while England and the United States have progressed toward temperance.

..Curious ceremonies are witnessed in Siam when one of the sacred white elephants dies. It is given a funeral grander than that accorded to princes of royal blood. Buddhist priests officiate, and thousands of devout Siamese men and women follow the deceased animal to the grave. Jewels and offerings representing some thousands of pounds are buried with the elephant.

..The colonies of Germany are providing so far rather a costly experiment. With an area of 1,024,262 square miles, the colonies have a population of only 5,125 Germans, of whom 1,567 are officials and soldiers. Their cost to the Empire since 1884 has been over \$50,000,000. The troubles in Southwest Africa are likely to greatly augment this German bill expense.

..Railways in Africa have proven to be great civilizing agencies and helps to missionary effort. But they are also facilitating the attempts of the liquor merchants to fix the appetite for rum upon the African savage before the missionary can fortify him against it. Who would not believe in a personal devil to suggest and plan such diabolical trafficking?

..Ten years ago the universities of Japan began a reform in the manner of printing and writing their language. This year the reform will reach to the public schools, and the use of English letters will be begun. This will mean, no doubt, their general adoption within a generation. Japan's progress in things western is one of the marvels of the age.

..A lady who was listening to a talk of a "gentleman" who was not careful to conserve the truth in his statements, said that he was "the most accomplished pseudologist" she had ever seen. He did not know just what she meant, and received it as a compliment, until he learned that the English of it is spelled with four letters, the first "l" and the last "r," "l-r."

..The New York *Sun* is quoted as saying in a recent article on New Year resolutions, "The time when drunkenness was looked on as a rather comical manifestation of jovial spirits has passed away. It begins to be put into a category along with lunacy." What but something akin to madness can tempt an intelligent being, made in the image of God, to drink that which steals away his senses, converts him into a human beast, and ultimately, if persisted in, sends him to a drunkard's grave!

MANCHURIA.

Some interesting facts concerning Manchuria, its natural resources and its commercial value to the trading nations, were made known recently by Mr. H. Fulford Bush, in an address he delivered before the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. The firm to which Mr. Bush belongs has been engaged in business for a long time in Niuchwang, and his exposition of conditions in Manchuria, considered in relation to Russian occupation, are of particular interest at the present juncture. This province, which Russia appears determined to retain, though one of the oldest of countries in some respects, is really a new one in several important respects. Its resources are but partially developed. Agriculture is conducted after a primitive fashion, and the immense deposits of coal, iron and other minerals, revealed by surface scratchings, contain the promise and potency of a splendid industrial future. Manchuria, Mr. Bush thinks, is actually the richest province in China, and all nations are interested in preserving the open door to a region which is bound to be the most important in the Far East. Niuchwang is its leading commercial port and entrepot. The only foreign firms doing business there are British, United States and Japanese. Most of the foreign property owned is in British hands; Americans, Japanese and Germans having considerable, though less, investments. The Russian government conceived the idea of cutting off Niuchwang by the creation of a port at Dalny, but in spite of large expenditure, the project failed utterly. Port Arthur is also a failure, and has no activity apart from government contracts, while Niuchwang is flourishing. Its trade has been built up by years of harmonious dealings among British, American, Japanese and Chinese merchants. Large vested interests insure permanence of trade, and the harbor being the best on the coast of Manchuria, Russia is anxious to gain possession and close it to foreign commerce. But the signing of the treaty between China and the United States has blocked that design for the present. Russia has no commerce at Niuchwang, but the city and harbor are completely under Russian control. Concerning the Siberian railway, Mr. Bush was quite satisfied that it would be blown up in several places and made useless in case of war. The Chinese throughout Manchuria are bitterly hostile to the Russians, but he had no doubt that Russia would maintain her grip on the province and place every possible obstacle in the way of trade and enterprise by other nations.—*Montreal Witness*.

NO HALF FARES.—According to the C. P. R.'s interpretation of a section of the new railway act, which went into operation February 1st, it cannot any longer sell tickets to clergymen at reduced rates. All half-fare certificates are, therefore, cancelled.

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PROSELYTISM.

The professed Christian minister whose cardinal goal in life is to proselyte will steal. To such a man, stealing is a fine art, upon the possession of which he congratulates himself. Getting more than belongs to him. Or getting members of other churches he finds disaffected to join his church he considers success a thrift; causing one church to fail that he may rise, he considers self-preservation.

Such a professed minister of the gospel is not exactly a highwayman—no, he lacks the criminal chivalry, and physical daring of that class of robbers. He proposes to be a genteel scoundrel and so works, always telling his victim. "We will recognize your ability to lead the singing or give you the chairmanship of that committee, or you shall be superintendent of the Sunday school." Always using the invisible somebody "They told me so, so." Working the wax of his egotism into a being of whom he esteems to be exempt from the Ten Commandments, and also immune from criticism. He is encouraged in this hallucination by some of his egotistic imagination and in the eyes of his proselytes and they become threefold more a child of the devil than himself.—*Free Baptist*.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to The General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick at its next session for the passage of a Bill to incorporate the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of New Brunswick—a voluntary society, whose object is to support Free Baptist missionaries, both Home and Foreign, and to do all acts that the said Society deems necessary for the furtherance of said object.

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Solicitor for Applicant.
Dated this tenth day of February,
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—In Ahmatoro, in Bulgaria, two young men, teachers in a school, obtained some time ago copies of the New Testament. They found it precious to them; then they told their neighbors about it. Recently on a visit of M. Popoff, pastor of the Evangelical church in Sophia, he found seventy-five people of this village who had apparently experienced a change of heart. These two brothers then proposed to erect a chapel on the ground of one of them, when lo, the Ministry of Public Worship in Sophia forbade its erection on the ground that there were no Protestants in the village. Under such hindrances, how marvellous it is that the gospel should make such progress.

Victoria College students, Toronto.

—Victoria College students, Toronto, have started an Evangelistic Band. The band will go out and hold evangelistic services on Sunday evenings in churches of the city that desire its help.

The religious press of the country has widely quoted Senator Parker of Chicago, as saying that "ministers and church members must descend into the world of practical politics." He has been everywhere commented for the sentiment, but we think that our contemporaries will think even better of the senator's conception of things when they know that what he actually did say was that ministers and church members must "ascend" into politics. The difference in the verbs means all the difference in the world in the way of looking at the problems of Christian citizenship.—*The Interior*.

HEAD BACK ACHE

Ache all over, Throat sore, Eyes and Nose running, slight cough with chills; this is La Grippe.

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