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getting ready to leave, the clerk gave me ten dollars subscribed for me by the crew as a kindly token of their appreciation of my visit. I wish here to note something that I think is worthy of imitation in the way of pastoral letters. I had the pleasure of finding two very strong letters burning with earnestness from the pen of a Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. Cameron of Kent County. If I had not been told the difference I should have thought they came from a red-hot Free Baptist. I arrived home about 10 P. M. Saturday, finding my little ones well. Sabbath I was again at my regular appointments at Lower Brighton and Hartland, after a week in the woods which will be long remembered, by me at least.
S. A. BAKER.

Revivals.
—A good revival has been enjoyed in the Centenary Methodist church in St. John. A large number of conversions is reported.

—The Queen Square Methodist church is also rejoicing in recent accessions by conversions.

—The work done in Louisville, Ky., by Mr. Moody has been greatly blessed. There are many converts, among them the most notorious gambler in the city.

—The union meetings, by the Baptist and Free Baptist churches of this city, are being continued. Much good has been done. Last Sabbath there was a union baptism, both pastors administering the ordinance. Nine were baptized; others have been received for baptism. The baptism was in the Baptist church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity; many had to go away, not being able to get in. Rev. Wm. Downey, who happened to be present, was pressed into service, and preached an effective sermon. The meetings this week are in the Free Baptist Church. We would like the prayers of Christians everywhere that many more may be converted.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The Yarmouth Church has voted to invite the next yearly Conference here. Good meetings at Chebogue. The meetings are in the hall. Workmen are finishing our new church there—a rebuilding of the old meeting house.

EDWIN CROWELL.

CENTRAL ARGYLE, N. S.—Since last reporting of revival at Central Argyle N. S. there have been seven others baptized. God has graciously blessed us, for which the people of God are thankful and greatly encouraged. Special services have closed. During revival here of late, seventeen in all have been baptized.

J. W. FREEMAN.

WICKHAM, Q. Co.—I can no longer restrain the desire to forward you good news of our Master's cause in the 6th Wickham Church. You and the friends who read the INTELLIGENCER will rejoice with us. Our Church has been visited with the favour of God, and the saving of precious souls has been witnessed in our midst. Our beloved pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, has been holding a series of meetings for the past four weeks, and his earnest labours, as a chosen vessel to carry the precious word of salvation to a sinful world, have resulted in the conversion and baptism of seven, four of whom have received the hand of fellowship into this church. The good work goes on. Hundreds are flocking to the house of God night after night to hear the Gospel of Christ. More will be gathered into the fold. Pray for us and our pastor, that he may be instrumental in winning many more from sin to salvation. Blessed is that ministry of which Christ is all.

Bro. Nobles has not forgotten to work for the INTELLIGENCER among the people.

L. S. VANWART.

Feb. 21st 1888.

Rev. Jos. Noble passed through the city a few days ago enroute to Woodstock. He has been in Hampstead for several weeks. He is not certain about returning, but may do so after a few weeks. He is in very fair health, and wants to be busy in the Lord's service so long as he can do anything.

DONATION TO REV. FATHER SWIM.—Permit me to thank my friends of Barrington Centre, for their remembrance of my old age, coming to my home last Thursday evening. After spending a very pleasant time Bro. R. Wilson in behalf of the donors, presented me with money and goods to the amount of \$15.00. May God bless them, and all others who have so kindly remembered me in this way.
ALBERT SWIM.

The Advertiser.

BUDDHISM.—A journal in the interests of Buddhism has been established on the Pacific Coast. It is called the *Buddhist Ray*, and is devoted to the "divulgence" of the philosophy and life of Buddhism, which is especially commended because it "does not try to define the undefinable."

Temperance Notes.

—India now has nine Women's Christian Temperance Unions.

—The mayor of Buffalo, N. Y., and sixteen others of the city officials are liquor-dealers.

—Dr. Dawson Burnes estimates that London spends sixteen millions annually in strong drink, which is about one-half the ratable value of its entire property.

—Japan has a temperance association whose members are pledged not to use a drop of alcoholic liquor until all the waters of the earth change to the same drink.

—Dr. Howe, of Boston, in a report on idleness, makes the statement that of 300 idiots under his care, 145 had drunken parents. In one instance, where both parents were drunkards, seven idiotic children were born to them.

—Rev. Augustus Littlejohn, at one time an eminent revival preacher in New York State, died last week at the almshouse in Paw Paw, Mich. An exchange says: "Never was there a more striking illustration of the power of whiskey to bring men low."

—A curious feature of the new liquor law in Atlanta, is the black-list. When a man appears before the city recorder on a charge of drunkenness for the second time, and is convicted, he is black-listed, and his name is furnished to all liquor-dealers, who, under a penalty of \$500 fine, are forbidden to sell him liquor under one year.

—Cardinal Manning, in a letter just published says "no pestilence has ever destroyed so many millions of men, women and children as intemperance; for a pestilence comes and goes, and often at long intervals, but intemperance is a fixed and permanent plague, always spreading and always destroying our people body and soul."

—Whisky has much to answer for, but here is a new count in the indictment, made by General Daniel E. Sickles:

"The War of the Rebellion was really a Whisky War. Yes, whisky caused the Rebellion! I was in the Congress preceding the war. It was whisky in the morning—the morning cocktail—a Congress of whisky drinkers. Then whisky all day; whisky and gambling all night. Drunks before Congress opened its morning session, drunks before it adjourned. Scarcely a committee-room without its demijohn of whisky, and the clink of the glasses could be heard in the Capitol corridors. The fights—the angry speeches—were whisky. The atmosphere was redolent with whisky—nervous excitement seeking relief in whisky, and whisky adding to nervous excitement. Yes, the Rebellion was launched in whisky. If the French Assembly were to drink some morning one-half the whisky consumed in any one day by that Congress, France would declare war against Germany in twenty minutes."

MURDERS.—In the year 1887 there were 2,335 murders committed in the United States; 79 legal executions; and 123 lynchings. A contemporary commenting on this says: "There is evidently cause for the prevailing opinion that the gallows has no terrors for murderers." The lynchings were in frontier regions and sparsely settled regions remote from regular administration of justice. The 2,335 murders include cases of manslaughter and all grades of homicide. The number that would be legally declared to be murder in the first degree is not a larger part. The lynchings frequently do as much harm as good, stimulating the very elements in the lynchings which led to the commission of the crimes. It is quite possible that if it had not been for the 79 legal executions there would have been 10,000 homicides. The presumption that one in 30 of all men who commit homicide will be hanged must be a powerful deterrent.—*Advocate.*

DEATH MAY BE IN IT.—Passing a magnificent mansion not many miles from the Hudson River, we remarked its beauty. "Yes," said our companion, "but the owner will never enjoy it much more; he is a helpless wreck, the lower portion of the spinal cord being paralyzed." "Ahl and how did that happen?" "He was tobogganing, and at the bottom of the hill struck a stone fence, and has never been able to move his lower limbs since." Over thirty accidents of this kind have occurred within the last five weeks. Persons no longer young who indulge in these sports take a great risk. Only the habitually vigorous, who spend most of their lives in the open air, and whose muscles are trained to exercise and body capable of great tension and rapid changes, can afford to risk it.—*Chris. Advocate.*

A "HANTHEM."—The old story of the British tar's account of his experience at a cathedral service on shore is again being told, and is worth retelling. He was particularly enthusiastic in his description of the singing of an anthem. "What's a hantem?" asked a listener. "What, do you mean to say you don't know what a hantem is?" "Not me." "Well, then I'll tell yer. If I was to say to yer, 'Ere, Bill, give me that 'and-spoke,' that wouldn't be a hantem. But was I to say, 'Bill—Bill—Bill—give—give—give—give me, give me that—Bill, give me, give me that hand, give me that, hand, handspike, spike—Bill, give—give me—that—that hand—handspike, hand—handspike, spike, spike—spike—spike, ah—men, ah—men; Bill, give me that handspike, spike, ah—men! Why, that would be a hantem."

KINGS COUNTY NOTES.—The special services began in the Midland Church on Thursday 9th inst. are being still carried on. The old members of the church are becoming quickened and backsliders are returning to Father's house. It is hoped that the services will be productive of much good, and that many may be brought to know the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus. The friends at Midland will donate their pastor, Rev. Wm. DeWare, on Wednesday night 22nd inst.

Mr. Elisha Sharp, Midland, brother of G. W. Sharp, clerk of 6th Dist. is lying dangerously ill. It is feared he cannot recover.

C. E. B.

Population Of The World.

Professor Levasseur estimates the population of the world at 1,483,000,000. He has faith in the substantial accuracy of the recent estimates of the population of China and Japan, based upon the latest official reports. There has been considerable controversy with regard to the population of these countries, and the opinion of Sir R. Alcock, Sir Rawson Rawson, and other statisticians, that China contains about 400,000,000 people derives considerable weight from the fact that Professor Levasseur has reached the same conclusion. The statisticians who do not think the Chinese estimates are far from correct base their opinions upon a comparison of the Chinese census returns of the last and present centuries and upon the ratio of population to area in other countries. **

Those persons who imagine that the conditions of savage life are unfavorable to density of population may be surprised to learn that the latest estimate give Africa a population of sixteen and North America only eight and eight-tenths to the square mile. While our continent is known to have only about 80,000,000 people, the population of Africa, according to Professor Levasseur, approximates 197,000,000.

While the contribution of Europe to the land surface of the globe is less than one-half as great as that of North America, her population is over four times as numerous. But we are in the infancy of our history, and there is no doubt of our ability to support a far larger population than that of Europe. It will help us to conceive the almost illimitable capacity of our own land to support human life when we consider that to-day, in China and Japan, India and the best parts of Europe, nearly two-thirds of the human race are grouped on about one-twelfth of the land area of the globe.

THE REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN is reported to have said that, "a mail converted in a church is worth three converted in a rink," and the remark has been called in question by those who cannot understand how the mere accident of place has anything to do with the usefulness of the convert. And yet it strikes us that there is something in it. In the first place, the man converted in a church is likely to have some character to begin with. While it is true that the doors of the house of God stand open to all, and the servants of God often go out into the highways and hedges and compel men to come to the gospel feast, yet those who come are likely to be those who have some little manhood left, some purpose or aim in life; usually they are those who have become familiar with the place through the influence of family or the Sabbath school. They are those who are neither afraid nor ashamed to be seen entering God's house, and who have some purpose in going there. And in the second place, the house of God is more favorable to the cultivation of Christian character than is any other place. It is God's house, dedicated to his worship, with the best practical facilities for the conduct of such worship; the congregation has in it a larger element of devout, praying men and women; it has in it more warmth, more sympathy, more of that special influence which the young Christian so much needs, and it is much more easy to direct him to such exercises and efforts as shall conduce to his spiritual development. And still further, the house with which his spiritual birth is associated, is to him ever after a home, in such a sense as no other can become. For all these and other reasons, the remark of Dr. Gladden has at least a grain of truth in it, and we are not sure but that, taking it all in all, it is not about correct.—*Journal.*

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.—The Rev. Dr. Dochter, the noted compiler of religious statistics, has recently completed another computation, showing the increase in the number of evangelical church members in the United States, as compared with the increase of population. After giving full statistics of the various religious bodies, drawn from reports made in 1886-87, he shows that during the century, from 1800 to 1886, the number of churches (congregations) increased from 6,303 to 112,744; the number of

ministers increased from 2,651 to 83,854, and the number of communicants from 364,872 to 12,132,651. On the basis of 58,420,000 for the population, as estimated by the government actuary for 1883, there was, in 1800 one communicant in an evangelical church to 14.5 of the population; in 1850, one to every 6.5 of the population; in 1870, one to every 5.7 of the population; in 1880, one to every 5.0 of the population, and in 1886, one to every 4.8 of the population. There is now one evangelical Protestant church to every 518 of the population, and one minister to every 692 of the population. From 1850, while the population increased 152 per cent., the number of communicants in evangelical churches increased 243 per cent. These are facts and figures which it is well to have close at hand whenever an infidel or a croaker is heard talking about "the decline of Christianity," "the decadence of the church," and that sort of thing.

SALARY TO A DEAD MAN.—A canonized saint, who had been dead more than fourteen centuries, but still continues to draw an annual salary for services rendered, is certainly an extraordinary phenomenon. The saint is Saint Antony, and his paymaster is the State of Brazil. So, at least, says the *Allgemeine Deutsche Zeitung*, the organ of the German colony in Rio. The old Egyptian hermit is officially recognized and described in Brazil as the "Tenente-colonel honorario do Exercito Brasileiro, o glorioso Santo Antonio"—the honorary lieutenant-colonel of the Brazilian Army, the glorious Saint Antony. The sum, of \$240,000 is paid to him annually as his due military stipend, and the saint receives through the hands of the Prior of the Monastery de Santo Antonio on the Morro. By what means the money passes from the prior's hands into those of the saint has not yet been made clear.

BOTTLES.—The *Christian World*, London, thus describes a new method of making bottles: "It consists in dropping molten glass into a mold, forming the mouth with mathematical precision by means of a hollow punch,—which is brought into action by a lever,—then directing a blast of air into the hot mass by pressure, and causing a Parisian mold to close upon it, continuing the blast of air at the same time. A far better bottle is thus produced by three hands than by five under the old process, and in less time while there is no waste of material, no injurious blowing to be done, and space is economized. It is calculated that the cost of the labor on a gross of bottles will be reduced from 3s. 6d. to 3d.; and with one supplied to each of their sixty furnace-holes, Messrs. Sykes could turn out 54,000 dozen bottles per day instead of 5,400 dozen as now.

MIND SICKNESS AND MIND CURE.—A physician in extensive practice was lately asked, "What proportion, should you say, of those people who send a servant flying to your office with 'Come right away,' or make the telephone jingle with 'Come as quick as you can,' are suffering chiefly from fear and imagination?" The learned medicine man replied: "Well, I might safely put it at two-thirds. When I arrive the mere announcement that it is nothing serious allays the fear. While I am writing the prescription and chatting pleasantly on some other topic, the last stage of convalescence has been nearly reached, and when I say, in an assumed tone, 'Take this, and you will be all right in the morning,' the case is settled."

ALL SORTS.

—Parson Fitzroy is nothing if not elegant in his pulpit diction; but he rather surprised his parishioners on Sunday, when he arose to the supreme felicity of referring to "Lot's lady, who was transformed into a monolith of chloride of sodium."

—There are whole towns in Germany that do little else but make dolls for American children. They are mostly simple country folk. England's children spend almost \$1,000,000 for French and German dolls, and America's children almost double that.

—At Balakhan, near Baku, Russia, nobody ventures at present to take the risk of lighting a fire, for fear the town will go off like fireworks. A new petroleum spring, which rose 150 yards, flooded the vicinity, impregnating everything.

—An Arkansas farmer writes that last year, when "coons made havoc in his corn-field, he went to the drug-store to buy strychnine with which to kill them. By mistake, the druggist gave him morphine; and the next morning he found his field full of sleeping coons.

—In Breslau, Germany, a chimney fifty-four feet in height has been constructed entirely of solid blocks of paper firmly compressed together, the blocks being placed carefully one on the top of the other and joined together with a special cement. The chimney is non-inflammable, and by the nature of the material, quite secure from lightning.

—A Parsee girl named Sorabji, who has won scholarships at the University in Bombay every year, has now been graduated in the first class. Only six students of whom five were men, succeeded in obtaining this degree. Miss Sorabji is the only "girl-graduate" in the Bombay presidency.

—The *Fiji Shimpo* is the London Times of the East. Its editor, Fukusawa, is one of the most influential men in the Japanese Empire. At first a Buddhist, then a Confucianist, he now advocates the "Christianization" of Japan as a necessary condition of its "Europeanization." To lead his fellow-citizens toward the front of Western civilization is the great purpose of his life. He was the first to translate European works of science into Japanese.

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Literary Notes.

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—A clock has been invented, and is coming into use in Europe, which is warranted by its manufacturer to run for five years without either winding or regulation. The Belgian government placed one in a railway station in 1881 sealed with the government seal, and it has kept perfect time ever since.

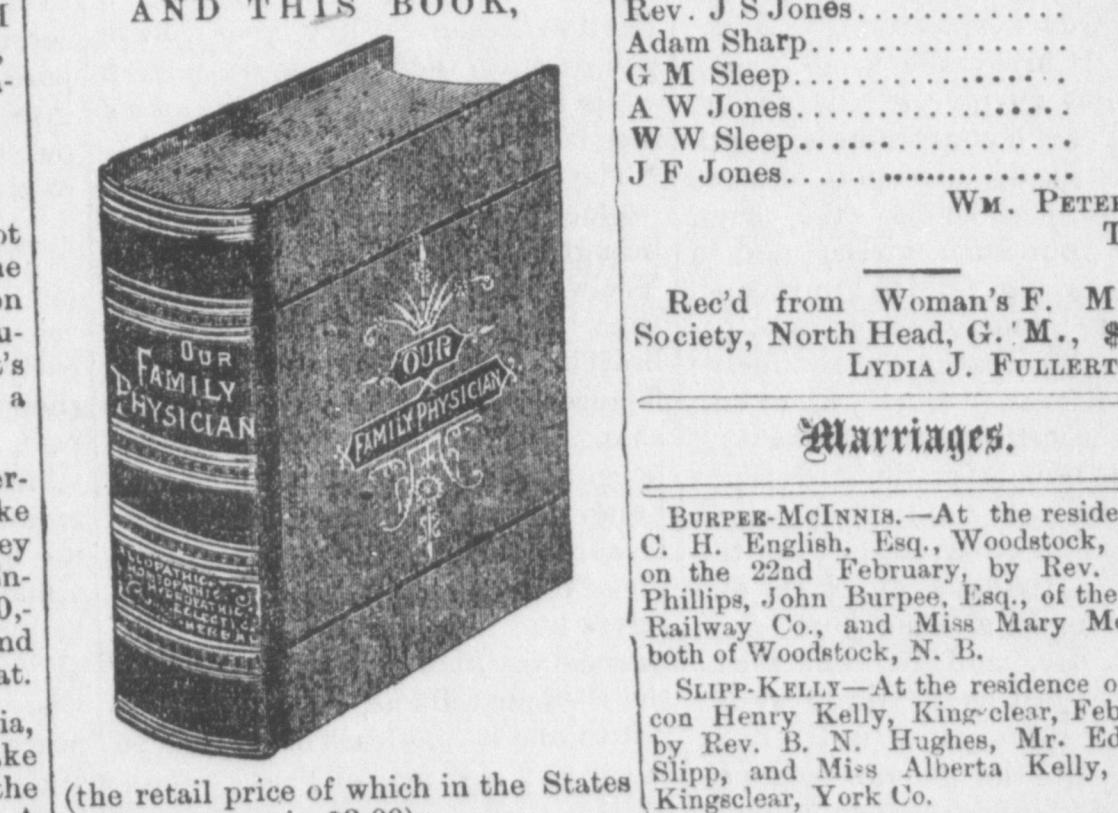
—"See the capitalists riding along in their fine carriages!" yelled a socialist speaker at a meeting in a Chicago suburb, the other evening. Where, I ask you, are our horses and carriages?" "S'loon-keeper's drivin mine round," responded a maudlin and red-nosed reformer of society, with deep dejection; and the orator changed the subject.

—There was once great consternation in the office of *Zion's Herald*, when the writer of an obituary article upon a mother in Israel, having said in pious phrase that she died and "claimed the promises," was made to aver that she had died "and cleared the promises." And it was out at Worcester, Mass, where, Rev. George H. Hepworth having declared, in a public address, "I am not a free lance," the sedate *Spy* gave him fame by printing the sentence, "I want a free lunch."

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Marriages.

BURPER-McINNIS.—At the residence of

C. H. English, Esq., Woodstock, N. B.,

on the 22nd February, by Rev. C. T.

Phillips, John Burper, Esq., of the N. B.

Railway Co., and Miss Mary McInnis,

both of Woodstock, N. B.

SLEPP-KELLY.—At the residence of Dea-

con Henry Kelly, Kinross, Feb. 15th,

by Rev. B. N. Hughes, Mr. Edgar P.

Slipp, and Miss Alberta Kelly, all of

Kingsclear, York Co.

CHURCHILL-RING.—At Salem, Feb. 18th,

by Rev. Wm. M. Knollin, Mr. Byron L.

Churchill, of Brooklyn, to Miss Emily H.

Ring, of Acadia.

CURRIE-DAVIS.—In Boston Feb. 22, at

the residence of the bride's father by Rev.

Robert G. Seymour, D. D., assisted by

Rev. G. F. Currie, Mr. J. Hollister

Currie to Miss Isabella Davis, both of

Boston.

LUTES-GAY.—At the Free Baptist par-

sonage, Pettoctodoc, on the 22nd inst., by

the Rev. A. C. Thompson, William L. Lutes

to Annie C. Gay, both of the Parish of

Salisbury.

Deaths.

BELVEA.—In St. John, January 13th, of

consumption, Fred L., youngest son of

Jacob H. and Mary A. Belvea, aged 19

years. His death was a glorious triumph

of Divine Grace. His eternal horizon was

unclouded by a doubt or fear, and he hesi-

tated not to walk through the valley of

the shadow of death, leaving, by faith, on

the strong arm of our Redeemer. Funeral

service was conducted by Lic. F. G.

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