

REV. T. S. VANWART, writing a business note, says:—"I have been holding meetings in the Crane Settlement, C. Co., with good prospects. Bro. C. F. Rideout is with me."

NARROWS, Q. Co. I was at the Narrows on Saturday, 16th inst., and attended a Young Peoples' Conference, inaugurated by Messrs. Phillip White, President, and T. M. Todd, Teacher of the Bible Class held in the F. C. Baptist meeting house. It was an interesting meeting; many young people spoke for Jesus, and there are indications of an extensive work of grace. May it spread up and down the shores of our beautiful lake.

Bro. Thomas M. Todd, as S. S. teacher at Mill Brook, in conjunction with Rev. M. King, had an extensive revival there last winter. He is a close Bible student and an efficient and devoted teacher. He teaches two S. Schools in the summer months, viz., one at Mill Brook at 10 a. m., and at the F. C. B. meeting house at 2 o'clock, p. m. The Bible Class has been in operation since 1st Nov. It is pleasing to note the harmony between the above brethren and the church; it is the more noticeable on account of Bros. T. M. Todd (C. B.), and P. White (Methodist), and the F. C. B. church, all being pronounced in their respective views, yet working harmoniously for the general good. Their labors are evangelical and unsectarian. We expect our pastor, Bro. W. H. Perry, to be at the Narrows on Saturday, the 26th inst., at the regular conference of the church, and to continue over two Sabbaths. His labors are much appreciated here.

THOMAS O'DONNELL.

GEARY, S. Co. I am glad to inform you and the readers of the INTELLIGENCER of the work of grace going on in Geary under the labors of Bro. Henry Grass and Scribner. I enjoyed my visit there very much. On Saturday 19th, I attended a conference meeting; three candidates for baptism were received. Sabbath morning I preached to a large audience of eager listeners; when liberty for prayer and testimony was given, several spoke of a higher life and fully trusting in Jesus. At the close of this meeting we went to a beautiful stream and baptized three believers in the name of the blessed Trinity. At 2.30 P. M., we met to "break bread," truly the Lord was with us as we gathered about His table in remembrance of Jesus our Saviour. I preached again in the evening; at the close fourteen arose for prayers, some as seekers of pardon, some as backsliders desiring restoration, and some hungering for more of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is working amongst the people. I expect to visit them again soon, if the Lord will.

On Monday morning a Woman's Mission Aid Society was organized by Mrs. T. Alexander and Mrs. Z. B. Grass. Several of us met with them; we bid the society God-speed. I enjoy witnessing the energy the sisters have manifesting in their work. It has seemed to me that it might be well in many places for the brethren to meet with them, and they might have a joint mission fund. They would work well together, and should have the privilege, where it would be an advantage. Who will arise and propose it?

Feb. 25th.

WM. KINGHORN.

SERMON MAKING.—In England sermon-making is a regular business. Firms have ready-made discourses on hand of all varieties to suit preachers. If the minister who buys his sermons can deliver them without M. S., he can get them cheaper. Elegantly lithographed M. S., to correspond with the dainty cambric handkerchief, come higher. This traffic has flourished for years in England. It has begun to attract notice on this continent. A Kansas City firm offer sermons at the rate of eight cents a week. This is low enough certainly, but not nearly so low as the alleged ministers who could think of purchasing and using such M. S. Apropos of this, it may be mentioned that once upon a time two clergymen of the same name were settled in the city of Edinburgh. Letters were occasionally transposed by the postman. With that fine sense of condescension which some men possess, the one wrote, while returning letters not for him, to his namesake: "If you did not arrogate to yourself a title to which you have no right, this mistake would not have occurred. Soon afterward, a roll of lithographed sermons intended for the superior being who wrote the above, reached the Rev. Mr.—let us say—Smith. He forwarded the precious packet to its proper destination with a verbatim copy of the note he had previously received, with the slight change: "If you did not arrogate to yourself a function you cannot fill, this mistake, etc."

AN ITALIAN WOMAN, dissatisfied with Romanism, began to search the Scripture. Upon a second reading God opened her heart at the 44th of Isaiah, where idolatry in making images, and bowing down to them, is so terribly rebuked. She exclaimed,

"That's exactly what we do, and I must see if the Protestants do any better!" Her conversion soon followed. She found that evangelical Protestants did live more in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures.

Let us remember that there may be weary, sin-burdened souls, partly escaped from error, who may be watching us to see if we "do any better" than the blinded, erring souls around them.

A JEWISH-CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Much interest gathers about a Jewish movement that arose in Bessarabia. Joseph Rabinowitz, a learned Jew, who, on the loss of his property betook himself to teaching for a support, studied law and was much employed. Persecutions arose against Jews in 1870 and 1878, becoming so severe that many emigrated. Rabinowitz went to Palestine to investigate the chances of successful emigration thither. The poverty of the soil and the character of the Government were discouraging features. At last, standing on the Mount of Olives and looking on the city, the thought of Jesus came into his mind. He was familiar with the New Testament, and it came over him that the remedy for his people was in Jesus the Christ. He came home and began to speak of the truth he had received. He opened, with the sanction of the Government, a place of worship and made some converts. The work grew. Professor Delitzsch, of Leipzig, a life long friend of the Jews, took an active interest in him, which was shared by others, who concurred in the opinion that the movement should not be merged in any existing form of Christianity. They think it carries us back to the beginnings of the gospel. These, like early Jewish Christians, retain some Jewish ceremonies—circumcision and the Jewish Sabbath, but admit that these are not binding on Gentiles. The Russian Government favors the movement, hoping that it will be absorbed in the Greek Church. Some of their Protestant friends think it may be the beginning of the millennial restoration of Israel. Rabinowitz was baptized in Berlin. Apart from any theories, it is a striking fact that a large and increasing body of Jews have, with seeming spontaneity, turned to the Lord whom their fathers rejected.

BOODLE.—The word "Boodle" which has been so much used of late has, it is said, an interesting derivation. The story—says the *Montreal Witness*—is that during the revolt in the Netherlands the "Beggars," as the first opponents of the Spaniards were proud to call themselves, not only plundered their enemies and all who supported them, but they exacted contributions of food, goods and money from those communities and individuals who desired to blow neither hot nor cold but to be neutral, and the proceeds of these levies were called "boodle." In process of time, when the place of the beggars had been taken by the armies of the House of Orange, the practice was continued as a species of blackmail, not by patriotic but by thievish beggars, and "boodle" became the term applied to a particularly mean species of plundering. The term lingered long, not only in Holland but on this continent, in New Amsterdam, and it survived in New York until the Broadway franchise gave it an opportunity of further usefulness under its present form "boodle."

CONDENSATION.—The *Telegraph* says, It is not to be supposed that an editor delights in condensing and abbreviating matter intended for the press. It is a solemn and imperative duty to which necessity summons his unwilling hand. The editor could be saved much toil if all our writers would study condensation. One of the departments most difficult to arrange is our memorial columns. Here space is most valuable. It is astonishing how many words writers sometimes take to tell when and where a person was born, etc. We all know what it is to "be converted," "born again," "brought to Christ," "saved," etc., and it can be expressed in one or two words; but here is the manner in which a death-notice before us tells it: "Some time in the fall of—, while attending a series of meetings under the auspices of the United Brethren Church, he became very much interested about his future state. So completely was he aroused, that when he went to the anxious seat and pleaded for mercy and an application of the efficacious blood of the Redeemer, he very soon obtained the pearl of inestimable value, the remission of sins, and an admittance to a covenant favor with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and all true believers." Now that is all first-rate and from an intelligent preacher and written in a beautiful hand, but it is too long a way to express the simple fact that a man was saved. We might give many other examples, but we must condense.

TOMORROW (Thursday) the Local Legislature will meet.

KEPT A SLAVE.—A despatch from Charleston, S. Co. says:—

"Information of a reliable character has just been received of the discovery of an negro man in one of the narrow valleys near Hogback Mountain, not far from Greenville, who has just learned of his emancipation. He is a great, broad negro, of heavy physique and somewhat striped appearance. His story is that since the war he has been working for Mr. Holly, and that he was not allowed to come back to his kinsfolk, that he was flogged by his master, who gave him no money and few clothes. The man's name is Calvin Garmany. He ran off to the mountains just after the war, and was only recently heard of by his brother, who lives near Greenville, and who rescued him from servitude last week."

SUNDRIES.—Thirty-eight new temperance papers were started during the year 1886. . . . The Duke of Westminster has been elected president of the London Temperance Society. . . . Three arts for the minister to learn—expression, compression, impression.

#### ALL SORTS.

The Nevada Legislature has disfranchised the Mormons in that State. "Father Chiquiquy" is now seventy-seven years old. In the last six months he made 138 addresses from Lake Huron to the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

The King of Sweden has been petitioned by 136,794 of his subjects to suppress obscene literature in that country.

An old negro preacher divided his sermon into two parts: "First, all de things in de text, and second, all de things not in de text; and brethern, we'll wrestle wid de second part first."

French engineers have under consideration a plan of constructing a ship canal from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf. It would shorten the route to Asia by three days, and open up a new country to trade.

There are 25,810 doctors in Great Britain, or one for every 1,350 inhabitants. In France, the proportion is one 1,400; in Austria, Germany, and Norway, one for every 1,500; in the United States, one for every 600; while in Russia there is only for every 6,226.

The *Philadelphia Times* could make an excellent dictionary, judging from its definition of a "strike," which it says is "an arrangement by which a hundred men can throw a thousand men out of work and rob many thousands of women and children of their means of support."

At the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren at Reading, Pa., their preachers were prohibited from riding on railroads on Sunday. One minister walks eighteen miles every Sunday, going to and returning from his preaching appointment nine miles from his home.

A Harvard professor has made the calculation that if men were really as big as they sometimes feel, there would be room in the United States for only two professors, three lawyers, two doctors and a reporter on a paper. The rest would be crowded into the sea and have to swim for it.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

"Russia of To-day" is the title of an important paper, by Albert F. Heard, in *Harper's Magazine* for March. The author has made a careful study on the spot of the peculiar institutions of Russia, and sketches the growth of the Nihilist movement, explaining why the peasantry, who form four-fifths of the population, are profoundly loyal to the Czar, in spite of all their wrongs. A surprising portion of the article is the account of the "Mir," that anomalous institution, which, under the oppression of a despotic government, has for centuries afforded to the peasantry a local administration of a purely democratic character, almost accomplishing the communistic results advocated by Count Tolstoi. Mr. Heard surmises that deliverance from threatening revolution and anarchy must spring from the enthusiastic patriotism and intense nationality of the people who are destined to crush the rabid extravagances of the Nihilists. This descriptive article admirably supplements the Russian novel "Narka," by Kathleen O'Meara, of which the third part appears in this Number.

#### Denominational Notices.

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#### Marriages.

SPRAGUE-DAVIS.—At the residence of the officiating minister, on the 29th inst., by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. Millard B. Sprague, of Bellisle, King's Co., and Miss Edna M. Davis, of the same place.

TRASK-NASON.—In this city, on the 19th February, by the Rev. Jacob Gunter, Mr. George H. Trask, of Vanceboro, Me., and Miss Janie E. Nason, of Lincoln, Sanbury Co.

#### Deaths.

FOWLER.—At Newton, Kings Co., Feb. 13th, Mrs. John Fowler, aged 66 years, leaving a husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a Christian mother.

FENWICK.—At Studholm, K. Co., Dec. 31st, 1886, Mary Ann, wife of the late William Fenwick and daughter of the late Samuel Fenwick, aged 55 years. She lived for Christ, and died resting on the Rock.

LUTZ.—At Wheaton Settlement, W. Co., on the 15th ult., of typhoid fever, Deacon Charles Lutz, aged 47 years. He had been deacon of the church since its organization in 1879, and was a chief support, both spiritually and financially. He will be much missed by the church. A wife and ten children mourn their heavy loss. May they be divinely supported. The funeral, conducted by Licentiate Porter, was quite largely attended by sympathizing friends.

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THE services of the horses imported by the Provincial Government will be offered for sale at Public Auction, in Fredericton, on WEDNESDAY, March 30th, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m. For particulars apply to the undersigned.  
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TENDERS will be received at the Finance Department, Ottawa, up to and including the 1st day of May next, from persons or companies, for the performance of the following steamship service, viz:—1st, a line of mail steamers sailing from Halifax to Havana, thence to Kingston, thence to Santiago de Cuba, thence to Canada; and (2nd) a line of mail steamers between Canada and Porto Rico and adjacent islands. Trips to be made by each line fortnightly. Steamers to be of a size sufficient to carry 2,000 tons of cargo, and to be able to steam twelve knots an hour, averaging not less than eleven knots an hour. The contract in either case to be for a period of five years. Tenders will be received for the above services either separately or together. Tenders to be marked on the outside "Tenders for Steamship Service to West Indies." The Government of Canada do not bind themselves to accept any tender.  
By command,  
J. M. COURTNEY,  
Deputy Minister of Finance.  
Finance Dept.,  
Ottawa, 7th Feb., 1887.

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