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## THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER

- The doings of his every day life rather than an occasional good deed tell the true story of a

man's character.

demand.

- If it be true, as Beecher says, that a church debt is the devil's saddle he (the devil, not Beecher,) must be having a good time riding in Toronto. According to a paper of that city the churches there we hope they may be. It is worse than foolish are well saddled with debt. The Anglican churches number twenty-one, with a total indebtedness of \$75,500; there are ten Presbyterian churches, with have been guilty by any wrong previously or suban aggregate debt of \$121,800; ten Methodist churches rejoice in a burden of \$123,000; the six another" dodge is a very poor one. The "count Baptists are entirely free from debt, but the other smaller bodies are heavily burdened.

It would seem that a "debt-lifter," or several of them are needed in Toronto.

- Just now when many churches are enjoying revivals and others are hoping for them, it is well to be reminded what a genuine revival involves. According to one writer, "a revival of religion means better church attendance, fuller prayer-meetings, more devoted service, larger contributions, a deeper earnestness in all practical Christian life. It is not a mere excitement of singing and exhortation, the effect of which ends with the exercise.'

To which the Church Covenant adds : "and just as a revival of business manifests itself in greater activity along all the lines of production and trade so a revival of religion asserts itself, at every point of contact between the Truth of God and our daily

Protestant Missions in Mexico must be really successful for the Romanists are so uneasy that they issue, but we hope to have one furnished for next speak their fears. One of the Catholic papers re- week's paper. To all his friends we extend symcently appealed to "the faithful" to be more earnest in defence of their beliefs, and admitted that the teachings of Protestants are extending throughout the whole country. It said : They (the Protestants) circulate their writings at the lowest prices, even give them away, sometimes in tracts, som times in papers, which is their favorite method of young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they to save the world. sowing the bad seed; and, sad to say, in exchange that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. the Catholic weeklies and dailies are dying off for There are two groups of actors in this scene which lack of subscribers to sustain them. Protestantism is becoming truly alarming among us."

thing for the people.

Directing attention to the fact that Dean Stanley in his recent paper speaks of the change from immersion to sprinkling, as a change which "has set aside the larger part of the apostolic language re garding baptism, and has altered the very meaning o the word," the Standard asks that this admission be borne in mind, hereafter, when it is claimed, it whatever quarter, that all that is essential to baptism by immersion is retained in baptism by sprink ling. It is a change which Dean Stanley expressly sdinits "affects the thing that was signified," and so is vital and radical. If a "change" of that kind may be made, why not of any kind? and what is to prevent Christianity relapsing ultimately into paganism itself?"

that the distress in Ireland is increasing, and ur- see the danger which Mistrust and Timorous were gently requesting aid. The Mayor has issued an driven back by." This is the first group presented address to the citizens calling their attention to the | to our notice by the pen of the Psalmist. transmit them to the proper authorities.

where will do well to contribute to its relief. movement may be inaugurated here. But whether one is in much more danger of being run over in it is or not, it is certain that our citizens with char- the streets of London than he is of being devoured acteristictic liberality will do all they can to help by the lions of Africa, unless he is engaged in hunt-

- We think there is something in the following that may with profit be considered by Christians of class in life come with true hearts to trust in the every denomination everywhere. The Secretary of Lord God. The language of David is easily renthe American Missionary Association says: "If dered, "All who seek the Lord." each of the two hundred and thirty thousand female | Here is the weak and sickly one stricken down members of the Congregational churches alone in youth or in the midst of life's years and cares. would sacrifice the value of one pair of kid gloves Here are the aged with arms once sinewy, unfitted per year for this object (missionary work) they for toil, who must rest now and again after a few

in a recent address asked the women to wear the They sit amid the ruins of what once cheered them. one bonnet all the year through and devote the The way before them looks dark and hard. Others price of the new one to the Foreign Mission work. wander up and down the earth poorly clad. But And he asked the men to do the same with their before each of them shines a promise which, the

as were willing-hearted, and brought bracelets, and in the strong and noble language before us, "They ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold, that seek the Lord shall want no good thing." and every man that offered, offered an offering of Words which were not alone written for those who gold unto the Lord; and all the women that were are now trusting in God, but for all who shall draw wise-hearted did spin with their hands and brought near to Him, for all who "seek" Him. that which they had spun.'

Speculation is rife concerning candidates for good things may be given somewhat in considerathe Presidency of the United States. Chicago the place, and June the month of holding the Re- them. For some Christians are most happy and audible towards the close of the prayer, and a publican Convention. The men chiefly spoken of useful with abundant wealth. It leads them to general feeling of relief was apparent when the as probable candidates are Grant, Blaine and Sher- great thankfulness. They enjoy sharing their gifts "amen" was finelly uttered. Then the spectacles man. Grant has a large support all over the country, with those who are in misfortune and distress, were adjusted, the long lines of "hymn No. 2" and it is not unlikely he will receive the nomina. Gold is a good thing to them, and whenever God were monotoned, and the dreary singing gone Perry's Point, Q. Co., Dutch Valley, Kars and tion. He says nothing, but it is understood he is finds such hearts these shall never lack for His through with by the grown up choir, after which Erb Settlements, K. Co., churches. willing to be offered again on the altar of his treasures. To others poverty is a good thing as the work upon the lessons commenced country, not for his own gratification, of course, God views their lives. In depressed circumstances I sat and watched the different classes through Next to Grant, Blane is the strong man.

Presidents. A few wire pullers, actuated more by happily toward Heaven. Others can only be turned up." In most of the older classes I found the cause Bro. V. had not the P. O. addresses of the self-interest than by desire for the country's good from the paths of sin by being left alone to brood same levity. Either the gospel they were studymanage the whole affair; and they who win divide over the falsity of those who seemed tried and true, ing was a very genial one, or the method of teach- Minutes.

- Maine is more fortunate (or unfortunate?) thee. Fusionists organized against all the protests the Republicans could make. Only one Republican who wait upon Him these shall be given. "Bles
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Republicans could make." Only one Republican membersat with them, and he only to protest against sed are they which hunger and thirst after righteous- whole school was complete, and a general good the number needed, and giving him the correct P. licans discovered that the Democrats and Greenbackers were bound to go on in spite of all protest, the Republican representatives resolved on another

course. On Monday evening they quietly entered the State House and organized another Legislature which they call the Legislature. They organized the House with ninety-one members and the Senate with nineteen. They elected officers, and then resolved to submit the question of the legality of the organization to the Supreme Court. Without doing anything more they adjourned till Saturday by which time it is expected the decision of the ourt will be delivered.

Meanwhile the Fusionist Legislature is busy inestigating certain charges of bribery made against Republicans. It is alleged that attempts were made to induce certain Fusionists members to ab-SAINT JOHN. N. B., JANUARY, 16, 1880. sent themselves from the House and thus prevent a quorum. The bribed parties make very circumstantial statements about the way in which they were approached and bought, and two of them exhibited in the House the money, \$1,000 each, which they received. Of course they claim that they al Do men generally appreciate the full meaning lowed themselves to be bought and received the of the beautiful prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses | money merely to be able to show clearly the coras we forgive those who trespass against us?" It rupt plans of the bad Republicans. Probably it is to be feared that many atter the words daily who has not occurred to them that the fact that they are far from possessing the spirit they inculcate and | were considered purchaseable is not very compli nentary to them. But that aside, those who attempted for any purpose to bribe men by the pay ment of money, the promise of office or in any other way, ought to be punished, and in the interest of pure government in Maine and elsewhere however, for the Fusionists to attempt to justify the miserable "counting-out" business of which they sequently done by the Republicans. The "vou're out" was a wretched trick, for which but few apoogists are found amongst honorable men even in Democratic and Greenback circles. The chief Democratic papers and the leading men of the party condemn the whole affair in terms more or less severe; and they agree that it must in the end tell

against the party. It is to be hoped that some satisfactory adjust ment of governmental affairs may soon be reached in

"Every little helps." A single subscription is but a stle. Send it this way to help us over the hard places.

## REV. ROBERT VINCE.

We have just heard of the death of Rev. Robert Vince. He died on Monday evening last in Grafton, C. Co., at the residence of his brother, D. McLeod Vince. There is no time to prepare a suitable notice of the deceased brother for this pathy in their bereavement.

## THE STRONG AND THE WEAK

In the tenth verse of the thirty-fourth Psalm holds our attention. One group consists of lions, one roar from a single member of which has often The priests evidently feel badly; but it is a good shaken an entire village with fear and trembling. species, the young lions, whose strength is unabated. down together." It was a lion of this same age without great strength being given him of God. as well as David's struggle with the lion and the capable of being proved to be true. bear, and other similar conflicts, when he wrote 5. Because we have noticed that those who are those memorable words in "Pilgrim's Progress:"

very narrow passage, which was about a furlong off of pre-millennial notions, are generally distinguish the Porter's Lodge; and looking very narrowly ed by a confidence in the infallibility of their in before him as he went, he spied two lions in the terpretation of the Scriptures relating to this matter The Mayor of this city has received despatches | way"--as the most of artists have truthfully drawn | that renders them impregnable to reason and from the Mayors of London and Dublin stating them, I think, young lions. "Now, thought he, I argument.

despatches and saying that he will be pleased to The second group ts composed of members of the receive contributions to the Irish Relief Fund and human race. Many in this company would shrink at the sound of the lion's name, would shudder at There is evidently great distress in some parts of his roar, are weak and helpless ones. At least Ireland, and those who are able here and every- there appears to be no good reason against holding this view, and thinking that the class here referred In Halifax a public meeting, called by the Mayor, to is not made up entirely of Livingstones, strong was held on Monday, and it was resolved to start and full of daring, who, though one had crushed an Irish Relief Fund there. A Committee of Man- his arm in its teeth, says that the lion is afraid of agement, and collectors to canvass the city for sub- man, except at night, and never attacks him except scriptions were appointed. Perhaps a similar from necessity. And who furthermore adds that ing the animal. This group was not intended to suggest to us a company of men like this but all representatives of the race, since some out of each

could easily send into the field a thousand teachers." steps have been taken. Here is the orphan, a sad To this Prof. H. S. Bennett adds: "Let me sug- waif on the wide, tossing sea of life, yet looking up gest that while the female portion of society with a sweet and tender trust in the Heavenly sacrifice one pair of kid gloves, the male portion Father. Here are some whose property, the getmight be incited to sacrifice the value of one week's | ting of weary years, has been snatched away from them by fire, flood, tornado, or the dishonesty of Pursuing the same thought Hon. W. E. Dodge one who was trusted as a true and noble friend.

These words will ever be found true though the

tion of the character of the one who shall receive | The buzzing of the little ones became painfully but for the country's good, &c., &c. At least that they feel humble and dependent as otherwise they the hour. Here and there was a group of pupils tized six converts. is the way his friends put it, and surely they know. | could not do. By their own sad experience they | fairly attentive, for the teacher was attentive, and understand the woes and needs of others. To one kept her eyes and her questions and her references The Democrats have not yet decided where and heart success is a good thing. To that man's going from one to the other. They were busy and this week. He is well, and is much encouraged in when they will hold their Convention. Tilden and neighbor, failure in some cherished plan may be interested. But with most classes the case was his work. "Better than gold, yea, than much fine gold." To otherwise. Little heads bobbing about, little hands The Greenbackers have arranged to hold their one life, health may be as a cup of blessing which in and out of every kind of mischief possible in let which pain and sorrow held to the lips find eyes full of fun and frolic. The teacher's attention of last Conference. There is a vast amount of humbug about the that which shall do the soul more good than medi- was taken by each one separately and while she We may answer that either they have gone astray, whole business of selecting candidates and electing cine. Friends, many and true, will lead some souls was getting one settled all the others were "cutting or they were not sent. If the latter, "it was be-

To Sir A. J. Smith has offered the Dorchester Baptists a site for a church building.

of the three months offer, and have secured new names. Let every one do the same.

## THE SECOND COMING.

We are not sure that the pre-millennial theory of Christ's personal reign on the earth gains much ound; indeed we are inclined to the belief that the idea does not commend itself very strongly to him, and these are prime essentials. In most too much married man. Last week he was taken few good and influential men have embraced the theory, which they very sincerely cherish, and progate as they have opportunity, it is noteworthy hat not nearly all the prominent men who have tended the Prophetic Conferences held within the ast year or two, give their adherence to it.

The rank and file of disciples of the theory have habit of charging all who do not fully agree with hem with being deniers of the doctrine of the econd coming of Christ. This is unfair, for Christians generally believe He will come again as He said. They simply find themselves unable to be ieve the pre-millennial speculations, believing that for them there is no Scripture warrant, and also that their acceptance by Christians does not increase true Christian activity nor promote the glory of God. The objections are briefly but clearly stated in a recent article in the Christian Guardian, which

Our opposition is mainly directed against these three points in the pre-millennial teaching : viz. That they have ground to believe that the comin of Christ will take place very shortly; that he will eign as a visible personal king in Jerusalem, or omewhere on earth; and that this manifested resence of Christ on earth, and not the preaching of the gospel and the operation of the Spirit, is the ivinely appointed means of converting the world, and making Christ's kingdom and reign universal. It is against what we believe to be false and fanci ful in the teachings of Pre-Millennarians we protest.

We just name a few out of many reasons why we reject this theory :- 1. Because it assumes that the local visible presence of Christ in the world will b nore powerful, in securing the victory and extension of his kingdom, than the influence of the Word and Spirit of God; although we know from the New Testament that the personal ministry of Christ lend opportunities for the thing. The more was far from being so successful in winning men think it over the more I am convinced that earnest from sin to holiness, as the preaching of the Gospel and the gift of the Holy Spirit, after the ascension

2, Because, the central idea of this theory is etrogression, from the broad, spiritual teaching of Christianity, to the less spiritual sectarianism of Judaism. After learning that in Christ Jesus back to the idea that the Jewish race, which rejected Christ, is to be crowned with special honor over Gentile Christians? 3. Because those who maintain that the present

gencies can never convert the world—that in spite f all Christian agencies the world is growing worse, and will continue to grow worse, till Christ comer weaken the hands of Christian workers, and reall deny the sufficiency of the Word and Spirit of God

4. Because their arguments for the speedy comin of Christ are based on the form of words of Scripture written 1800 years ago; and which could not have the meaning they give them, because Christ did not so come. If the early Christians believed that these The group is also composed of the strongest of the texts taught that Christ was coming immediately they were mistaken. The events of time have The prophet Isaiah uses the young lion as the proved that Christ was not to come soon after his finest symbol of strength in his description of the ascension. Hence, the God of truth could not have great change, which shall be seen in the time of the intended to teach what was not true. If it be asked Messiah, "The calf and the young lion shall lie would not the belief of Christ's near comin quicken the zeal of Christians? we answer: Per which Samson met and which could not be slain haps so; and so would the belief that they would die to-morrow. But this supposed good effect could Bunyan had these scenes vividly before his mind, not justify us in believing what is not true, or in

smitten with this theory, and the love of interpret "Now before he had gone far he entered into a ling the prophecies, which accompanies the reception

Every dollar of arrears paid is a positive help to us.

## A SABBATH SCHOOL AND WHAT I THOUGHT OF IT.

It was in a prosperous New England village. The

The Superintendent's bell gave forth a halting, for its interference, and yet the merry buzz went | Hindoos speak of it with contempt. steadily on. I looked for the hand that rang the These young men who came to our meeting are

while he adjusted his spectacles and began to look est is a token of good, for which we devoutly thank of the chapels belonging to the 15,000,000 Russian have at least one new one. We have already heard about the kind of a thing they'd like." naturally, they devised something for themselves. They fell again to talking and laughing.

After the hymn was found and the uncertain

The prayer followed, a very good one of its kind. sorrowful, the President and all in authority, and wish and most hearty prayer, many other needy objects were prayed for, and at the last (and the last was so long in coming), a word was uttered as to our "all rightly understanding the word about to be read."

and to realize that there is only One who can faithing it injected a plenteous spray of the ludicrous. We refer to this matter in the paper not because

Thanks to those friends who have told their neighbors sheets for the next Sabbath. This produced a lively interlude. Then a hymn was sung and all went out. The Sunday-school had been a delusion

> Comments: The whole school partook of the P. E. I. man for its principal. The papers tell the nanition and flabbiness of the Superintendent. He story thus : Capt. Thomas Price, of the firm of was a gentle, good man, benevolent faced and Price, Shelton & Price, Summerside, P. E. I., is white haired. But he had no spring or snap in likely to come to grief in consequence of being a cases a school had better have a young man for to Quebec in charge of two detectives to be tried in uperintendent. He is more in accord with the the courts on a charge of bigamy. Last winter, spirit of the school, its elasticity and vigor. Firm- | Capt. Price, who appears to have been of a military the Superintendent into the whole school. Chil- the Artillery school in that city. After attending reason why women should not be allowed to become dren-must be kept on the go, and all indecision and for a term he passed a creditable examination at its | medical men . . . Ironing a shirt is a pressing neumbling work mischief. A Superintendent should close. During his sojourn in Quebec, he became cessity . . . When you purchase fish by the pound, have his work ready. From the moment he places | attached to a Miss Fraser, daughter of Major Fraser, his hand on the bell, until dismission, there should of the B. Battery of Quebec Artillery. Before ing output of Colorado, for 1879, was 122,483 tons be no absent-mindedness - no looking for something. | leaving Quebec, Capt. Price entered into an en-His songs should be ready. There is little use in gagement to marry Miss Fraser, notwithstanding reading all the verses. The children should do the the fact that he already had a wife and two child singing. The prayer must be for the school and ren in Summerside, which circumstance he took level to its needs and comprehension. good care to conceal. He returned to Quebec in The Scriptures should be taught. Stories of October last and was married to Miss Fraser. He

week day gossip and trifling have no place in class then went back to Summerside and no further but with an earnest, soulful purpose to get a truth | word was heard from him until Major Fraser learnout of the lesson and into each heart the teacher ed of his previous marriage and had him arrested. t. But order is to be mostly gained by interestng and busying each one. Let a reverent religious tone dominate the school; else you had better have none. The children will be safer at home and at least not learn irreverence.

The Superintendent should have his eye on the school all the time. He can repress or encourage by his glance or smile, and the whole school feels the Master is at the helm.

Religious truth and moral growth through it is he only sure principle of Sabbath-school work ; if any other be laid down and acted upon it will be

Most of all would I protest against the spirit of rivolity and showiness which obtains in too many schools. Girls and boys get too much the idea of attending the schools "to see each other and have religious effort towards practical moral ends is the need. The "Bread of Life" is to be dispensed as ovingly and pleasantly as possible, but that and nothing less. Also let us remember that this 'bread" is for every day-not Sunday only, and each scholar should go from the school furnished better for the week. The concert system leads to 'there is neither Jew nor Greek," are we to go showiness. Rivalry, personal and between the schools, is engendered, and to "beat" all others is often the motive spirit. If we have Sabbathschool, and we must, let them be Christian throughut, genially, sunshinely Christian.

If we have concerts, and their utility is extreme doubtful, let them be as simple as possible Pushing little "Tots" clad in white and ribbons t ried out in numbers, and everything sensational spirits were in the babit of drinking themselves as and precocious avoided. Simplicity and earnest- nearly as possible blind drunk before one o'clock

Prompt renewals are like sunshine in an editor's office. end the sunshine, please; it is needed.

# INDIA LETTER.

Balasore, Orissa, 14th November, 1879. most southern church. This is the sixth day, and no sensible argument to be urged, we hope to adjourn day after to-morrow. I never knew a better, more enthusiastic, more cheering neeting in India than this has been so far. The nissionary, Bro. Marshall, had been holding special neetings in this church for some days just previous to the coming of the Yearly Meeting, and this n loubt did much to enhance the interest of the oc asion. A convocation of this sort succeeds best when there is a deep religious feeling in the community. Warm hearts always make a meeting leasant and profitable.

All of our mission churches have been blessed with accessions during the past year, and besides this there have not been wanting tokens of the Divine blessing upon the broad fields, of which our Edison the inventor says he was born in Digby. little churches may not inappropriately be regarded | The Halifax Herald now states : Thomas Alva Edias the centres. The deeper forces in heathendom | son, the great inventor, was born, it is said, at are being moved, and the indications are that the Digby, N. S., February 11th, 1847. His father strongest superstitions of this dark land are being was of German descent, and his mother was a people were intelligent and moral, the churches overturned. At our Missionary Meeting last Mon-Scotchwoman, and had at one time been a school well established and with wide awake pastors, and day evening many words calculated to cheer us teacher. The family removed from Digby to Milan, were spoken by one and another. Our native Erie County, Ohio, about 1849, and from thence, thing from their Sabbath-school as I took a seat of Christians are beginning to look for brighter days, shortly afterwards, removed to Port Huron, Michiand may their efforts keep pace with their hopes. This evening several intelligent and "advanced"

ancertain sound, as if it did not expect to be obey- Hindoes, took supper with us, and remained for ed; and the result that might have been anticipated the English prayer-meeting directly after it. Your union revival meetings in Reading, Mass. There actually happened. The children went on as if readers can hardly realize how rapidly caste is is a deep religious interest. nothing of any consequence had happened. They crumbling to pieces here. The venerable Dr. John All the way from China there comes report of a you did not bring the matter to their attention. heard no decided tones; they did nothing positive, Scudder used to call caste Satan's master-piece, and good revival. A native pastor, in connection with Every Free Baptist family ought to have the denomand the din of young voices went on as musically this it surely was. Thank God, it is not merely the English Baptist Church, has lately received one ational paper; they need it, and it needs them. and loudly as before Again the bell tingled—a doomed, but dying. Its wonderful power and hundred and thirty members. Of this number hesitating half and half ring, as though apologizing prestige are gone forever, now we are hearing sixty-five are women. Some of the women traveled

bell, and it was not firm; for the man who owned all of them more or less educated—one of them the hand, and he was not firm. All through the being the head master of the English school here. xercises I saw the confusion arising from the cen- There is an earnest spirit of inquiry in this class of Hindoos, and many of them are swinging entirely The Superintendent at last brought the school aloof from the old moorings. Oh, that they all into something like order. Then came a pause might find peace in Christ! But the mental inter-

Miss Hooper is here with us, and will accompany us on our tours into the country. She has made a good start in the Bengali language, and will be able prohibited by the Emperor. bell again disturbed, the lines were read all through women and children. My present burdens are so says: to make herself understood, we hope, among the in a serious monotone, after which a choir of older heavy that I shall make over the privilege of writing persons, seated in a gallery at the back of the room, to the "Intelligencer" to your Woman's Mission- take the Messenger. He owns a large farm, has the necessity of prompt and energetic work. Let new hat. All this, as an exchange says, is getting more they look at it, makes earth and sky appear the singing was especially for them and so again casionally. In behalf of Miss H. who is just beginabout the face demonstrates that he is very poor. ning her work, I earnestly crave the prayers of all We are sorry for him. But it had nothing especial to do with the Sabbath herself to be a true missionary, and achieve the our New Brunswick brethren. That she may prove school. The heathen, the sick, the absent, the truest success in her chosen field is my most ardent

Those places which have reported revivals ought to be Editor's Experience in to-day's Intelligences, and good places to canvass for a religious paper. Christian converts need Christian reading. Will the ministers and hers in such places present the Intelligencer to the

# DENOMINATIONAL.

continues. Last Sabbath Rev. J. W. Clark bap- to Sabbath School workers." now using the uniform lessons, and also that they

REV. S. E. CURRIE called at the Editor's office may encourage other schools to adopt the lessons. Convention in Chicago, and they will nominate runneth over. Others, though finding the first their circumscribed sphere, little tongues wagging D. McLeod Vince through the paper why a num-Why?—A correspondent wishes us to ask Bro. realized was \$40,287, only \$541 less than last year. piece of the arm bone of St. Paul. We learn also and mice."

candidates, and go into the canvass just as though draught very bitter, may at the bottom of the gob- about the events of the week, and laughing merry ber of the churches have not received the Minutes at which figure two were sold. PROPOSED DONATION.—We are requested to an-

Let it be a good one. than her neighbors; she has two Legislatures. The But above the worth of all other good things is week day experience in a way which undeniably church that has not received Minutes that the right Episcopalians, and one-twelfth Baptist, Presbyaged lady in the Bible class narrating an absorbing sought by our correspondent, but to say to any seven-twelfths are Roman Catholics, four-twelfths are Roman Catholics, four-twelfths the Church of Sainte Anne de Beaupre, which contains a part of the finger-hone of the Virgin's

Roachville, on Thursday evening 22d inst.

We want to hear from every subscriber who has not yet reported We need to hear from them. Now is the hance to work for it. Make the most of it. Do it promptly, please

A BIGAMIST.—The latest thing in bigamy has a

iterests of our fellow-servants and the Company.

MARRIAGE LAW.—There is a law in England

noon, and none solemnized after that hour are legal.

on any holiday, by way of doing it suitable rever-

ence. The earlier the marriage the less likelihood

of an ecclesiastical scandal and the arrival of a wed-

ding party whose members could not articulate

plainly, and could barely stagger up the central

aisle. The canonical hours, from eight to noon,

THE BRITISH HARVEST.—It is now possible, says

the S. A. Journal, to form a more accurate judg-

not official, reports which have been obtained from

all parts of the country. The tendency of these

INTOLERANCE. - Dissenters have but little chance

Russia. The Russian authorities recently decided

to forbid the Dissenters to repair the edifices in

performing worship in public, the assembly of Non-

conformists in private houses having already been

ONE OF THEM. - The Texas Christian Messenger

There are, we fear, a few men of his class in this

CONVICTED. - A correspondent writes: "A hint

is sometimes as good as a kick. I read "An

good country. They are to be pitied.

privations would be suffered.

buried in baptism.

were fixed centuries ago, and Mr. Blennerhassett's

With these good objects in view, let us use our

abstinence a faithful trial for another year."

## SUNDRIES.

The weather for several days has been delightful but if Vennor is a prophet a cold snap is just at ... Don't be too generous with your temper. Keep it . . . . Courtship is a draw game-marriage is a tie.... It takes 228 dogs to make a feast for the Pawnee Indians, and even then some of the children get nothing but the wish-bone . . . Of course is the scales are always thrown in . . . . The gross minof silver and gold ore, valued at \$11,477,046.

### UNITED STATES LETTER, BY OBSERVER.

should work. If a teacher can not fill this place, He has been taken to Quebec where he now awaits Church," and is under the direction of Rev. H. A. Last spring Fairey made his first trip in his nut-Shorey, a Congregational minister and editor-inchief of the Golden Rule, of Boston. He thinks RAILROAD TEMPERANCE.—The managers of a number of Railroads on this Continent require their employes to be temperance men. It is certainly right. The Grand Trunk manager recently issued his annual circular to the employes of the isting Churches, yet they are Christians in the best road. He says: "The Grand Trunk Railway Temperance movement, which was started in 1873, has been continued from year to year with most Church than in it, and if they are so organized that satisfactory and encouraging results. Before enterthey cannot attend any church, cannot a church be ing on the New Year, I would ask you to make organized to suit their peculiarities?" A church to good commencement by joining in a renewal of the suit the peculiarities of those who cannot be suited declaration in favor of total abstinence. All who with any of the existing Churches must be one of the marvels of the nineteenth century, and when fully have so far supported the movement can. I feel sure. ook back upon the last six years without experienceperfected will be one of the greatest wonders of the world. The kind of preaching to be given is thus ng a single regret on account of the stand they stated, "The sermons will be on popular Christian have taken against the many deplorable evils and troubles which we know too often result solely from subjects." Not exactly Pauline, but no matter for drinking habits. I only urge you to do what you that. No unpopular subjects are to be introduced into the pulpit. The kind of know and feel to be right in this matter for your wn personal advantage and welfare, for the well-

eing of your families, and for the benefit and best | that is to constitute one of the essential elements of this church is thus described, "The choir and its performances shall be worthy of a great church in best influence with those about us to give total such a musical organization as was never before a great city, so instructed and conducted as to be heard in a church." As it was "never before heard in a church," we are wholly unable at present t understand or describe it. But how is this extrawhich requires marriages to be performed before ordinary church to be supported? It cannot live without some material aid, but how this is to be A bill is now before Parliament to extend the time | be given, and the revenue of the church will largely btained we are told: "Frequently concerts will within which marriages may be solemnized to a come from this source." And suggests that these much later hour. The London World says: "Mar- concerts may be held on the Sabbath. "Sunday riages before noon were adopted by our forefathers concerts are objected to, but only as a matter of for the simple reason that there existed a strong we have a view of what this church is to be, which prejudice which will, in time be dissipated." Thus de, and hurtful in nine cases might both be unable to walk straight to the nuptial best sense," "who cannot assent to the creed of out of ten. As far as possible let exercises be carallar. In those primitive times the more hilarious any of the existing churches." If Boston has existing churches are the days originated a greater "notion" since the days when it hung the witches, we should like to see it. THE NEW CATHOLIC MOVEMENT,

under Bishop MacNamara is producing quite a sensation, and is likely to make quite a move in the many years a priest of high standing, but became convinced of his need of converting grace and sought and found it. He is now trying to bring his Catholic friends into the same happy blessed ex-Dear Intelligencer.—The Bengal and Orissa bill will be the first attempt to introdece a reform some have found and are now laboring for the good Yearly Meeting is holding its session at this our into our socio-religious life, against which there is of others. Nearly all Protestant churches are open to him, and he is preaching to the people with excellent effect. The company of earnest, faithful converts that rally around him have constituted him a Bishop, so they consider themselves an organized church, and if they seek the spiritual good ment on the results of the late harvest in Great of the people they will accomplish great good, and Britain, in consequence of a series of authentic, if we trust the movement will result in reforming the Catholic Church.

RAFFLING AT CHURCH FAIRS

reports is to show that the yield was generally de- is creating quite a lively discussion, and that there fective, and that the quality of wheat particularly should be different views on the subject is not is inferior. This implies that there will be a great strange. All the Evangelical Churches are decided scarcity, and were it not that in the United States y against it. The Catholics and so-called Liberal and Canada there is a surplus for exportation serious. the name of religion or charity—it is taking the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in. There is a civil law against it and there is a purpose with some Edison.—It has recently been reported that to see that it is enforced. It is a sad thing for any church to resort to such methods for increasing its

## THE CANVASS. We hope by another week to have reports and

lists of new subscribers from the ministers throughout both Provinces. We presume they are all quired one nicely dressed lady of another. "She's entering heartily into the work; and that there well enough, I suppose. I haven't seen her to speak will be a generous rivalry as to which one will secure the largest number of names. Do not slight used to be; but we've exchanged servants."-New the work, brethren; make it thorough. Let no Haven Register. member of your congregations be able to say that Now is there chance to make a trial of it. If the The youth declared that it was want of means to twenty-five miles on wheelbarrows in order to be present offer will not induce them to try it, nothing will induce them. We feel sure that when they know the offer they will subscribe. Let them know it Take the paper into your pulpits, and tell them about it; carry it with you in your visiting and ask which they perform their religious worship. This them to subscribe.

of cases where subscribers have shown the papers to neighbors, and the act has borne fruit in new names which we this week place on our list. Will every other subscriber do us the favor of showing the paper this week?

there be work all along the line of the INTELLIGENabout the face demonstrates that he is very poor. | CER's friends.

# CURRENT TOPICS.

SUPERSTITION AT HOME. (Christian Guardian.)

As some people have treasures on their property which they have no knowled readers probably know not that Canada possesses taking a nap, and everybody supposed would be killed. Of course this particular correspondent will the bones of some ancient saints, with tales of their The mother was frantic with grief. The train was never do so any more. Probably others have re- miracle-working power. Or, perhaps, it would be a stopped and a party went in search of the waif, when ceived conviction, and will also forsake wrongwhile many wonder at the ignorance and credulity

stopped and a party went in search of the waif, when it was found, half a mile back, sitting on a pile of which leads crowds in France to go on pilgrimages to brush, where it had alighted, crying lustily. The THE SABBATH SCHOOL NOTES. -- A Sabbath School the Irish go to Lough Derg, they are scarcely aware the head. Lourdes and other spots of special sacredness, as child was wholy uninjured, save a slight bruise on teacher writes: "I am pleased with the Notes of that just as great ignorance and credulity are shown the Sabbath School Lessons. I have long been by our own fellow-countrymen in the Province of PORTLAND.—The revival interest in Portland wishing for this; and feel they will be a great help | Quebec. The Ottawa correspondent of the Unicago | Times recently gave a graphic account of some of Quebec. The Ottawa correspondent of the Chicago furnished by a writer of the Scientific American, the Canadian relics and Canadian saints, which are We hope they may afford needed help to those held in high estimation by credulous devotees of Rome in Lower Canada. From this correspondent, we learn the church of St. Anne de Beaupre claims | cellar with a thick coat of it. In every crevice to have a finger-bone of the mother of the Virgin where a rat might tread we put the crystals of the THE ANNUAL SALE of pews in Beecher's Church in the Cathedral of Quebec. The Church of St. took place on Thursday of last week. The amount Laurent, a little below Quebec, claims to have a that we have in our country the bodies of two duly canonized Canadian saints-Sainte Marie of the Immaculate Conception, and Sainte Marguerite Burgeoys. Both of these have been recently can- and resolved to depend upon voluntary contribunounce that the friends of Rev. C. T. Phillips their graves; and it is said that Bishop Laval, the by works, for at their annual meetings a few days onized, because of the alleged miracles performed at | tions for support. Their faith has been justified intend making him a donation visit at his residence, first Catholic Bishop of Quebec, will be canonized very shortly—so we will be tolerably well off in the ago the treasurer's report showed that the receipts way of dead saints, whatever may be said of the amounted to \$5,100, which was \$500 more than fully promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake I caught the voice of a well conditioned middle it is the proper way of getting the information eighty inmates. Of their religion the Witness says:

But of all the Canadian shrines, we learn that If anybody supposes that converts to Ohristianity scarcity of living ones. This whole business of had been paid under the rental system of the year

whole school was complete, and a general good time in almost all the classes was either imminent or actual.

The Superintendent and officers had neglected during the hour to distribute or even count the during the hour to distribute or even count the sum of Portland, Me., was recently put on the sunny-side by the gift of a fine easy chair.

The number needed, and giving him the correct P. O. address to which they should be sent, Any church doing this will be promptly supplied. The address of Secretary, pro tem, is D. McLeod, Vince, of Portland, Me., was recently put on the sunny-side by the gift of a fine easy chair.

Sunny-Side.—The friends of Rev. J. M. Low-beloved mother. The number of miracles reported and the numbers taking part in pilgrimages are really astonishing in this enlightened age. In the summer season steamboats from Quebec, Three Natures," St. George Mivert; Butler's "Analogy;" ...

The friends of the Intelligences never had a better | Rivers and Montreal carry thousands to St. Anne's. As many as ten thousand people are said to have visited the shrine in twenty-four hours. These ilgrims are directed to make frequent aspiration Ste. Anne and the Immaculate Conception of Mary, as the Immaculate Conception of Mary dounds to the honor of the holy mother, and nothing is more agreeable to her than to honor this privilege of her august daughter. These scenes are a reproach to the intelligence of the people of Canada; still more discreditable to the riests and bishops who encourage them, and persecute the Ottawa Herald for concerning them, and they must convince the most skeptical that Protesness and quick method infuse themselves through turn of mind, went to Quebec in order to attend was an Irishman who said he could see no earthly tant missionaries to French Romanists are by no means unnecessary

#### SOUTH SEA MISSIONS. (Western Advocate.)

There is a wonderful missionary activity being developed among the numerous islands of the south seas. The missionaries shoot about from island to island, as if they were the most eager traders. The latest novelty out is a little vessel owned by Rev. Mr. Fairey, of Brisbane, in Australia. It is only twelve feet long, twenty-eight inches broad, and twelve deep. It is virtually a little life-boat, fitted Much is said about "Boston Notions," and out with a small stock of supplies in the line of food, o wonder, when we understand the character clothes, and maps. Mr. Fairey calls it the Evangeof some of them. One of the last of these novelties list. He sits in the bottom, steering with his foot. has just made its appearance in the form of a new craft, with everything on board, weighs just 80 and controlling the sail by his hands. His entire shell; he sailed all around the island of Tasmania. and turned into many of the bays to distribute his Bibles and hold service with the natives. He has the existing denominations have churches enough, proved a circuit sulor of the first water, and has but "There are," he says, "many people in the returned from this trip so much encouraged that he city who cannot assent to the creed of any of the ex. is now planning a new journey into the interior by way of certain rivers, whose shores abound with original inhabitants. He appears to be born for sense, orthodox persons who want a spiritual home." his calling, and will doubtless prove an active factor And adds, "There are more good people out of the in civilizing the natives of the numberless islands of this region, that seem indeed white for the harvest of the Lord.

#### POST OFFICE REFORM. (Halifax Witness.)

Surely there is a possibility of reforming Postal arrangements about Dead Letters. If an unpaid letter is addressed to you, in course of time you received the following intimation from Ottawa: "I have the honor, by direction of the Postmaster General to inform you that a letter to your address, unpaid, posted at --able with a rate of ----- cents, has been received it this Department.

As the present postal arrangements prevent the forwarding of any unpaid correspondence, I have to request that should you wish the letter to be forwarded to your address, You WILL REMIT THE EXACT SUM REQUIRED IN CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMPS, to this Department, TOGETHER WITH THIS NOTICE. This system is in imitation of the United States

arrangement; but we do think it is capable of improvement. It seems to us that the simplest and pest method would be for the local post-master to be authorized to open and return any unpaid letter placed in the P. O. under his charge. Awkward lelays would thus be avoided, and money and trouble saved. Letters are usually posted unpaid, or insufficiently paid, through mere inadvertence, and the sender would be very glad to get the earliest possible intimation of his mistake. We beg to call the attention of the press and the public to the matter in order if possible that some better system han the present may be adopted.

Cuba is becoming an expensive island for the Spanish Government to hold. It has long been in state of rebellion and turbulence, like that of Ireland, and requiring a much larger military force to keep it in subjection or even in possession. It seems inevitable that it would ere long be given up Roman Catholic Church. MacNamara was for by Spain as too costly to be retained. The present opulation of the Island is about 1,500,000, of shom some 750,000 are whites, 38,000 Chinese and Hindu coolies, and 650,000 negroes, or of negro origin. Of the whites, some 600,000 are creoles, or natives of the Island, while 140,000 to 150,000 are natives of Spain, called peninsulares. Although of the same stock, the difference between the creoles and peninsulares is so very great as to be observable at a glance, as visitors to Havana must have noticed. The creoles are ready at any time to join with the negroes, whether free or bond, to oppose the Spaniards, counted as their oppressors and natural foes, which they really are. Since the close of our civil war the Cuban sugar trade has vastly increased, the quantity recently exported having been valued at from \$80,000,000 to 100, 000,000 annually, three quarters of it coming to

Free Baptists need the Intelligencer. Are the pas-

# THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

[BY PEN AND SCISSORS.]

A man in New York who had \$65 stolen from him received a note with \$25, saying: "I stoled your money. Remorse naws at my conshens, and I send some of it back. When remorse naws again I'll send you some more.'

" And how is your neighbor, Mrs. Brown," into her for six weeks." "Why, I thought you two were on the most friendly terms." "Well, we The King of Sweden, in a very large-minded

manner, is returning good for evil; he has charged himself with the education of the lad who recently wrote a threatening letter to the Queen demanding money for refraining from killing the Crown Prince. continue his studies which led to his crime. President Lincoln would have made a splendid

editor, so adroit was he in disposing of bores. After a manuscript had been read to him on a certain occasion, its author inquired: "What do you think of it? How will it take ?" The President reflected a little and then answered: "Well for people From every present subscriber we would like to | who like that kind of a thing, I think it is just It is said that there is something very touching

in Mrs. W. E. Gladstone's care of her illustrious husband. She has never once left his side all through the Scotch campaign, and being near him she never takes her eyes off him. She wraps him up when he leaves a room, places a chair for him when he enters-is as careful of him, in short, as if he were her only son and still in petticoats. An Indian named Archie B. Lawyer, a licentiate

of the Presbytery of Oregon, recently made a visit from his home in Idaho to Chief Joseph's band of captive Nez Perces, and reports as the result of his preaching that over 100 persons have become Christians and are anxious to connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church.

A year-old child fell out of a car window the other ge, many of our day near Parkersburg, Va., while its mother was

The latest expedient for ridding a house of rats is who says : "We clean our premises of these detestable vermin by making whitewash yellow with copperas and covering the stones and rafters in the copperas, and scatter the same in the corners of floor. The result was a perfect stampede of rats

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