

Truro's "Big Raft."

The following was not written for publication. It is, part of a business letter to the editor. We think, though, the writer will pardon us for giving it publicity, as it tells of things in which our readers are interested.

Our Truro Jubilee Temperance Society is still rolling up its membership, it is now on the 5th hundred. The feeling seems to be both deep and earnest that the saloon ought not any longer to be allowed to counteract to a large extent the effort of all good men and women to elevate humanity.

Messrs Moody and Sankey are in Louisville, Kentucky. They have been there a month. Great interest has been awakened. Mr. Moody has given considerable attention to the instruction of workers in inquiry meetings and elsewhere.

Mission News.

It is claimed that of the almost one hundred millions of women in India, over ninety-nine million and a half can neither read nor write.

The South Sea Islanders, at their last missionary meeting, raised \$1,531 for a new yacht to carry the gospel to New Guinea. This represents a degree of generosity and sacrifice not often paralleled in the home churches.

The British American Book and Tract Society.

(Extracts from Annual Report.) During the year 1887, 28 men were employed, whose united service equalled that of one man for 14 years. They travelled 37,352 miles. They sold books and Bibles in value \$13,710.51. They granted \$1,289.60 worth; 864 public meetings were held. There were found 692 families who were destitute of all religious books except the Bible.

STATISTICS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

To give, as far as mere figures can convey, an idea of the effectiveness of this grand work, we append the following statistics of the Society's operations for the past twenty years:— Within that time there have been 159 Colporteurs employed whose services equal those of one man for 222 years. They travelled 404,480 miles and made 606,955 visits to families, including 27,360 visits to Roman Catholics.

5,000 JUBILEE TESTAMENTS.

The British and Foreign Bible Society having published an Edition of the New Testament in English, at one penny, it was agreed to distribute in the Maritime Provinces and Labrador, 5,000 copies.

BIBLES.

In 1887 we imported 9,082 Bibles, and 10,790 Testaments. We received also from the Bible Society of Prince Edward Island for sale there by Colportage, 360 Bibles and 628 Testaments.

In the detailed Reports of Colporteurs will be found statistics of the number of Bibles and Testaments disposed of by each. As noted elsewhere, there were 277 families found without a Bible in the house. At an average of five persons to a family, this represents 1,385 individuals who had no copy of God's word to guide their steps to the Lamb of God.

PRINCIPLES.

The Society is non-Sectarian. It serves the best interests of all Churches of Christ. The Colporteurs are enjoined to engage in no controversy on points upon which evangelical Christians are divided; the business of the Society being to make known Christ and Him crucified. The work has been owned and blessed by Heaven. Sinners have been converted and saints have been edified.

Evangelists And Their Work.

—Evangelist Harrison is at work in New York city amongst the Methodists. Good interest is reported.

—Evangelists Jones and Small have just closed a series of meetings in Kansas City, Mo. They had large audiences, and good was done.

—In Philadelphia, Evangelist B. F. Mills has been doing good work. Over 700 converts are reported as the result. He preached from ten pulpits, and seven denominations—the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist Presbyterian, Congregational, German Reformed and Lutheran have reaped the fruits of his teaching.

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Denominational News.

WICKHAM, Q. Co.—The pastor, Rev B. H. Nobles, is holding special meetings at Wickham. There are signs of blessing.

WOODSTOCK.—Two converts were baptized by the pastor, Rev. C. T. Phillips, on Sabbath 5th inst.

DONATION.—The friends of Rev. J. W. Clark of Tracey Mills made him a donation of \$80 a few days ago. He wishes in this way to acknowledge their kindness.

CENTRAL ARGYLE, N. S.—There has been a deep religious awakening amongst the people at Central Argyle, N. S., and we have been rejoiced to see the cause of God strengthened, wanderers reclaimed and sinners converted.

The Jubulpore Wesleyans have preached the Gospel at the great Bheraghat Mela, to which thousands of Hindoos resort, to bathe in the sacred Narbadda. They were confronted by some natives who had translated into the vernacular an infidel book of Colonel Ingersoll's.

—One of the native preachers of Canton is wholly paralyzed in his legs, arms, and hands, except the partial use of one thumb and forefinger. Nevertheless, he is carried to chapel, and preaches either sitting, or lying on his back; and many have thus received the saving truth of the Gospel from his lips.

—Very encouraging reports have been received of the success of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist missions among the Khassia hills, India. The mission was started in 1840, and since then 112 preaching stations have been established. There are 1100 communicants, and 1158 candidates for membership. In the day schools there are 3467 scholars, and 5034 in the Sunday-schools.

—The Chinese government is about to employ a dozen bright young men as reporters of civilization. They will be chosen by competitive examination, and will be sent abroad for two years to study foreign countries. Each will take a specialty to work up, and will send a monthly report to Peking. After two years the government will use the services of each in the department in which he has done best, and the most promising young men will be ennobled.

—In San Francisco there are four journals regularly published in Chinese characters. These appear weekly, and have a circulation of 2,500 copies. According to the Chinese method, a good printer can print 400 sheets a day. Five days' work are required to get out an edition of 1,000 copies. The journals are printed with black ink upon single sheets of white paper, except on the Chinese New Year, when the printing is done with red ink, or upon red paper.

—There are said to be in India 135,000 lepers, and a society is devoting itself exclusively to relieving their sufferings, and proclaiming to them the gospel. Hospitals are provided, in which the victims of this dreadful disease can find shelter, and in one asylum there are ninety inmates, and in another sixty. A similar admirable purpose animates the persons who are endeavoring to send missionaries to the thousands of blind people in China, who wander about in bands of a dozen or more, hungry and almost naked, and many of them afflicted with leprosy.

—In China there are among the different Protestant denominations seventy-nine persons who devote themselves chiefly to medical work. Twenty-seven are women. There has been issued by their Medical Missionary Association the first number of a medical journal, whose columns contain valuable papers from native and foreign physicians of high standing. The articles by the Chinese doctors—themselves Christians—in the Chinese language will have a wide influence among their countrymen in removing the prejudice against foreign physicians.

—Some of the mothers on Mount Lebanon are now beginning to teach their children to pray to the Lord Jesus, and the little ones themselves are learning that prayer is just asking Him for what they really want. To show you how simple some of these little children pray, a mother was one day teaching her little boy to say the Lord's Prayer, and had got as far as "Give us this day our daily bread," when the child went on in his own way: "Give us to-day our daily bread and olives." For most of the people eat olives with their bread; you may often see a man go off to his daily work with a handful of bitter olives wrapped in one of their pancake-like loaves, and tied into the back of the scarf which he uses as a girdle.—Friend of Missions.

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A LAW is being promoted in Basle, Switzerland, which will limit the daily period of work to eleven hours, and enforce early closing on Saturdays. This is not for factory girls, who are already protected, but for milliners and shopwomen, who are often kept at work from six in the morning until eleven at night. Apprentices are also protected.

A CALL FOR PRAYER.—To the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces.

Dear sisters,—After consultation with the secretaries and other officers of the Maritime W. C. T. U., it has been decided to ask every union in the Maritime Provinces to unite in spending the hours from 2 o'clock until 6 p. m. of Thursday, Feb. 16th, in prayer to God for His blessing on Christian temperance work; that He will strengthen the hearts of our sisters of Westmorland Co., and the hands of the temperance workers there, and throughout the Maritime Provinces; that Christians every where may be awakened to a deeper sense of the need of more united action in the work of Gospel temperance and of Gospel purity.

MRS. W. W. TURNBULL, Pres.; MRS. JUDGE STEADMAN, Cor. Sec. W. C. T. U. of the Maritime Provinces.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—When you come to Fredericton for photographs, John Harvey's is the place to go. He does excellent work.

"NULL AND VOID."—A bill is before the Legislature of Kentucky which prohibits and declares null and void

"All marriages with an idiot, lunatic, paralytic, pauper, vagrant, tramp, drunkard, gambler, felon, feeble-minded person, or any one rendered physically helpless and unfit for the marriage relation, any person with violent temper, or who has for one year been a frequenter of any immoral house, or has been divorced for such cause."

COMMUNION WINE.—Concerning communion wine, we commend the following to those brethren who insist upon the fermented article as necessary to the perfection of the service. Dr. Ellis, says that while in Egypt he "visited the American missionaries at Cairo, and was told by them that when they told the Copts, who are the descendants of the early Christians of Egypt, that the Western churches were in the habit of using fermented or 'shop-wine,' as the Copts called it, as a communion-wine, 'they were horrified at the idea.' One of the missionaries said that the wine used by the societies under their charge was prepared by the Copts, who were members, by soaking raisins in water and pressing the juice from them. The day cannot be far distant when the members of the Christian churches of our land will be as much horrified at the idea of using an intoxicating wine at the most Holy Supper as are the poor, isolated, down-trodden remnants of the early Christian church in Egypt.

The British American Book and Tract Society.

Held its annual meeting at Halifax on the 7th inst. Some extracts from the Report which was read at the meeting appear in another column.

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Literary Notes.

The March Century will contain the story of "Colonel Rose's Tunnel at Libby Prison," told by one of the one hundred and nine Union officers who escaped on the night of February 9, 1864. The successful construction of this tunnel, dug from a dark corner of the cellar of the prison, through fifty feet of solid earth,—the only tools being two broken chisels and a wooden spittle in which to carry out the dirt,—was one of the most remarkable incidents of the war.

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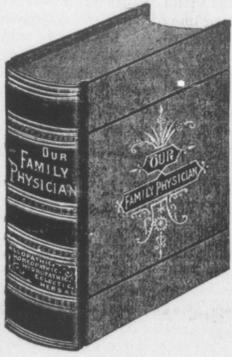
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Deaths.

FROST.—At Glenwood, N. S., Jan. 24th, Mr. George Frost, aged 62 years, leaving a sorrowing wife, one son and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Bro. Frost was a school teacher by profession, in which deep interest in the young. In all such he was successful, especially in his younger days. For some years he has not taught regularly, but at times. He did much writing of all kinds of documents for others. He was convicted of sin under the preaching of the late Rev. Chas. Knowles when he was a boy, but for some reason did not make a public profession of religion until about 29 years ago, at which time he was baptized by Bro. Knowles and united to the Glenwood F. B. Church. Since 1870 he has been the clerk of the aforesaid church. For the past 25 years, he has also been the faithful superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with the church of which he was a member, and ever since he took a deep interest in the young. In all such offices and others, Bro. Frost was faithful to his trust; he will be greatly missed, but most of all in his own family where he was always kind and affectionate. We may think of him as being among the number that bear the welcome "well done." May the all sustaining grace be to those who so deeply mourn, is our prayer. His funeral was largely attended.

GALLOP.—At Bristol, Carleton County on the sixth day of January last Minnie M. Gallop wife of George Gallop and daughter of the late William and Millicent Gowen. She professed religion about two years ago under the labours of Elder Moray and lived the life of the Christian until death. About seventeen months ago she entered upon the married life with prospects of spending many years of comfort with her husband but death marked her for its prey and after a few days of sickness she passed away trusting in Jesus in the twentieth year of her age. This solemn occasion was impressed at Bristol by Elder Moray and the remains were taken to Williamstown and interred there to wait until all who sleep in Jesus will be raised to glorious resurrection.

VANWART.—Eleanor A., aged 62 years, widow of the late Abraham Vanwart of Wickham, Queens Co.

ROBERTS.—At Glenwood, N. S., Jan. 15th, Mr. Weymouth Roberts, aged 82 years, leaving sons and daughters and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The deceased brother professed religion about fifteen years ago under the labors of Rev. Wm. Downey, by whom he was baptized and united to the Glenwood F. B. Church. Although he could not get out to meeting for some years, the pastor of church in his visits found him at all times trusting in the Lord.

He was held in high esteem in the community where he lived, and when his end came it was with assurance that he entered into rest. A large number were in attendance at his funeral. The pastor of the church was assisted at the funeral by Rev. Mr. Wallace (Baptist).—J. W. F.

WILSON.—At Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, Feb. 6th, of consumption, Lizzie M., beloved wife of Mr. George Wilson, aged 34 years, 11 months and 10 days, leaving a deeply sorrowing husband, a widowed mother and one brother to mourn their loss. Sister Wilson was the only daughter of the late Rev. Wm. Brown. She professed faith in Christ during a revival of religion on White Head Island in August, 1871, was baptized by the writer, and united with the Free Baptist church. She was faithful until death, and has gone to receive a crown of life. She was a loving and dutiful child, a faithful and loving wife, and a devoted christian. May the comforts of our holy religion sustain the sorrowing ones. Funeral services by the writer.—F. BASCOCK.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Bellevue Village" will be received at this office until FRIDAY, the 10th day of February next, for the construction of a wharf at Bellevue Village, Westmorland County, N. B., in accordance with a plan and a specification to be seen on application to Mr. Ambrose D. Richards, Barrister, Dorchester, N. B., and at the office of the Department of Public Works, Custom House Building, St. John, N. B. Tenders will not be considered unless made on form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers. An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works equal to five per cent. of amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. GOBEL, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 20th Jan., 1888.

John Harvey, PHOTOGRAPHER

106 QUEEN ST., FREDERICTON.

Notice to Owners and Masters of Fishing Vessels.

ATTENTION is called to the following Regulation, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 12th January, 1888. "Owners or Masters of Fishing Vessels intending to fish and claim Bounty, are required before proceeding on a fishing voyage, to procure a LICENSE in the authorized form from the nearest Collector of Customs or Fishery Officer. In addition to a compliance with existing regulations, this LICENSE must be transmitted to the Fisheries Department, together with the claim for Bounty on or before the 31st December in each year."

By Order, JOHN TILTON, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, OTTAWA, 11th January, 1888.