

THINGS IN SHORT MEASURE.

[BY PEN AND SCRIBER.]

Over 1,000 Baptist churches in Kentucky do not contribute to missions, and its 107,000 white Baptists only give \$3,800.

Crimes and larceny keep pace in France, as they do everywhere else. Out of 3,354 arrests in one year, only 512 could read and write well.

The Christian World calls the "fancy fair" method of raising money for benevolent objects, "charity in masquerade."

This year the government of the United States will pay \$600,000 for pensions—a sum only millions less than is paid as interest on the public debt.

The Chinese merchants of Marysville, Cal., announce that they will arrest and prosecute every white person who enters a Chinese house to smoke opium.

The weight of sixty millions of dollars in gold is about ninety-nine tons. The weight of the same value in silver would be about seventeen hundred tons.

A large emigration of Chinese to Australia has commenced. Chinese merchants in Sydney anticipate that 20,000 of these immigrants will land there this year.

The sale of postage stamps at the New York post office the past year amounted to \$3,666,000; total receipts, \$2,782,000; expenses \$884,000; net revenue, \$2,902,000.

Mr. Wamsutter's Bible class in Bethany Sunday-school, Philadelphia, has 725 members on its roll. It raised \$1,089.27 for benevolent purposes last year.

Prof. Harkness thinks that the earth passed through the tail of the comet on the 20th of June. So that, after all, the comet came to an end about that time—the end of the comet.

All the pianos in the Boston public-schools, 130 in number, have been kept in the past five years by the pupils of the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston.

Vigorous efforts are to be made to repress and totally abolish slavery in the Egyptian dominions. The Khedive, presiding at a recent council of Ministers, said this was of the greatest importance, and to carry out his views more effectually it is stated that a special department is to be created to deal with slave questions instead of leaving them to the police.

The Quebec authorities have become aware to a sense of their responsibilities, and are taking steps to prevent extensive destruction of property in the future. An efficient water works system is to be introduced, the erection of wooden buildings is to be prohibited within the burnt district, and a larger staff of firemen will be employed. These reforms are judicious, and ought to be accepted by the citizens as an evidence of the appreciation of the wants of the city by its chosen officers.

Sir Josiah Mason is dead. He divides with Gillett and Mitchell the credit of perfecting the modern steel pen. In 1874 he had over 10,000 workers, consuming over three tons of rolled steel. He was almost entirely self-educated. In 1890 he established an orphanage where 200 children were gratuitously clothed, fed, and educated. He was knighted in 1872 for his munificence. In 1880 he endowed the Mason Science College to the amount of a quarter of a million pounds.

A Revised Testament in the Welsh language is to be forthwith commenced. A committee, composed wholly of clergymen, has been appointed by the four Welsh bishops to report on the subject, and it is expected that their plan of procedure will be known in a few weeks. The work will be carried out on the principles and method of the English revision; which means, we suppose, that some non-conformist scholars will be associated in the enterprise with Church of England divines.

From California Christian Advocate: "We are used to being bored, but a small gemlet the other day bent us. A fellow sent us a poem, and tells us we may publish it if we will send him \$1, and he wants it returned if we don't use it. We shall not return it unless we get the stamps, but if he will send us \$1 we will try to hire a boy to read his 'poem' before we put it in the coast. That is the only way to get it read on this coast."

"Making a call the other day," writes a fair correspondent, "I casually opened a Bible on the drawing-room table while waiting for my friend. There was a folded piece of paper inside, and as it was marked, I couldn't help seeing it, 'recipe for punches.' My friend entered at the moment, and I handed it to her. 'Why, where in the world did you get that?' she asked. 'I've been looking for it for six months.'"

A cattle drover near Chicago owns a collier that he would take to be a marvel. One day he was made that he would take to be a marvel. One day he was made that he would take to be a marvel.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

THE TYRANNY OF FASHION.

(Leviston Journal.)

Fashion tyrannizes with an iron hand. As a general rule, the artistic effects produced by the fashion-makers are satisfactory, but the complaint is that the fashions are changed so rapidly and so widely, that it is possible for a man to purchase a suit of clothes and wear it out, without appearing noticeably out of style. But a woman must have new dresses or make over her old ones every year, whether or not she has fully enjoyed the labor that has been spent upon them.

It will require much boldness on the part of women to overcome this servitude to style, against which many of them protest, but concerted action, led by sensible women might do much toward it. A "National Dress Society" has been formed in England, with Viscountess Lubbock as president, and a number of aristocratic ladies as managers, whose purpose is to create a public sentiment against the tyranny of mere fashion, and to bring about the rule of individual liberty of matters of costume. The foundation principle of the society is that women should consult their own taste and convenience, selecting what costumes best suit their complexion and form, the only condition being that their attire shall be pleasing to the eye while conforming to considerations of health and comfort. It is proposed to hold drawing-room meetings, circulate pamphlets, issue papers, and to take the one for securing uniformity of dress, and the other for securing individuality of dress.

The North German steamer *Augusta*, which arrived at Southampton from Porto Rico, brought a cargo consisting of 1,244 hogsheads, 9 tierces and 55 barrels of sugar. Part of the cargo is for the Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, and part for the Upper Provinces.

The shed for sheep and pigs on the Halifax Exhibition grounds are to be 630 feet long, that for cattle 580 feet long, and the horses' stands are to be 600 feet in length. The dimensions of the building for fruit and flowers are to be 100x60 and the one for agricultural implements, 200x60.

The Truro Corporation says that about a month ago Mr. Jacob Wright, of Upper Stewick, aged 82 years, was able to walk a walk of sixteen miles.

THE JEWS.

(The Standard.)

There are 12,000,000 Jews in the world, some of them are Christians. If the record is true, what a commentary this affords upon the words of inspired prediction! Why are the Jews no longer a nation? Certainly not because they are too weak in numbers to maintain national unity. So far as numerical questions are concerned, they are a nation of heart and people without a home. How a change of heart and life in this vast company of widely-scattered people, such as would unite them as a beneficent whole, and consecrate them to some noble object, might speedily and powerfully affect the history of their future, is manifest. The dispersed tribes teach us not only a lesson of warning, but a lesson of hope.

There will probably be a deficit of 250,000 acres in the wheat acreage of Minnesota on account of the heavy snow and extreme cold of last fall and winter. A yield of 45,000,000 bushels is expected.

It is rumored that there is to be another vacancy on the Supreme Bench of Nova Scotia. Judge DesRoches, it is said, will shortly resign.

A petition, signed by 84,000 people, and in favour of closing public houses on Sunday, was recently presented to the British Parliament.

It is announced that a French Company with \$10,000,000 of capital is being formed in Paris to develop the mining resources of Canada.

Prof. R. B. Weldon has withdrawn his resignation of his post as Professor of Mathematics at Mount Allison.

Mr. Brown Harrison has been appointed Savings Bank agent at Sussex. An office is to be opened near the station at an early date.

The Bay Pilot learns that the crops generally throughout Charlotte county give promise of a good yield, particularly the grass crop. Wheat is looking finely.

The Campbell Co. is prosecuting the work of transforming Campbell into a fashionable summer resort. The new steam yacht now runs between the Island and Eastport.

The Steam Carriage Factory at Sussex of Mr. J. Hornbrook is believed to have caught fire from the fire broke out in the attic at 6.45 a. m., while the hands were at breakfast. Insurance \$1,000.

The Grand Manan cable has been rendered useless by a break. It is supposed that the cable has been torn off by the wind. It is to be repaired.

Mr. Donville, M. P., and several of the prominent business men of Sussex, examined several building lots suitable as sites for new dwellings. No choice was made, but a decision will be reached in a few days.

The Victoria County Council refused to grant liquor licenses to the meeting on Tuesday, but on Wednesday granted several, fixing the rate at \$75 for retail and \$100 for wholesale. It also ordered that the old gaol at Grand Falls be constituted a public house.

The Toronto Globe's Ottawa correspondent learns upon what he says good authority that the wooden frigate *Charlottetown* recently presented to Canada by the Government of the United States, is to be sailed from Plymouth Sound for St. John, N. B., on Thursday, June 16.

An attempt was made Saturday by an unknown man to set the Suspension Bridge on fire. Ignited paper was thrust between the girder and the cable on the north side. A lady on the bank near by saw the attempt being made and giving the alarm to Mr. V. M. Lewis, the caretaker, the flames were easily extinguished.

While Mr. Lewis, of Lower Cove, was cutting a piece of steel a small chip flew off and struck him in the right arm, passing through two shirts and becoming embedded in the flesh. The wound is not serious, but Mr. Lewis feels no pain, but when it is used in certain directions he experiences intense pain. He hopes to hear of the steel being traced and expelled.

The Capital loans that the reason for the displacement of Gen. Warner from the U. S. Consulate at St. John is that he is engaged in the lumber business. It is contrary to the law of the United States and Canada for a revenue officer to be engaged in any private business involving transactions with the government.

The Government steamer dredge commenced operations at Marble Cove, Sunday, Friday morning. The object is to get better facilities for shipping purposes at the Cove. At present vessels cannot approach the shore for the freight traffic, and the improvement is expected to be a decided advantage will result therefrom, particularly to those interested in shipping. The public dock at Indians' Cove will also be benefited in an indirect way by the dredging work at Marble Cove.

On Monday Messrs. Fleming & Sons, Pond Street, removed the ninth locomotive from their works, it being the last of the contract. These locomotives are being used for the freight traffic on the Intercolonial Railway. The firm is now getting ready to commence work on another contract for seven express engines.

The recent improvements made in their works the builders will be able to construct three engines at the same time.

The Dominion Telegraph office in this city was closed on Saturday night and the staff transferred to the Western Union office. The Dominion office in Halifax was closed on Thursday night, and the staff (except the manager, Mr. Burke, who goes to Toronto) taken over by the Western Union. Pictou Office was closed on Saturday night, and the staff transferred to the Dominion office in Pictou. The office at Antigonish was closed on Sunday, and the staff transferred to the Dominion office in Antigonish.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Pictou Bank has declared a half-yearly dividend of three per cent.

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ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

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London July 7.—The Pull Mall Gazette says the situation in Northern Africa is very serious. There points in the Sultan's African dominions to threaten which could compel England to enter the field. The interests of France and England would be best served by making that fact clearly understood on both sides of the channel.

MEDIA, July 8.—A Maltese barge, which left St. Vincent yesterday morning, reports that the French fire has destroyed all the quarters, the great mosque and part of the Muslim quarters at that place. The insurgents are still resisting.

LONDON, July 8.—Lefoy, charged with the murder of Mr. Gould on the Brighton Railway, on the 27th ult., has been arrested at St. Stephen, East London. He has made a full confession.

The appointment of Hon. L. S. S. West as British Minister at Washington, to succeed Sir Edward Thornton, is gazetted.

PARIS, July 8.—The death is announced of M. Martel, formerly president of the senate.

UNITED STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, Me., July 7.—A frightful accident occurred at Rangely on Wednesday in raising a meeting house frame. The roof was being put on when the big timber rafters fell on the men below, and the men were killed.

SACRAMENTO, July 8.—On Sunday stage coach from El Paso to Chihuahua was attacked by Indians who fired a volley. The driver was killed. The passengers escaped except Pugh—son of ex-Senator Pugh—who was captured while on his way to a pistol shot of the coach. The coach was burned and a large amount of Chihuahua money torn to shreds.

CINCINNATI, July 8.—The aggregate losses by last night's fire will reach \$1,000,000. The remaining portion of the Resor foundry was burned. There are no additional reports concerning the loss of life. The police report that there have been no inquiries for missing people, and hopes are entertained that all Marquis employees escaped. Several firemen were injured by falling beams.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 8.—Warner Miller and E. T. Lapham have been nominated by the Republicans for the U. S. Senate to fill the term vacant by the resignation of Senators Platt and Conkling respectively.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 8.—Three hundred and sixty-two head of cattle were burned to death by the burning of Finnerich's feedling barn this afternoon.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 10.—The thermometer registered 102.7 degrees at one o'clock this afternoon, the highest point for nine years. Eight fatal cases of sunstroke are reported this evening and twenty prostrations.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Dr. Frank Hamilton, after reading last evening's late bulletins from the Executive Mansion, said: "The people have no cause for alarm. Garfield is getting along excellently. There is not a shadow of danger."

Private Secretary Brown has sent the following note to the members of the Cabinet: "The abatement of the unfavorable symptoms which made their appearance on Monday afternoon and evening has steadily continued, and at 7.30 a. m. his pulse is 96, temperature 98.5 or nominal, and respiration 20, or within one of normal. The fever has subsided entirely. The patient is now eating solid food, and his appetite is good. His bowels are regular, and his sleep is sound. He is now in a state of complete recovery."

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CITY OF MEXICO, July 11.—The roof of a church fell in at Samatama and fifty people were killed. DARTON, Ohio, July 13.—Out of one hundred cases of sunstroke nearly thirty have proved fatal.

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