

the city and to abolish the race track gambling at Ascott Park, just outside the city limits. Many wonderful conversions are reported and hundreds have been turned from the paths of sin. Several of the Los Angeles churches have received large additions. A remote result of the revival, it is said, will be the organization of the churches of the city in a church federation.

—The following interesting note is taken from the *Canadian Magazine*:—Combined with a real fund of inexhaustible humor, Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, Baptist Missionary for the Northwest, possesses the feeling and magnetism that so often go with real humor. He was preaching recently in the Jarvis Street Baptist church at Toronto. His subject was Consecration. "A year ago when I was in Alymer," he said at the close, "I was speaking on the needs of missions in the Northwest, and met a motherless little deformed girl. Her father in the West, was unable to support her, in spite of her deformity, she was making her own living. Moved by the appeal, she offered me her diamond ring—the gift of her dead mother. I refused to take it, but she insisted. Finally I took it, and went to a jeweler's with it. He offered me twenty dollars for the ring, but this I refused. No—" he broke in, suddenly, producing the ring in the pulpit and holding it up to the light, "I determined that, instead of selling the ring, I would raise \$2,000 with it for Western Missions. Already I have raised over \$1,000. Perhaps I shall get the balance of the \$2,000 here to-night. And when the service was over donors came forward by the score, and the total amount put in the plate held by Mr. Stackhouse was \$288. The ring was returned to the little girl the next day. Verily, "How great a matter a little faith can do!"

—Answering in *The British Weekly* the question of a correspondent as to whether the resurrection body of our Lord was a spiritual or natural one Rev. R. J. Campbell says:—In my judgment, modern thought will come back to the physical resurrection, because it will be found to be the one which best reconciles all the facts and not simply some of them. The more we understand about the nature of matter the more does this probability become evident. If matter, as we are now told, represents the vibrations of force at a greater or less degree of intensity, considerable light is thrown upon its possibilities. The wall before me, as I write, represents a combination of forces vibrating at such a rate that my body cannot pass through it. The atmosphere is just as much a combination of forces, but its rate of vibration permits me to move through it at my pleasure. Suppose, now, that the combination of forces which compose my physical frame were to be intensified or diminished in such a way as to alter greatly its rate of vibration, the air might become impassable or the wall might become as yielding as air. My body might seem to acquire new properties or lose some of its old ones, and yet it would be the same body. I think it extremely probable that something of this kind took place in our Lord's resurrection body. It was the body which went into the tomb, but when reanimated it was reinforced, or newly energized, by the spiritual power he brought with him. In a few years time this kind of explanation will not seem so strange as it does now.

—A new book, by Professor Marcus Dods, entitled "The Bible: Its Origin and Nature," will doubtless be eagerly welcomed by a host of Bible students. The scope of the book may be judged from its table of contents which includes: The Bible and other Sacred Books; The Canon of Scripture; The Bible Revelation; The Bible Inspiration; The Bible Infallibility; Trustworthiness of the Gospels; and the Miraculous Element in the Gospels. In treating of the Bible and other sacred books, Professor Dods writes, "The value of the Bible results from its connection with Christ. He is the supreme ultimate revelation of God, and the Bible being the amber in which He is preserved for men, is as invaluable and unique as He. On all hands and in all ages there has been knowledge of God. He has never and nowhere left himself without a witness; through nature and through the conscience and through the experience of the misery of the knowledge which follows sin God has spoken to men in general and to the individual in a language that many have been unable to understand. But all such revelation is demonstrably incomplete without Christ. It is only in that crowning revelation that all becomes clear and that God is fully known. It cannot be too often repeated that the element in the Bible which differentiates it is not the supreme and unrivaled excellence of all its constituent parts, nor that in it alone God speaks to man, but that it is the record of His supreme manifestation in Jesus Christ."

—The case of Frank J. Reilly who on Tuesday last was sentenced to one year in jail for his connection with the West Hastings ballot box conspiracy, ought to carry with it a salutary warning for those who have been led to think that fraud in connection with political elections is a light offence for which one is not likely to be called to very strict account either by the law or by public opinion. If for all who engage in conspiracies or individual efforts to defraud constituencies the results were what they have proved to be in Reilly's case, such instances of fraud would be much less frequent than they are, and the public conscience would receive a much needed education. Reilly, who is a teacher and a young man apparently of considerable education, is

said to feel his position very keenly. If he had had the benefit of such an example as he is now affording to others, he would doubtless never have consented to lend himself to the criminal scheme of an unscrupulous politician. The jury in the case added to their verdict of "guilty" a strong recommendation to mercy, and Judge McMahon in sentencing Reilly said that he seemed to have been blinded to the true facts of the case, and he would make the sentence light that he might have a chance to redeem his character. It is much to be regretted that the politicians who hoped to profit by the conspiracy in which Reilly was involved have so far been enabled to elude justice by getting out of the country.

From Halifax.

THE RELIGIOUS STATE OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

An increasing interest in religion has been observable in Halifax for at least the last six months. It has appeared in public worship, especially in the social services of the churches. It might safely be said, that the city is ripe for a heroic forward movement; but whether there is faith to make such an undertaking general remains to be seen. The North church was first in the field. Courage in this respect has characterized this church, especially since the time when they rallied and wrought so successfully under the labours of the evangelist Chubbuck. Of the results of the cooperation of Mr. Shaver with the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Jenner, I have already written. Since the close of the evangelists work in the North church, he has been holding services in Brunswick St. church, with, I hear, so far, not very marked results. Brother Jenner has continued the extra services in the North church, and has baptized each Sabbath since; and expects more candidates for the ordinance. On the 12th of March, Rev. Dr. Kempton baptized seven young people, one of them the last in the family of deacon W. L. Bars outside of the church. He has held no special meetings. A daily prayer meeting has been begun in the Y. M. C. A., from a quarter to one for an hour, especially for business men. It is largely attended and heart earnestness is manifest.

In the first church there has been a sympathetic, expectant state quite generally evident. A few weeks ago the pastor, Rev. F. H. Waring, made a special request of the church to pray for a revival; not for the coming of an evangelist, although he said he believed in such workers. Mrs. Spurgeon, a Congregationalist, once said to her son "Charles I always prayed that you might become a minister, but I never prayed that you should be a Baptist minister." "Well," replied the son "Mother you ought to be satisfied, for you have got all you asked for and more." The first church in answer to prayer, is now enjoying a revival, quite extensive and an evangelist in addition.

The Rev. P. J. Stackhouse of the Mission church, St. John was sent for and preached for the first time to a large congregation on Sabbath morning, the 5th of March. He was an entire stranger to the people. He in a quiet unostentatious manner, told the congregation of his church and work in St. John, that he was not an evangelist, but as a young pastor had come to assist a brother in the ministry. The congregation gave him their hearts and their confidence. The pastor gave him the full charge of the public services, both in the body of the church where he has preached twice on each Sunday, and every evening except Saturday until today, the 22nd, when he will finish his work. After each evening sermon, a second meeting has been held in the large school room which has been filled. The pastor works in the congregation and in visiting from house to house.

Mr. Stackhouse is largely endowed with the preaching talent. His voice is musical and plaintively pathetic. His mind drifts easily to historic events and personages, in and outside of the Bible, where he finds many of his lessons, which he gives with clearness and with good effect. His voice is what may be called a carrying voice, every syllable is heard in all parts of the room. Some members of the congregation, dull of hearing who have not heard the whole of a sermon for years, sermons given by different ministers have been delighted in being able to hear without effort all that Mr. Stackhouse has said.

The sermons he has given are such as might be delivered to his own church in the course of his ordinary ministrations. They have, however, been lacking in droll observations, that make people laugh; but I think this young preacher can go on as he has begun, and not be afraid that in the great day, some sinners will rise up in judgment against him and say, "We might have been saved if you had acted the clown and copied the cheap politician."

He also has good diction, facile utterance and contagious warmth of feeling; and evidently a passion and gift for leading souls to Christ. There was a decided response to his appeals in the first social meetings and in every subsequent one. There may be thirty or more additions to the church by baptism. Mr. Stackhouse has extended his labors to the Sunday school. A number from the blind school have decided to profess faith in Christ by baptism.

Rev. W. L. Archibald is in the city engaged in the work of the Second Forward Movement. Dr. Trotter is at Hanport and adjacent places. Both are encouraged and sanguine of complete success in their great undertaking.

REPORTER.

Acadia Seminary Notes.

Within a month two exceptionally interesting Recital Programmes have been presented, one by the pupils in Pianoforte, the other by pupils in Voice. At this time space will not permit the presentation of the programmes in full. But both Mr. Maxim and Miss Archer have shown what patient, painstaking endeavor can accomplish with a pupil who will work, and both are to be congratulated upon the very satisfactory results achieved.

The next event of importance educationally is Dr. Hanchett's Pianoforte Recital. His coming is in pursuance of the plan initiated last year, viz, to afford the pupils of the Seminary year by year, in addition to the routine instruction of the school, an opportunity to hear an artist in music, vocal, or instrumental, or in oratory, etc., interpret the masterpieces. This Dr. Hanchett both as an educator and artist in pianoforte music is well able to do. This Recital on Friday Evg. March 31, is looked forward to with great interest.

Miss E. Portia Starr of the Seminary Teaching Staff has been awarded a diploma and the degree of Lic. Mus. of the Victoria College of music, London, for Pianoforte playing and Harmony. Miss Starr took the necessary examination in Berlin during her two years residence there. We congratulate her upon her well deserved success, and her pupils upon having a backer so well qualified for her position.

The Pierian at its first appearance last year was well received. The matter for the second annual is now being prepared. Plans are in course of execution which will increase its value and interest. It will be published about June 1, 1905. Any information about former pupils or Alumnae will be gratefully acknowledged by the editors, Address, Editors of the Pierian, Wolfville, N. S.

The many friends and patrons of the Seminary will rejoice to learn of the deepening spiritual interest among the girls. One has already been united to the church, and others are offering themselves. Pray that the good work may deepen and extend. Education which is the process of bringing the life into the right relation to all of the various manifestations of God in the universe, in nature, mankind, is obviously incomplete unless it shall bring the life into the right relation to God. This is eternal life that they should know the one true God. God grant that very many of our girls may become acquainted with him.

H. T. DEWOLFE.

—We have had "A Snowball" thrown at us from Wolfville, in the form of a handsome sheet printed on toned paper and filled with interesting original matter, mostly about snow, snowstorms, blockades, etc. Miss Margaret Bars, is editor in chief, with Louisa Mears and Rosamund Archibald as sub-editors. It is not unpleasant to get hit with this kind of a "snowball," and who will say after this that girls can't "fire" straight? *L. M. C. 15, 05*

Soul-Building.

Souls are built as temples are—
Sunken deep, unseen, unknown,
Lies the sure foundation-stone.
Then the courses framed to bear
Life the cloisters pillared fair.
Last of all the airy spire,
Soaring heavenward, higher and higher,
Nearest sun and nearest star.

Souls are built as temples are—
Based on truth's eternal law,
Sure and steadfast, without flaw,
Through the sunshine, through the snows,
Up and on the building goes;
Every fair thing finds its place,
Every hard thing lends a grace,
Every hand may make or mar.

—Susan Coolidge.

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