

Mr. Burns committed the bill to revise, continue and amend the act incorporating Carver railway. Passed.

Progress was also reported on the bill committed by Mr. Marshall to amend an act relating to levying, assessing and collecting rates in St. John.

THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

The World's Conference of Young Men's Christian Association will be held, this year, at Geneva, Switzerland, August 13-20. Arrangements are making for an excursion thither from New York, by way of Scotland and England.

The Rev. J. U. Mitchell, of Dunfermline, Scotland, is said to be the only regularly ordained Universalist minister in Great Britain, though there are several laymen doing what they call missionary work.

A denomination known in the West as Disciples of Christ, has just sent missionaries to France. They are already flourishing congregations in England. They practice immersion for the remission of sins and hold weekly communion.

There are 35,000 Protestant girls in Roman Catholic schools, and the Romanists claim that one out of every ten of these girls is converted to their faith, and that three out of ten are taught to hate Protestantism.

The results of the famine in British India are still distressingly felt in Madras and Mysore. Unless prices take a downward turn very soon, the relief works will be compelled to continue until August or September.

Just think of a donation of "60 cords of stove-wood, delivered at the house." That is what one of the Michigan ministers reports in an exchange. He might sell the wood, put the money at interest, and keep himself in firewood forever afterwards on the income of it.

Public drunkenness has decreased in Troy, N. Y., fully 60 per cent, as shown by the records of the police, since the Murphy movement swept through it. The number of persons in that city who have signed the pledge is now said to be 17,000.

The "Murphy Movement," in some of its various forms, has reached nearly every part of Kansas, and has already done much good. Many give promise of permanent reformation, and a healthy tone of public sentiment has been created. In several smaller cities and villages the saloons have generally been closed, and sobriety and good order prevail.

THE MONTHLIES &c.

Harper's Magazine for April is a many-sided number, containing something new for all classes of readers. In the opening article, entitled the "American Clyde," the reader is introduced to the great iron ship-race on the Detroit River, between the "Electric City" and the "Electric City." The "Electric City" is a scientific article, treated in a popular style, with illustrations. Art is given considerable space.

Immediately associated with art subjects are the historical contents of the monthlies. The paper contributed by Edward Howland, entitled "Our Indian Brothers," is also very timely, in view of the proposed transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department of the United States. The "Easy Chair" class of timely subjects—the early days of the pontificate of Pius the Ninth—the Eastern Question—the state of the times in the respective fields, including a capital "Drawer." This number of the Magazine contains over one hundred illustrations.

The Complete Preacher, with the March number, closes its second volume. The publishers have reason to congratulate themselves on the surprising success of this sermonic periodical during the past year. Of every one of the eleven numbers previous to this March issue, a second, in several instances a third—in one instance, indeed, a fourth edition has been run off. The success of this sermonic periodical. It indicates a great revival of interest in this class of literature, attributable, probably, to the fact that ministers are inquiring in more practical and interesting ways the vital truths of religion. Questions which arise in daily experience—live questions of the hour—are not thrown beneath the dignity of the pulpit, and so have the light of the Gospel turned upon them. The clergy are awakening to the importance of bringing down and applying the principles of Christianity to where people are thinking and living. This increasing interest in sermonic literature we deem a healthy sign of the times. The following contents of this number of The Complete Preacher are of exceptional interest:

"The Surrender to Infidelity," by Justin D. Fulton, D.D.; "Broad in Love," by Newman Hall, LL.B.; "Broad for the Hungry," by John Cumming, D.D.; "Divine Forces in Human History," by Prof. A. J. Nelson; "The Singular Arguments Against Endless Punishment Unsubstantiated as a Sure Ground of Hope," by R. S. Dabney, D.D., LL.D.; "The Beatitudes of the Pilgrim," by Justin D. Fulton, D.D.; The Religious Newspaper Agency, 21 Barclay Street, New York. Price, single number, 25 cents; \$2.00 per year.

—Sir James Carter, formerly Chief Justice of New Brunswick, died last week in England, where he has resided for some years.

The United States Senate, the Lewiston Journal says, has passed a bill providing for a commission to investigate the liquor traffic, intemperance and the influence of license and prohibition, after having adopted an amendment to the effect that one member of the commission shall be a person engaged in the liquor traffic. The bill has twice previously passed the Senate, but the House has always objected to such an enquiry. Perhaps the House will look more favorably upon the investigation, now that a liquor seller must be placed upon the commission.

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THE NEWS AND THE PRESS.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., MARCH 22, 1878.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The *Freeman* says, the brig *Flora*, of this port, from Pencoese, for Cardenas, in ballast, was found some days ago bottom up, and it is feared the crew have been drowned. The *Flora* was owned in St. John, and was insured for \$6,000. She was commanded by Capt. Peter Gaudin, and her crew consisted of Wm. A. Gaudin, 31, of St. George, late mate; Jacob Johnson, 30, of St. George, late mate; John Johnson, 30, of St. George, late mate; and John Johnson, 30, of St. George, late mate.

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