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MAKE THIS KNOWN.

To new subscribers paying one year's subscription the INTELLIGENCER will be sent from the time of receiving the money till Dec. 31st, 1879. They will, by taking advantage of this offer, receive the paper from the date of subscription till the end of the present year free!

Will the ministers do the INTELLIGENCER and the cause it advocates the favour of announcing this offer from their pulpits? Other friends of the paper may help it greatly by bringing this offer to the attention of their non-subscribing neighbors. We hope to receive a large number of new subscribers.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—ONE FEVER.—The loss of life by the yellow fever has been very great—several thousands having died. An estimate has been made of the effect on business. One estimate states that the loss from the suspension and disarrangements of business is upward of \$200,000,000, while some others put the loss much higher.

—PASTORAL VISITING.—The experiment of making pastoral visits in the evening has been tried by a New York Minister—Rev. Dr. Newman, and he is satisfied with the results. Of its advantages one paper says that in cities it has the advantage. The husband and grown up sons are at home; and thus saving the hour when all the family are at home, the pastor's visit more effective. It is a small gain, too, that this plan does not open the eyes of the careless critics of the neighborhood gossip. We advise young pastors to try it.

—PREPARING.—It having been officially intimated that the Marquis of Lorne, who is coming to be Governor-General of Canada, will land at Halifax, the citizens have already taken steps toward giving the Marquis and his Royal wife a right hearty welcome. A committee of citizens has been appointed to co-operate with the civic and local Government authorities. The Marquis will remain in Halifax two days.

—FOR MINISTERS.—"Speak unto us smooth words," is the demand of certain Church goers; and unhappily some Ministers yield to the demand. Such—if any of them read this paper—would do well to ponder this truth as put by the *S. S. Times*, viz., that if a minister's sermons never make a stir in his Church; if his statements are never questioned; if all his hearers say amen to his every utterance, he has good reason for supposing that backwardness in knowing or in declaring the full truth, has quite as much to do in securing this unbroken harmony, as forwardness on his people's part.

—PHOTOGRAPHS.—The Women's Mission Society have for sale photographs of the Society's Missionary, Miss Jessie Hooper. There are two sizes, card and cabinet; the price of the card size is 25 cts., and of the cabinet, 50 cts. The pictures, particularly the larger size, are, we think, excellent. Already a good number have been sold, and orders are on hand for more. Every home interested in the Woman's Mission would do well to have one. The proceeds of sales, after paying the cost, are for the benefit of the mission. All orders, accompanied with the cash, sent to Miss Alice Peters, care Wm. & Peters, Esq., St. John will receive prompt attention.

—A FATHER GOES TO REST.—The Morning Star reports the death of Rev. Hosea Quinly, D.D., at the age of 74. The Star says: Quinly was well known in early life with the importance of education and persisted in his studies against the wishes of many friends, who urged him to enter the ministry without further study. He did preach as an opportunity was presented, but his first work was to educate himself, and he was the first Presb. Minister that graduated from college. His work as an educator in our denomination gave him the undisputed title of Father of their educational interest. He seems to have been raised as no other man was, to turn the denominational current in favor of education by his sweet yet decisive spirit. For thirty years he was the teacher of two men, and when he left the teacher's chair some fifteen years ago, it was only to give himself more fully to his pulpit and pastoral work. He accepted no man or class of men as a pattern, for Christ was his great teacher, but he had studied our denominational fathers as no other man ever did, and had a reverence for their spirit and work that few of his survivors have ever cherished. His great anxiety of late years has been to awaken a deeper and broader spirit of piety in the ministry and the laity.

—"PR-MILLENNIUM."—There are found here and there those who with much zeal declare the pre-millennial advent but say very little, if anything, of the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation. The Christian Advocate of Michigan, re-lukes these people, pointing out the folly of their course. To assert—it says—the certainty or probability of the immediate coming of Christ as a motive to induce unconverted men to enter religion, is utterly untrue, because no such certainty exists, and its probability is apparent only to a few financial advocates who have a personal vanity in the doctrine, and who are more zealous to make converts to their theory than to save men from perdition. If it be true that men can be aroused from indifference and induced to become Christians by this appeal, it must be utterly untrue to employ it, because the faith excited by a false hope must react, and no motive but the absolute facts of sin, perdition, and atonement can penetrate the human heart to a sufficient depth to inspire true and lasting repentance, faith and consecration. Whoever succeeds in attaching men to the church by any other motive than that they are lost through sin, but redeemed in Christ, is the enemy of religion. We want no transient religious excitement operating upon the credulous and fanciful by the prospect of the "Second Advent."

—DENIER.—Many and mean are the attempts made to cast reproach on Christianity. Any story, however false it may appear on its face, is freely circulated, if it be of a character to disparage the religion of Christ. A striking instance of this mode of warfare is exposed in the New York Observer. The chaplain of the Auburn State Prison has recently written a letter, in which he says that he has seen the following statement in the newspapers: "Among the convicts of Auburn prison are 42 lawyers, 37 clergymen, and 13 physicians." In the margin of this statement he writes: "Allow me to say that the published report of last year, most carefully prepared, shows the following: Physicians, 5; lawyers, 3; and clergymen, none. There was one put down as a minister, who is now in the insane asylum; but he was never ordained, and cannot, therefore, be called a clergyman. Let me make inquiry concerning this same allegation have come to me from different parts of the United States, and one even from South America, where it had been publicly asserted there were forty clergymen in Auburn prison. I was able to answer them all as I now answer the above. There is not now, nor has there been for many years, a clergyman in Auburn prison as a convict."

—"RETIREMENT."—It is worth a good deal in these hard times to know just how and where to retire. The Christian at work has evidently watched the process, and has discovered how some people manage, as witnesses the following: "Times are hard, money is scarce, business is dull, retirement is duty—please stop my—beef! O, no! times are not hard enough for that yet. But there is something that is a large amount, which I wish to save. Please stop my—tobacco! cigars and snuff! O, no! not those, but I want to retire somewhere. Please stop my—ribbons, jewels, trinkets, and such like. I am sure I could not be fostered if times are so hard, but I believe I can save a way in saving in another direction. 'Economy' may be coffee, and needless, unhealthy luxuries! No, no, no, these I cannot think of such a sacrifice; I must have something else. Ah! I have it now, my paper; I must save that. I will stop my paper, and I will save it. I will save it through the panic safely. I believe in retrenchment and economy, especially of brains. Such retrenchment—"

—PROGRESS OF CATHOLICISM.—Recently published statistics, as compiled by Monsignor de Haerne of the English College of Bruges, show the progress of Catholicism in Great Britain and the United States. These statistics, as given in the Independent show that in England in the last twenty years the number of Catholic places of worship has increased from 894 to 1,315; of priests, from 1,115 to 2,087; of convents, from 27 to 229; of 21 to 73; of convents for women, from 27 to 229. In 1855 there were 44 Catholic seats in Great Britain and its colonies. Now there are 88 archbishops and bishops. In Canada since 1869 the number of Catholic churches has increased from 779 to 913, and of the clergy from 768 to 1,171. In the same period the number of religious houses has advanced from 73 to 106. There are 319 schools for every 100 of the population. In the United States there was only one female academy in 1809. Now there are over 400. Of 56 bishops 30 are of Irish birth.

—THE FIGHT AGAINST THE RUM CURSE.—The Permissive Law contest in Fredericton grows warmer each day. Committees are quietly yet diligently and faithfully doing their work. The first public meeting of the campaign was held on Saturday evening, in the City Hall. A. F. Randolph, Esq., presiding, and addressed were by the chairman, Professor Foster, Rev. J. M. McLellan, and Hon. D. L. Hamilton, jr. There was a meeting on Sabbath evening, also, presided over by Dr. Rand, and addressed by himself, Messrs. W. G. Gamble and Wm. Willson, and Prof. Foster. The meetings produced a good effect. There are to be meetings next Saturday and Sunday evenings, and also next Saturday and the day of voting, Thursday, 31st inst. The men of the rum trade are making a determined struggle, and are resolved to die hard. A good deal of free rum is being distributed, as is proved by the unusual number of drunken men about the streets of the Capital just now. They also boast of the money they are prepared to spend; and in this it is said they are being helped by generous contributions from their brother rum-sellers in this city. They admit that an honest vote would give the temperance party a majority of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred; but they think they can buy a sufficient number to turn the vote in their favor. How highly they compliment the citizens by the proposition to buy them like so many sheep. But this, we think, is all that can be said of them. They find themselves considerably hampered by rigid provisions of the law concerning bribery, and the heavy penalties inflicted on both briber and bribed. Let the temperance people remain firm, each one doing what he can till the poll closes, and we are sure the rum trade in Fredericton, despite its lavish expenditure of rum and money, is doomed. Before our next issue reaches its readers the question will have been settled, and we shall be able to give you the result in this issue. Once more we appeal to every Fredericton voter to do his duty. We also ask of Christians, everywhere, prayer, that the attempt to overthrow in the Capital the giant curse of the age may be successful. This movement is for the glory of God, for it is in behalf of his enslaved creatures; and on it we may and ought to seek His blessing.

—THE NEW GOVERNMENT.—The members of the new Government have been sworn into office, and have assumed the duties of their Departments. Part of them were sworn in at Montreal, Friday afternoon, and the others on Saturday, at Quebec, just previous to Lord Dufferin's departure for home. The following gentlemen compose the Government, and hold the offices mentioned: Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier and Minister of the Interior. S. L. Tilley, Minister of Finance. J. H. Pope, Minister of Public Works. J. H. Pope, Minister of Agriculture. James Macdonald, Minister of Justice. J. C. Pope, of P. E. Island, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs. L. F. Masson, Minister of Militia. L. Baly, Minister of Inland Revenue. Senator Aikman, Minister of the Navy. H. L. Langevin, Postmaster-General. John O'Connor, President of the Council. The Receiver-General's Department is yet without a head. It is also said that Hon. R. D. Wilton is to be the Receiver-General, second member in the Government. Report says that instead of receiving a portfolio, he is to be made President of the Senate. The new Government contains men well known throughout the Dominion, the majority of whom have had considerable Parliamentary and Departmental experience. The election for the new members have been issued, and the nominations are to take place November 4th, and polling on the 12th. Mr. Clark is expected in this city this week. Whether there will be opposition to his return is not yet known. His friends are not particularly averse to his having opposition, being confident they can elect him with 300 or 400 majority. The Toronto Globe has rather fantastically appealed to St. John to oppose him; but the News and Freeman, who know the constitutional law better than the Toronto papers, counsel their party to offer no opposition. Since the foregoing was written, Hon. Mr. Campbell has been sworn in Receiver-General.

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There is but one Paris in the world, and now is the time to see it. The weather is just cool enough to be enjoyable, and no time since the opening of the Exposition has the city been so full of strangers. Americans and other foreigners came here early in the summer by thousands; but before "doing" the Exposition preferred to take a little return to Paris to finish up their sight-seeing under more favorable circumstances—cooler weather and reduced prices. That they were disappointed as to the weather is needless to say. They couldn't go home without seeing the Exposition, so, here they are. The city is crowded. That is the word that expresses it. In addition, the people from the provinces are literally pouring in. They wouldn't come in the spring, because the Exposition was unfinished, and they didn't want the heat of mid-summer. A walk through the city or the Exposition will give one an opportunity of seeing it.

It seems almost a mystery where so many people find accommodations. A prominent American arriving in the city, the other morning, went to nineteen hotels before he could get accommodation. Everything is in full blast, and the Parisians are doubtless doing a good business in every way. The theatres are packed nightly, while it is impossible to get admission to the Grand Opera House without securing a ticket at least a week in advance, unless by chance one can be procured from a ticket shaver. Theatres, however, are more than well patronized. They are generally very comfortable inside, but always have a large number of little round tables extending, in some instances, more than half way across the sidewalks. Here the people sit and sip their coffee and cognac or drink their beer, and watch the passers by. As has been said, the "pauvre" system has become so lucrative that "gosses" are compelled to pay the proprietors for the privilege of being seated in the Grand Hotel said that he generally cleared two dollars a day, exclusive of his board which was furnished him there. Of course the amounts required of the "gosses" depends upon the prominence and custom of the cafe or restaurant in which they are employed. The "pauvre" system has an advantage at lay, the extra two or three francs are an incentive to the waiter to attend to his business as rapidly as possible.

There has been, said from Geneva to Paris for the Exhibition, the model of a section of necropolis arranged upon the perfect system of M. Schek-Jaquet. Three rows, each containing three cells, with their two upper and lower isolating spaces, are here shown. These should be covered with a layer of vegetable earth. The cells on the left are open to the public by the purpose of the exhibition, and the right are reserved for the use of the living. The cells are closed by the simple glass, which must be seen in the presence of the relatives; but one of them replaced by a window, through which the interior may be seen; and which also permits the passage of an electric bell wire, a double guarantee to those who fear too precipitate an entrance in cases of catastrophe or lethargy. The cells on the right are double sealed, and their marble tablets ornamented with inscriptions in gold, and the tablets are intended to show that the idea of the necropolis is interpreted in too much too much, but, on the contrary, offers facilities for various kinds of decoration. The French authorities have manifested their sympathy with the distressed people of the South by giving up one of the days at the Trocadero for their benefit. A grand concert will be held on the 18th of October, and it will undoubtedly be a great success.

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