

Remember young man, that if you couldn't lick John L. Sullivan you can't lick the thing that is stronger than he is. Leave whiskey alone.

The foregoing are the closing words of an article in the *New York Journal* by John L. Sullivan. Sullivan was formerly the champion slugger. In his letter to the *Journal*, he says he could fight any man in the world, but whiskey beat him. The moral he points is that if he went down before whiskey, it will more easily knock out the young man of ordinary powers. Sullivan is not the kind of a man from whom one expects moral teaching, but what he says in this case is sense. He is an object lesson.

—Stanley did a great work. He showed himself a brave and unselfish man. Replying to a friend who had written him of his great accomplishments, and of his broken health, he penned this fine sentiment: "True, I am blanched and white, but what matters it? I have naught to regret; and if any mission of like nature presented itself, I should still wish to do it. For whether here or there, life stays not, but rushes on apace, and men must work and strive; but let us do it bravely and fitly, with all our strength."

#### FROM REV. D. LONG.

We have another letter from Rev. D. Long, written in Victoria, B. C., May 18th. He says they arrived there on the 12th of May. They enjoyed the trip through the mountains very much. "The scenery," he says, "is grand beyond description, and at times quite startling." Victoria is the garden of Canada, as regards early vegetation. It is beautiful now; the flowers are in full bloom; most of the city, especially the residential portion, is like a great forest park. They intend to remain in Victoria till after the 24th, and then go to Vancouver for a few days, after which they will return east as far as Calgary. He will probably spend a portion of his holiday in Alberta, with Calgary as a centre, though he has not yet fully decided. He says he will be able soon to tell his friends where to address him.

**A WALKING PARSON.**—The Rev. A. N. Cooper, vicar of Filey, near Scarborough, Eng., by his feats of pedestrianism, has earned the title of "The Walking Parson." In 1887 he walked to Rome, 743 miles, and in the three succeeding years walked respectively across Ireland, from Hamburg to Paris, and from Filey to Budapest. His other long walks have been across Belgium, through Spain, to the north of Scotland, to Venice and to Monte Carlo. Recently he left York for Liverpool for a walk to Andorra, a small republic between France and Spain. Mr. Cooper walks an average of thirty miles per day, and this pace he can keep up for weeks. His tramps form the subject of most interesting lectures.

—London is the largest harbor in the world, estimated by the tonnage of entering and departing vessels. Hong Kong comes next, followed by New York, Hamburg, Antwerp, Liverpool, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Marseilles, Genoa, Cape Town, Lisbon, Buenos Ayres, Copenhagen, Algiers, Bremen, Melbourne, Sydney, Alexandria, Barcelona, Savannah, Havre, Trieste and Yokohama.

## News of the Churches.

**FROM REV. C. T. PHILLIPS.**—I have two items of interest to report, and will give them in their order. Rev. B. H. Nobles entered the ministry under the tutelage of the late Rev. J. W. Clarke, who baptized him. At Midland he preached his first sermon. The sermon was two and a half minutes long, and when the boy sat down he never expected to get up again to attempt to preach. It was then that Bro. G. W. Sharpe showed the manner of man he was, for with his keen insight and spiritual discernment he saw the possibilities of the young preacher; he sought him out, took him to his home and encouraged him with wise, tactful words, and then knelt with him and prayed for him out of a full, loving heart. Those words of helpfulness and that prayer, Brother Nobles will never forget. At the funeral of Bro. Sharpe, Bro. Nobles told the story so touchingly, and the tribute was so timely, that every heart was touched and every eye was filled with tears.

Few people, as they listen to the easy, graceful, self-possessed speaker, whose sermons are long enough now, can imagine that he could once finish a sermon in the phenomenal time of two minutes and thirty seconds. My best record was five minutes, but it is safe to say that no minister of the Conference has ever equalled the speed of Bro. Nobles and myself.

I have tendered my resignation as pastor of Waterloo Street church, to take effect the last Sunday in September. I pray that the right man may succeed me, one chosen of God for the work. There is an abundance of work for a strong, energetic man.

C. T. PHILLIPS.

St. John, May 26, 1904.

**FROM REV. E. S. PARKER.**—We are making some progress in church work. The special services held in the winter in both churches were helpful. The Tracey Mills church building is having the spire completed, and being painted. The interest in the Knoxford church has shown a decided increase during the year. I am giving some help to Charleston.

E. S. PARKER.

**LONG POINT, KINGS CO.**—In special meetings held for four weeks, God revealed himself as one "mighty to save." The church and community have been greatly blessed. Sixteen have put on Jesus Christ, and are determined to live for him. Backsliders to the number of twelve have returned to Father's house. In view of these facts we can truly say that, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." On Sunday, 13th inst., Bro. Paul was with us, and administered the ordinance of baptism to twelve candidates. Eleven was taken into the church. "Oh that men might praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works unto the children of men."

G. F. BOULSTER.

**PEMBROKE, C. Co.**—Rev. A. J. Prosser concluded special meetings at Pembroke on Sunday, the 22nd, by the baptism of four, making twelve in all. A C. E. Society of about twenty members was organized on the Friday evening previous.

Bro. Prosser will preach in St. John on Sunday, June 5th, in the Victoria St. church.

**MINISTERS.**—Rev. C. T. Phillips spent last Sunday at Norton, Midland and Long Point, preaching and administering the Lord's Supper.

Rev. R. Heine is holding special meetings at Kingsley, York Co., with encouraging prospect.

#### OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—A new Baptist church at Second Falls, Charlotte Co., was dedicated on the 24th ult. Rev. Dr. Gates preached the dedication sermon.

—Capt. Geo. Campbell, of Folley, N. S., who died recently, made the following bequests to religious and benevolent work: Foreign mission schemes of the Presbyterian church, eastern division, \$3,000; home mission schemes of the Presbyterian church, eastern division, \$1,500; augmentation schemes of the Presbyterian church, eastern division, \$1,500; ministers, widows and orphans fund, Presbyterian church Maritime Provinces, \$1,000; Presbyterian college, Halifax, \$250; Nova Scotia British and Foreign Bible Society, \$500; Deaf and Dumb Institution, Halifax, \$500; Infants' Home, Halifax, \$500; School for the Blind, Halifax, \$500; British American Book and Tract Society, Halifax, \$500; Presbyterian Church of Canada missions, Northwest, \$1,000; Y.M.C.A., Folley, \$500.

—Rev. Dr. Morse, who a few months ago relinquished the charge of the Digby Neck Baptist churches after a continuous pastorate of sixty-three years, was recently presented with \$532.00 by his friends.

—The corner stone of a new Methodist church at Milltown, N. B., was laid last week.

—St. Andrews Presbyterian church, Halifax, has given a call to Rev. Robert Johnston, of Ireland.

**FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS.**—Not many people celebrate a golden wedding. Rarer still are such anniversaries as that celebrated last Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peters, St. John—the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage. They are in fairly good health, and are enjoying a comfortable evening-time of life. Many congratulations have reached them, for they have many friends. Mr. Peters has been for a half century or more an active and valuable member of the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, and from its organization, nearly thirty years ago, Mrs. Peters has been a leading member of the Women's Mission Society. They have a host of friends, widely scattered, among our people, who will join in the congratulations and good wishes. The INTELLIGENCER wishes them peace and joy all the way.

## General Religious News.

—Men, women and children to the number of 7,700 definitely accepted Christ at the meetings held by Dr. Torrey in Birmingham, England.

—The Established Church of Scotland is considering plans for the formation of a Church Army on lines similar to those of the Army operating in connection with the Church of England.

—The London *Christian World* reports remarkable evangelistic meetings held by Rev. John McNeil in Plymouth, England. "In spite of gales of wind and drenching rains the attendance has been soberly estimated at 4,000 each day. At noon in the open air at the dockyard gates almost every day hundreds of workmen heard the gospel."

—The Chicago Presbyterians have had a good "old-fashioned revival" on a large scale in that city. Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is directing the campaign, with a large number of able evangelists co-operating. It is said that more than 2,500 persons have been converted as a result of these meetings. This work has enlisted all the evangelistic churches of the city.

—Sixty years ago twelve young men met in London and formed the first Young Men's Christian Association. Today there are 7,507 such associations throughout the world—well described as 'cities of refuge' for young men—with a total membership of 649,392, and it has been the privilege of Sir George Williams, one of the original twelve, to live to see this splendid development of the work so humbly begun. The diamond jubilee of the Central Association was celebrated a few days ago by a great gathering at Exeter Hall.

—Asked whether he were satisfied with his life-work, General Booth, now in his 76th year, and almost as alert and active as ever he was, said: "No! Satisfied? Who could be satisfied amid the indifference and disbelief of today? Look at the multitudes around us who care nothing for God. Look at the growing agnosticism of the people. Look at the wretchedness and sufferings of the poor. Look at our national sins. Never was selfishness so marked as a national vice as it is today. How can a man be satisfied when sin has got hold of the nation so?"

—The American Baptist Year Book has just been published. It does not profess to be complete, since many failed to send in statistical returns. But according to the reports which have been collated it appears that there are now in the United States 45,727 Baptist churches, with a total of 4,506,747 members. There were 234,321 persons baptized during the past year, about 1,200 more than were baptized during the preceding year. There was a net gain of 176,285 members within the year. Total contributions for all purposes, including expenditures at home, and offerings to missions, amounted to nearly \$16,000,000. The churches have gained decidedly during the year in almost every respect.

—Some unique features are to be introduced in preparation for, and in connection with, the Torrey-Alexander meetings next month in Brighton, England. Prior to the meetings every one of the 27,000 houses in the town and suburbs will be visited, and an invitation programme will be left. To preserve the Dome for outsiders, professing Christians will be requested to attend a prayer meeting in another place during each mission service. A staff of young ladies will go into poor homes and take charge of the children, so that their mothers may attend the meetings. During the mission, hospitality is to be provided for all Anglican or Free Church ministers from lonely parishes, villages, or small towns.