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**NEWS OF THE WEEK**

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of life. From reports already received thirteen fishermen were drowned at Figueria Da Fez, and 600 others have been rendered destitute. A ferryboat was capsized and fourteen persons poultry industry.

At Moscow, on Sunday, police and cossacks dispersed a demonstration of three thousand students who had assembled in the principal streets and in front of the governor's palace. Three hundred of the students were arrested. Sixty were wounded.

Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in population.

On account of the scarcity of hay, the peasants of the Vistula districts, Russia, are compelled to sell their horses as low as \$2 apiece. The poor Jews, in order to comply with the rite requiring fish on the tables on Friday, are buying fish heads from the restaurants.

A Belgian swimmer made a wager recently that he could stay in the water ten hours, swimming the whole time. He won the bet, performing the feat at the Antwerp baths.

There are 224,000 rural land holders in Denmark, and more than half of them do not own over an acre. The small land owners are mostly in the drowned. In the Leixoes Basin five boats were sunk and five persons drowned.

The first wireless telegram just sent over the Alps from Cornwall to Italy arrived without a mistake in the wording, despite fears that the rarefied atmosphere of the higher Alps would affect the message. The satisfactory settlement of this point is a definite scientific advance.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

With a most attractive cover and a varied list of contents, including the latest news of the fashions and literary and domestic features of the greatest interest, *The Delineator* for January is an excellent number. A valuable contribution to sacred literature is promised in a series of papers on the famous hymns of the world, which begins in the January number with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"—one of the most perfect heart songs of all ages. A feature of the article is the number of anecdotes, showing the power for good that the hymn has wielded throughout the world.

**THE CIRCULATION OF THE BIBLE.**

How David J. Brewer, one of the judges of the supreme court of the United States, in a recent address on the study of the Bible, said:

"The more the Bible enters into our national life, the grander and purer and better will that life become. How shall this be done? One way is by circulating copies of the Bible. It would be a great blessing if a Bible could be put in the hands of every dweller in this country. If you put the book as it is in every man's hand you have made more than a beginning. But there is something more than putting the book into every man's hand. We have an illustration of what I mean in a political campaign. Orators and speakers are sent out to awaken enthusiasm and to get the people to read the documents that are distributed. It does not follow that if you put a book in a man's hand he will read it. You have to do something to draw his attention to its value and impress upon him that there is in the book something which is for his country's good, so the sending out of teachers of the Bible, competent to explain and illustrate, makes it potent as a force in the land. The one who is engaged in bringing this Bible to the people is a patriot. If it were possible for any organization or number of organizations so to take this Bible and send it through this land that its teachings and precepts could be brought home to the people, the results would be grander than all the victories won in all the wars since the beginning of time.

**Marriages.**

**GOLDING-NASON.**—In Fredericton, on the 21st inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, David Golding, of Little Lake, S. Co., and Charlotte Nason, of Tracey Station, N. B.

**FOSS-TILL.**—In Fredericton, on the 21st inst., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Marshall E. Foss, of French Lake, S. Co., and Dora E. Till, of Geary, S. Co.

**Deaths.**

**WHITEHOUSE.**—At Knowlesville, Car. Co., November 27th, of dropsy, Jacob Whitehouse, aged 80 years and 16 days, leaving three sons and five daughters:—(Henry, of Arkansas, Morris, of Kansas, and Jacob W., of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. L. Doucette, Mrs. J. Hemphill, Mrs. Chas. Gayton, Mrs. J. Crawford, of Knowlesville, and Mrs. McGillicuddy, of Bath, Maine). He also leaves 34 grand-children and 9 great grand-children. He was born at Argyle, Nova Scotia, November 12, 1824; he was baptized upon the profession of his faith in Christ when about 22 years of age, and united with the Free Baptist church at Argyle. He was one of Knowlesville's pioneers, moving there in 1861, and was one of the original members of the Knowlesville Free Baptist church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death. In his sickness he was very peaceable, his faith in Christ unshaken, and expressed a desire to be at home with Him.—H. A. BONNELL.

**SMITH.**—At Shannon, Q. Co., Nov. 12, of consumption, Alvin Smith, aged 56, leaving a widow, four sons and four daughters, and a large circle of relatives to mourn. Bro. Smith professed religion thirty-four years ago under the labors of A. B. Marsh, and united with Shannon church. Six years ago he was chosen deacon. He was a worthy man, and filled important offices in church and community as one of Shannon's very best men. As an honest and upright man, he won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Funeral services by the writer.—S. J. PERRY.