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Hon. Robert McKay, Montreal, has handed over to the authorities of McGill University \$9,000, collected some years ago and intended as part of a fund to be used in university work as a memorial for Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, formerly premier of Canada.

Cecil Rhodes has secured contracts amounting to several million pounds sterling for supplying South Africa, especially the British troops in that part of the world, with fresh meat, which will be taken to South Africa in refrigerator vessel from the British colonies and elsewhere.

News Summary.

Four distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Mexico City on Thursday.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of Antigonish, N. S., who was reported drowned in the Sticken river, is alive and well.

The government has received a memorial from the Yukon asking among other things for representation in the Senate.

Judge Landry, at Hampton on Thursday, imposed a fine of \$5 on Melbourne J. Jones, convicted of common assault on his wife.

The marine department will maintain temporary range lights and fog alarm while the Stanley continues to run to P. E. Island.

Since the Canadian Contingent to the South African Constabulary, numbering 200, left for Cape town last March, 31 Canadian members of the force have died.

It is reported that agents of an American syndicate are negotiating to buy certain South Lancashire, Eng., collieries, but nothing definite has been concluded.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, after attending the King's coronation, will, accompanied by Lady Laurier, make an extensive tour in France, Italy and other European countries.

J. H. Bryant died at Princeton Ill., Jan. 14, aged 94 years. He was the only remaining brother of W. C. Bryant, and himself a writer of nature poems, a politician and a business man.

Lord and Lady Gordon-Lennox, who are now visiting former Senator Walcott, in Colorado, have been invited to lead a lion hunt at Brookside, in Platt Canon, 60 miles from Denver.

Vladivostok, which forty years ago consisted of four Chinese fishermen's huts, is now a flourishing city of 50,000 souls, and Khabarovsk and Blagovestchensk are not far behind in wealth and population.

The British captured a Boer laager at Roodekranz, near Ficksburg, last Sunday, with 10 wagons and 2,500 sheep. It was discovered that boots, candles, clothing and Martini bullets were being made at this laager.

A gold refiner, Joseph Micoulas by name, twenty-eight years old, was at work in a laboratory in the Rue de Charanton, Paris, the other day when he was seized with an epileptic fit. His head fell forward into a basin of gold dust, which penetrated his nostrils and eventually suffocated him. This is the first death of the kind ever recorded in Paris.

There are 103 incumbents of churches in England who have occupied the same living for fifty years or more, and of these, twelve have held their places for sixty years. Their average income amounts to \$250 a year, and in sixteen cases the income, after fifty years' continuous service, is between the limits of £76 and £152 a year.

It is suggested that Marconi's wireless telegraphy may make possible more than the most sanguine scientist hoped for—the rational method of attempting communication with the planets. If the communication without wires can be carried on for thousands of miles, it may be possible to extend it to hundreds of thousands. Nobody can guess now how communication can be established, but it is an inspiring thought that some attempt may be made.

According to trustworthy information, Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, recently, intimated to the Boer delegates the desirability, in view of Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield, of their giving some intimation to the British government of the basis upon which they would entertain peace negotiations. As the result of a conference between Dr. Kuyper and the Boer delegate, Dr. Kuyper went to England. The result of his visit is not yet known.

The Senate committee on commerce at Washington, Friday, authorized a favorable report of Senator Fry's ship-subsidy bill. The committee made several amendments to the bill. The most important are: Allowing mail carrying vessels under the bill to be either iron or steel, instead of steel only, as originally provided, and another reducing to 1,000 gross registered tons the vessel receiving a bounty under the bill. The bill, Senator Fry says, will so extend ship building as to transfer from abroad to the United States the centre of that industry as the centres of other industries recently have been transferred, and also that it will give to the United States a measure of maritime independence corresponding to their industrial and agricultural independence.

Acknowledgement.

TO EDITOR OF MESSENGER AND VISITOR.—The members and friends of the Baptist churches of Upper and Lower Newcastle presented to their pastor, Rev. W. J. Blakney during holidays, an ulster, coat, a Persian lamb cap, a pair of long top overboots, a pair of fancy mittens, a valuable carriage robe, also in the autumn from Senator King and E. E. Crandall, presents amounting to the sum of nine dollars. Many thanks to the donors.

Grateful Acknowledgment.

From the depths of a beautiful fur coat I wish to express my deep appreciation of the kindness of the people of Newport. This privilege is made possible through the efforts of our young people of Scotch Village, Upper Burlington and Ashdale, who so thoughtfully remembered their pastor in his battles with the roaring North Wind. The friends of Avondale also extended New Year Greetings accompanied with a purse of \$15 and the people of Upper Burlington presented Mrs. C. with the sum of \$10.25. To all those who have remembered us so kindly we would express our sincere thanks, not only for their gifts, but for all the many tokens of regard and good will they have shown us since our coming among them. And may the Giver of all good richly reward and bless them every one.

L. H. CRANDALL.

A PICTURE SERMON.

It was long ago we heard, or rather, saw a New Year's sermon, which comes back to us at the beginning of each year. An artist was the preacher, and a small art gallery was the church where it was preached. The theme was "Reason and Faith," and thus it was unfolded. Two travellers were moving up the side of a mountain, while the shadows of night were falling. The stars were coming out, and let fall a little dim light upon their path. One of them was in the form of an angel whose eye was fixed on the far distant and heavenly. The other was a soldier advancing near her side. His face bore the marks of strain and anxiety. His sinewy hand held firm an unsheathed sword with which he was feeling his way up the rugged hill. His eye was downward and not upward, upon the way he was treading. Caution and fear were in his eye, and as if mistrustful of himself he put out his other hand to his companion for direction and help. The angel traveler was Faith. The warrior, watchful and strenuous, was Reason. In our night pilgrimage through the year we need both Reason and Faith. Which is the greater, we need not ask, for both are essential to the safety and success of our pilgrim life.—The Baptist Commonwealth.

John Lee, new member of the Ontario Legislature for East Kent, will introduce a bill this session enabling trainmen and mariners to vote at their place of residence two days before election day when necessary.

A despatch to the London Mail from Copenhagen says that Col. Lindholm, of the Chilian army, has arrived there, en route to Holland. He has been commissioned by the Chilian government to submit to Dr. Leids, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, an offer to provide free passages to Boer emigrants, and to furnish them with grants of land and oxen on easy terms of purchase.

Over one hundred persons were injured, many of them severely, by a terrific wind storm which swept over Vienna on Thursday. Houses were unroofed, chimneys were blown down and the streets were so filled with debris so as to seriously impede traffic. A freight train was blown off its track and passenger traffic has been tied up.

At a meeting of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company directors on Thursday evening arrangements were completed to purchase two Builer excavating machines with a capacity of 50 tons per day each. These two machines are expected to mine and load on cars 1,000 tons of coal daily.

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