

OUR SECOND VOLUME.
With this number THE HERALD enters upon its second year. Without desiring to boast, it may fairly claim to have kept its promise to give its readers a paper reliable in its news, elevated in its tone—a paper that may safely be taken into the family circle. It has avoided sensationalism. It has preferred always the bright, the cheerful, the inspiring side of life. In its political work, it has endeavored to soften the roughness of party warfare as much as possible, and if at any time it has been necessary to indulge in severe criticism, care has always been taken to discriminate between the public and private capacity of individuals. THE HERALD hopes that in its second volume, it will improve upon its good features and remedy any faults which experience has disclosed.

ABOUT CREEDS.
The Rev. Lyman Abbott, in giving his reasons for being a Congregationalist, lays stress upon the point that questions of creed occupy a subordinate place in that church organization. Creeds are valuable only, he says, as a means to an end, the end being purity of life. There is much in this position to commend itself to persons not associated with churches, as well as to many who are. One reason why the churches do not make more progress is that they insist in nearly every case upon belief in some creed, which is usually elaborated with a pretence of scientific accuracy. A somewhat noticeable instance has lately come to light. A number of persons associated with the Free Baptist church embraced what they call the doctrine of entire sanctification. Strictly speaking it is not a doctrine. It is a fact, if anything at all, capable of demonstration just as insanity or any other mental condition is demonstrable. Around this central fact, of the existence of which they were convinced, a number of persons grouped themselves into a church organization. A member might believe in anything provided he admitted the necessity and possibility of entire sanctification. A meeting for organization was held and a gentleman, Rev. Mr. Wiggins, was appointed to draw up a creed, "Articles of Belief" they call it, and he has produced something which it is safe to say many of the organization did not and never will accept; but to which they had bound themselves in advance. What will be the outcome of it cannot at present be foreseen. The incident is interesting. The Holiness people call themselves, recognized that religion was not a series of theories, but a fact capable of proof. They therefore set all theories to the winds and rested upon the fact alone. Probably like many others before them they misunderstood the fact and were not very happy in selecting a name for it; probably they thought they had discovered more than they really had found; but such errors are human, and the man who strives after perfect holiness is apt to be a good man, even if he makes the mistake of thinking that he has reached an unattainable ideal. Not content with this they must establish a creed. Well there is this to be said about it, that the primitive church did the same thing, not in its earliest days, perhaps, but as soon as it was found more convenient to accept a certain belief than to live a good life—as soon as rich and influential men began to want to be christians, but not in the sense in which we mean. Then the divines fell to creed making, and it came to pass that a man might be everything vile and cruel, but be said of salvation provided he believed, or said he believed, what the church prescribed. The Reformation was a revolt against a belief in the sufficiency of creeds, and it was not the last movement of the kind within the Roman Catholic church though most of those which have succeeded it were allowed to work out within the church itself. The Wesleyan movement was of the same class. So is the Salvation Army, so was the Old New Light movement, and so was the Holiness movement and many others. They were all due to the same inspiration—that religion is a fact not an elaborate theory. Like the other great fact of religion, it adjusts itself to human progress, or rather, it is adapted to all phases of human progress. A man may be religious in the truest sense and yet be absent of the foremost in all that makes our nineteenth century the best century the world has yet seen. He will not feel bound by the conceptions of men far more ignorant than he. He will not be misled into the notion that there was a time when heaven was much nearer earth than it is now and such subtle and lost means of communication existed between the seen and the unseen worlds. He will not worry himself to reconcile things which are in their nature diverse, to comprehend things not understood by those who propounded them, and falling thus to blindly believe what the mind is incapable of receiving. He needs no council of clerics to tell him that the teachings of the Great Master are divine.

POLITICAL VISITORS.
Hon. Messrs. Laurier and Davies are to speak in St. John on Monday next. They will present the liberal platform for the consideration of the people of that constituency. Both gentlemen possess a deserved reputation for eloquence and doubtless their addresses will be of more than ordinary interest. Reciprocity will probably be a prominent feature in their speeches. Reciprocity is the coming question. Erasmus Wiman, in a private letter to a friend in this city, says: "Reciprocity is in the air here (New York) to an extent not dreamed of by politicians and newspaper men." There is not much doubt but that the democratic victory in the United States is only the beginning of an important change in public sentiment. Our neighbors did not adopt protection for their own sake. They adopted a high tariff because the war made a great revenue necessary. This tariff was necessary protective, and the protected manufacturers have been strong enough to prevent a return to sound economic principles. Something like this has taken place in Canada. Increased demands on the treasury compelled higher tariff—a tariff which was not to be protective. Of course it was protective and the protected manufacturers were prompt in demanding the adoption, as a plank in the conservative platform, of a line of policy which was not at first contemplated. Perhaps it was sound economic policy, in view of what was being done in the United States, for Canada to adopt protection; but it is not worth while discussing that now. Appearances indicate that we are soon to be face to face with new conditions.

THE AMERICAN TROTTERING ASSOCIATION by expelling the great horse Nelson and his owner from all tracks under his supervision have shown an independent sense of justice that we do much to clear the tracks of "crooked work."

THE LATEST STYLES.
We would advise our readers to give Lucy & Co. corner Queen and Regent streets a call before buying their Xmas purchases. They keep a very fine stock of footwear including American and Canadian overboots, fancy slippers, felt wool lined skating and walking boots, and the finest stock of moccasins we have seen this year. Here is where you may find a very large stock of fur, cloth and Scotch knif caps. The latest styles of hard and soft hats. Men's, boys' and children's clothing in suits, overcoats, ulsters, referees, cardigan jackets, shirts and underclothing, also a fine stock of rubber and waterproof coats, trunks and travelling bags, etc. The leading feature of this establishment is all customers get the very best value for their money. You can find hundreds of useful articles suitable for Xmas presents among their elegant stock.

Police Intelligence.
The preliminary examination of George Boone the forger took place at St. John on Saturday last. Messrs. Rodgers, Emmeson, and Fisher gave evidence respecting the forged order, and the prisoner was remanded by the magistrate. He talked little about himself, but was quite willing to sing and dance. He has lived in the wilds for many years. The magistrate sent him to jail for five months.
On Monday last complaint was laid before Justice Thos. R. Cameron of Andover shelling M. J. Egan (shabby slot machine) had obtained certain promissory notes fraudulently and by false pretense. A warrant was at once issued for his arrest and constable Wilson started in pursuit of him. He traced Egan to Florenceville and having arrested him he took him to his home to wait for the express; but Egan pinned for the free air of his native province (Ontario). One of his confederates in the cloth business drove his team to the hotel door, and placed his hand on constable Wilson's shoulder and entered into earnest conversation with him, Wilson who was standing in true English fashion, with his back to the fire, looked over his shoulder to see that his coat was not burning, Egan gave him a violent push away from the door, sprang through it himself, jumped into the waiting wagon and was driven rapidly towards Uncle Sam's dominions, which he reached in due season and took the C. P. R. express at Danforth for parts unknown.

FOREIGN NEWS.
Summary of the Press Telegrams From all Parts of the World.
The decomposed body of a man, supposed to be Paul Dewey, the suspected murderer of Gen. Silverskoff, has been found near Ixelles, Belgium. The deceased had taken prussic acid.
In the German army the Emperor is known as "Alam Fritz," on account of his habit of rousing the garrisons in the middle of the night. In the navy he is known as "Gondola Billy," from "gondoling" about, as they call it, anywhere and everywhere.
In a quarrel at Paine's Valley, I. T. Tuesday night, between Senator Sam Paul, of the Chicsaw legislature, and his son Joseph Paul, the latter was shot and killed by his father badly wounded in the thigh. The quarrel it is stated arose over a woman of bad repute.
Healy, on three occasions, was hooded in the streets of Dublin on Tuesday. The last time he tried to address the people when the crowd made a rush for him, hustling him around and smothering his face down over his eyes. One man was arrested for assaulting Healy with a stick.
One of the saddest incidents connected with the excitement caused by Prof. Koch's lymph discovery is that of the suicide of Martin Mergel, a son of one of Fort Wayne's leading merchants. The boy was a student at the University of Michigan, and became despondent because of his inability to procure any lymph.
News has been received that the Spanish expedition against the rebels in the Caroline Islands took the fortified position of Ketani on the island of Pomape. During the attack one Spanish officer and 25 soldiers were killed and four officers and 47 men wounded. The natives had two guns, the Spaniards burned all the villages in the Ketani district.
Cornelius Vanderbill, Chauncey M. Depew and other railroad men passed over the Michigan Central Wednesday evening in an official train en route for Chicago. The run from Clifton to St. Thomas, 115 miles, was made in 126 minutes, actual running time, and to Windsor, 111 miles, was made in 108 minutes, actual running time.
In the senate, Oklahoma, Tuesday, during the discussion of a Kingfisher capital bill, a personal encounter occurred between Senator Brown of Oklahoma and Senator Brown of Logan. The friends of both came to their aid and the greatest confusion prevailed in the chamber for the time. It was impossible to transact any business, and the senate was finally adjourned.
Two timber hunters were paddling a canoe on Poke-Moonshine lake, one night recently, says the Calais Times, when one of them, in the dark thought he saw a rock ahead. His companion in the stern, who had been wanting to get out, exclaimed that it was something alive, and grasping his rifle, fired two shots and killed a fine buck, which was quickly towed ashore.
The Franklin bank of Clarksville Tenn., a private concern with a capital of \$50,000, suspended payments on Wednesday on account of the general failure of Henry Seafort, New York, large tobaccoist, with whom the Franklin bank had been doing a large credit business. Kendrick, Pettus & Co., a large tobacco firm assigned to day, the firm had a large deposit in the Franklin bank. Their liabilities are \$41,000.
Regarding the existing financial stringency, Chauncey M. Depew said Thursday at Chicago the currency of the country was utterly incapable of meeting the demands of legitimate trade. People lock money up and the government does also. The bill, a personal concern of Kingfisher capital, was passed by a large majority.

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