

the wayside on their way to Povee. "Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another God" Psalm XVI: 4.

A. B. BOYER.
Balasore, India, Jan. 29th, 1887.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Fashion is a most despotic ruler here, as elsewhere. The most absurd ruling of fashion is found in the burial of the dead. Every country and each great city has always had its own mode of burying the dead; of late years it would seem as if extravagance and lavish outlay had run mad. This City has its own fashion in this respect. When a person dies, old or young, the undertaker is sent for and given charge of the corpse. He washes and dresses it in the usual undergarments and then places it in what is called "The Ice Box," which is a coffin-shaped box, lined with zinc having a space of some four inches between the outside and lining, which space is filled with ice; the body is put in the box and locked up for 48 hours, and neither friends or relations are allowed to look upon it during that time, as the undertaker claims the key. At the end of that time, the body is frozen, and is then dressed in a nice suit of clothes such as would be worn on Sunday or special occasions, including a neat pair of patent leather shoes. If it be a young woman or girl, she will be dressed in white satin, or perhaps, a cheaper material that much resembles satin. Indeed the dress may be of any colour, from the most gaudy to the most sombre, according to the taste of the interested parties. Many times the most extravagant colors, and a great amount of artificial flowers of the most flashy kind, are used in fitting up the dead for the feast of worms. A stylish funeral is the ambition of all classes. To lose a friend by death is a double calamity—socially and financially. Many poor people are found aping the rich in those respects to their serious embarrassment.

There are as many styles in coffins as in garments. One would think that the melancholy duty of burying the dead would be beyond the dictates of fashion to which nearly everything else in this world is forced to bow. But a stroll through the warehouses of one of the large manufacturing undertakers would quickly convince the doubter that even the house of mourning is ruled by the iron hand of what the world calls fashion. Fashion said a few years ago that, he who would be in style must be buried in a casket of beautifully polished rosewood, or some other rare and costly wood, with massive handles and trimmings of silver. Lately fashion has been saying that a casket neatly and plainly covered with black cloth is the only really proper burial case for the dead, and this decree has been as imperative as all other preceding fashions. This was a most decided improvement on the former fashion both in becoming appearance and in point of economy. But fickle fashion has recently inaugurated a new style and has declared the sombre casket to be a thing of the past and irrevocably "out of style." Great latitude is allowable just now, in caskets for infants and young people. White is much used. For those who wish to fully follow the mandates of fashion in her "latest style" there is a great variety of styles and colors available, some of them so gaudy as to be almost startling. For instance, one of our enterprising undertakers created quite a sensation the other day by conspicuously displaying in his window a casket covered with plush of the delicate shade known as "Nile green," and by its side another covered with light blue velvet. Before reaching these extremes there is a great variety of shades and patterns of covering material used. There are plushes, velvets and plain cloth in brown, blue, old gold, crimson, garnet, violet and numerous intermediate shades. Embossed and figured plushes of different patterns are even included in the list of coverings, and the highly fashionable take very readily to the most flashy and striking colors. When the body is placed in the casket it is surrounded with floral wreaths, etc., and is placed upon exhibition for a few hours, and then the relatives and invited guests assemble, and a minister is called to speak on the occasion, at the late residence. The shorter he prays and speaks, provided he says something flattering about the dead, the better he is liked, and the greater chances he has of being called to attend the next fashionable family display of corruption.

The minister is seldom required to go to the grave, as most of the dead are buried a considerable distance from the heart of the city. I have been called to attend several funerals since I came here, among

them, that of my predecessor, the Rev. Jonathan Vannots, who died Feb. 1st after three months sickness, aged 49 years, leaving a widow, one son and two daughters to mourn their loss.

WM. DOWNEY.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Woodstock.—Rev. C. T. Phillips, baptized two converts on 27th ult. There is a very encouraging interest in the Church.

Lower Southampton, York Co.—A brother (Alfred Thornton) writes from Lower Southampton that there is a good religious interest there, and conversions are taking place. As many as fifteen have given themselves to the Lord within a few weeks, and four wanderers have been reclaimed. He says, "We have held from five to eight meetings a week for three or four weeks—three on Sunday, and five during the week. The week day meetings were held from house to house until the attendance was too large to be accommodated, since then they have been held in the meeting house. Bro. G. B. Trafton expects to assist us in some special meetings the last of this month or the first of April if the work in Mapleton and Nortondale will permit him to leave. The Lord is greatly blessing those places. Bro. T. preaches here twice a month. Pray for us."

DONATIONS.—On Tuesday evening of last week the friends of Rev. G. W. McDonald, Sussex, met at the residence of Sheriff Freeze and made him a donation of \$102.50.

On the same evening in Woodstock, the friends, of Rev. T. C. Phillips met at his home and presented him with a donation of \$102.40.

We congratulate these brethren on their good fortune.

NARROWS, QUEEN'S CO.—Having to write a business letter I thought you would like to hear how brother H. W. Perry is getting along. By great perseverance he arrived here on Saturday the 26th after the great snow storm of this season, and in conjunction with brethren T. M. Todd and P. White had meetings through the week, mostly both day and evening, until Friday afternoon. Rev. O. N. Mott was present and took part in that meeting. On Saturday they held a Conference meeting and twelve offered for baptism, and last Sabbath Rev. O. N. Mott baptized them. The converts ranged in age from twelve to twenty four years. In the evening eight joined the F. C. B. Church at the Narrows. The work is steadily progressing, and we hope to see others dedicating their lives to the Master. Bro. Perry is continuing the Services every evening, his appointments reaching to Wednesday evening. Bro. Mott preached an interesting sermon on Sabbath morning, and Bro. Perry in the afternoon at Perry's Point Church. His text was in Acts 25 ch., 5th v. Subject, "Our Religion" as shown in Paul's life before and after his conversion. He preached again in the evening at Narrows.

THOMAS O'DONNELL.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The performance in the City Hall last week, in which Mr. Gill gave readings, recitations, etc., was not at all creditable to the promoters of it. The intention—to give Mr. G. a benefit—may have been well enough, but it ought to have been carried out in another way. If it was not known when the entertainment was proposed, then as soon as it did become known that Mr. G.'s recitations would consist of sacred poetry, it should have been indefinitely postponed. It is too bad that hundreds of people, including many leading citizens, should become hilarious over the rendering of hymns that have become dear to thousands because of the spiritual quickening and comfort they have communicated. Mr. G. is much less to blame than the other parties to the unseemly affair, and those who sat out the hour and a half of laughing and boisterous demonstrations over his reading and singing of christian hymns.

There are some places in the City, if reports be true—and we fear they are—, which need to be looked after. The Queen Hotel and Barker House are said to be selling rum, perhaps not so openly as formerly, but selling it. Other places have been shut up, and these ought to be—must be. They have been frightened several times into great secrecy and even temporary desistance. A hotel has no more rights in this matter than a seven by nine grocery; and they are far more dangerous places than the seven by nines. Their proprietors should have exactly the same treatment as other rum sellers. A term in jail would make them careful, about repeating their violations of the law. We direct

the attention of the authorities to the matter.

The session of the Legislature promises to be short—much shorter than usual. The signs, in this as in other things, sometimes fail; and something may arise to prolong the session, perhaps the fear of members that their constituencies may think they have done their work more hurriedly than it ought to be done. Certainly, everything seems to be moving very smoothly now, and there is no reason to think that due attention is not being given to public affairs.

ALL SORTS.

A cyclone is like three school-girls walking abreast: it doesn't turn out for anything.

Japan has a fishing population of 1,601,000. At their last National Exhibition the Japanese showed 3967 articles connected with fishing, and 6474 kinds of goods made from fish and aquatic plants.

A New York gentleman has bought a tract of land on an island in the Lake of Memphremagog, on which he is to erect buildings suitable for the entertainment of a large number of poor boys from New York for a few weeks in the summer.

"Why was it," asked a Scottish school inspector, "that Lot's wife looked back?" "Because," said one who was thinking of her things burnin', "No," cried out another pupil "it was because she was told not to dae."

Dr. Waddy was preaching to a congregation which, in spite of an excellent sermon, showed a general disposition to sleep. The Doctor gradually increased the length of his pauses, speaking in a monotone, and lowering the pitch, until every individual was asleep. He then quietly departed.

A Western paper contains the following touching wedding announcement: "Married, at the residence of the bride, on Thursday evening, Mr. J. W. B. to Miss Mary L. H. The wedding was strictly private, owing to the bridegroom being still in mourning for his first wife."—*Tid Bits.*

Is the glory of iron departing? For some years we have had paper car-wheels, now glass sleepers have come, which, according to Siemens, have resisted a "falling weight of 234 cwt., falling upon a railway placed upon a sleeper set in sand ballast and increasing successively up to nine feet and six inches without effect, until the blow had been repeated for the sixth time. Cast-iron sleepers are expected to withstand a similar test up to seven feet only." And yet a few years ago paper and glass would have been taken as the types of brittle things.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

"For six years I suffered with my throat and enlarged tonsils. I was very weak; I endured four years, and had advice from three doctors; they said I would have to undergo an operation. I tried B. B. B. instead. One bottle cured me." M. A. Squelch, Raglan, Ont.

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Marriages.

WRIGHT-MILLER—At Canterbury, March 3rd, 1887, by Rev. A. H. Trafton, Mr. Woodford Wright, of Southampton, to Miss Nettie Miller, of Southampton.

CARR-SEGEE—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 28th ult., by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Mr. Stafford Carr, of Gladstone, to Miss Augusta Segge, of the same place.

KELLEY-LEWIS—At Andover, Feb. 22nd, by Rev. C. Henderson, Mr. W. Havelock Kelley, of Andover, Victoria county, and Miss Josephine M. Lewis, of Gibson, York county.

Deaths.

HAYWARD.—At Gladstone, Sunbury Co. on 26th ult., Mrs. Gilbert Hayward, aged 44 years. She was greatly beloved by the community in which she lived. The funeral was very largely attended. Mr. Hayward has the sympathy of the community at large. We trust that he may cast his care on Jesus, and find true comfort.—*Com.*

CORSON.—On the 26th ult., at the residence of Mr. James Gardiner, Mill Settlement, Mr. Van R. Corson, of Stillwater, Me., aged 74. His end was peace.

KEIRSTEAD.—At Stillwater, K. Co., on Feb. 21st, of erysipelas, aged 45 years and 9 months, Mr. William A. Keirstead, aged 45 years and 9 months. He leaves a sorrowful widow, one daughter and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Bro. Keirstead was baptized a number of years ago by Rev. Gilbert Springer (Baptist). In 1878 he was received into the F. C. B. Church at Millstream Mountain, by Rev. E. B. Grey. When he was dying he spoke of the music which he seemed to hear all around him, and which he said was Heavenly music. It was for him. He wished that he was away. The choice of a minister to attend his funeral was left to his daughter, who being a Methodist, chose Rev. Wm. Kirby. He preached from Job 14th chapter and the last clause of the 20th verse.

PORTER.—At Andover, Victoria County, on the 25th of November last, after a painful affliction of 7 months, borne with Christian patience and resignation, John Porter, in the 84th year of his age. Sermon by the Rev. J. H. King, from 2nd Timothy iv and vii. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

MACKEZIE.—At River Bank, Carleton Co., on Feb. 19th, Mr. George MacKenzie, in the 63rd year of his age. His end was peace.

TOMPKINS.—At Upper Peel, on Feb. 23rd, James Tompkins, aged 63 years, leaving a wife, one son and a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss; but their loss is his gain, as it can truly be said of him that a good man has gone to his rest.

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By command, J. M. COURTNEY, Deputy Minister of Finance. Finance Dept., Ottawa, 7th Feb., 1887.

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