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A MOSLEM'S TESTIMONY.—We take the following from "The Missionary Herald": "We are beginning to hear of spiritual results following the administration of relief to the famine sufferers in Turkey. In some places portions of the Scriptures have been distributed with needed bread for the body. Mr. Yates, of Mordin, reports that in one village a man said, after an earnest discussion: 'It is nothing other than the words of this Book, which have sent us this aid.' A Moslem at one village affirmed: 'I know that the Protestants are the best of all the sects.' 'How do you know that?' said a by-stander. 'You are a Moslem. What do you know of the teachings of the Protestants?' The Moslem replied: 'I know by one sign. If I go to a priest, he says to me, "Give;" if I go to a Moolah, he says to me, "Give;" if I go to an official or a friend, they say to me "Give." All say "Give." The Protestant alone says, "Take;" Their schools say, "Take;" their teachings say, "Take;" their charities say, "Take." By this I know that they are the best." Mr. Yates reports that villages are asking for teachers, and that the evangelical helpers are honored wherever they go among the mountains."

ORGANIZED CHRISTIAN EFFORT.—The following is taken from the "Missionary Review": "In heathen countries Protestants occupy 500 separate mission fields, containing 20,000 mission stations, supplied by 40,000 missionaries. In these 20,000 mission stations there are 500,000 Sabbath-school scholars, an average of twenty-five to each station. In the 20,000 Protestant mission stations there are 1,000,000 of native communicants, or an average of fifty to each station. There are also 2,000,000 of adherents who are friends of the evangelical faith and hearers of the gospel preached from the Bible, an average of one hundred to each station. Including all classes, there are now identified with Protestant Christian missions 3,500,000 persons, served by 40,000 missionaries. The nationalities friendly to Protestant Christianity, or nominally Christians, contain a population of about 150,000,000 or one-ninth of the whole population of the earth, covering 14,000,000 of square miles or one-fourth of the whole geographical surface of the globe. The Greek and Roman Catholic churches cover 18,000,000 square miles in nations friendly to them or dominated by them, and have 250,000,000 adherents. The Mohammedans have a following of about 200,000,000 nominally. Strictly pagan countries, therefore, have yet a population of one billion souls who are not reached by Mohammedan, Catholic, Greek or Protestant churches."

HAMPSTEAD, Q. CO.—The Free Baptists have extended a call to Rev. J. McKenzie, which has been accepted. —Gleaner Cor.

REV. GIDEON SWIN called at this office last week. He is well, and reports the interest in the churches of his pastorate encouraging.

REV. WM. DOWNEY desires to acknowledge with thanks the present of a fine fur coat from his friends in Marysville. The long drives of the winter will be much more comfortable because of the thoughtful kindness of these friends.

Temperance Notes.

—It is said that the young Emperor William has become a total abstainer.

—In Belgium in 1886 there were 140,000 public houses, one for every forty-three inhabitants.

—There are 11,230 members of total abstinence societies in connection with the railway systems of England and Scotland.

—Chaplain McCabe says legal and moral suasion work well together in Iowa. Fifty-eight empty jails there already. One man has put on the outside of his jail: "This jail is for rent."

—A moderate drinker became angry with a friend who argued that safety was only to be found in total abstinence. "Do you think I have lost control over myself?" "I do not know, but let us put it to the proof. For the next 6 months do not touch a drop." The proposal was accepted. He kept to his promise. At the close of a month he said to his friend, "I believe you have kept me from a drunkard's grave. I never knew that I was a slave to drink, but I have fought the fiercest battle of my life. Had the test been tried later, it might have been too late. I mean to keep the pledge for life."

—Rev. Wm. Dobson is recovered from the illness which confined him to the house for a week or two.

—Rev. H. F. Adams of Yarmouth preached a temperance sermon in the Baptist Church Sabbath evening.

SPECIMEN COPIES.

We have received some names to which we are sending specimen copies of the paper.

We will be glad to send to all non-subscribers whose names are sent us for that purpose.

Will the ministers and others who know of those who ought to take the paper send us their names that we may send them specimen copies?

VENERATION for a deceased ancestry that may appear again in earth in any animal form, has led the superstitious East Indians to suffer the free and unrestricted propagation of wild beasts and venomous reptiles, throughout their vast realm. Safety and security pertain to no class and scarcely to any village or home. The ferocious monster not unfrequently enters the unprotected home, while the venomous reptile, by stealthy approach, gains the life of its victim more easily and surely. During 1886, 22,134 persons were killed by snakes, 928 by tigers, 222 by wolves, 194 by leopards, 113 by bears, and 1,250 by other animals. Altogether, 24,841 persons were killed by wild animals in British India in a single year. The bounties offered are changing public sentiment somewhat, and in nine years past, 170,639 wild animals and 2,672,467 snakes have been destroyed for these prizes.

CO-OPERATION.—There is a town in Connecticut which has a Congregational and an Episcopal Church with pastors. Some few weeks ago these two pastors started out together, and are visiting in company every family within the bounds of the two parishes, bringing to the people in their homes Christian admonition and comfort; also reading scripture and praying with each family.

At first the people looked on in amazement, as if some strange thing was about to happen, but after a little they began to admire and rejoice in the work.

CATS AND STARVATION.—Mrs. Henry Snell, of West Medway, Mass., who was this autumn, formally taken in charge by the town authorities as insane, was found starving in her house surrounded by twenty-five cats. There was no food in the house. Outside was a fine flock of fowls, but she would not kill one. Each of the twenty-five cats had a name, and would answer to it, and she had trained them to fall in line and come forward to be fed as their names were called, with much decorum.

ROME is to be judged where she most freely shows her real character. This she will do where her liberties are most complete and where her strength is most perfect. In Mexico City one may find such a place for trial, and there the church shows itself, if not to the best advantage, at least most truly as she is. Sunday is the day wherein to see the church most distinctly and wherein she will best illustrate her influence over the people. That which Rome has made Mexico and that which she persists in holding Mexico to be, that same is Rome herself. Sunday is the gala day in Mexico. Every shop is in full blast, the lottery ticket offices are all open, and the tickets are sold for the alleged benefit of the Virgin Mary. The dance, the cock fight, the theater, and the bull fight everywhere abound, and gambling is the order of the day. The priests mingle freely with the crowd, and largely share in the sports of the day, and more crimes are committed on the Sabbath than on any other day of the week. That which Mexico is, New York and Boston would be under the exclusive rule of the same Roman Church. —Gospel Herald.

"WHAT IS A WORD?"—asked a gentleman. Well, that depends. If it is "a word to the people," it is generally about a column article in a newspaper, for which said newspaper does not get a cent. If it is "one more word in a sermon," it amounts to half an hour's recapitulation of what has already been said, including a collection.

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERS.—"That was a notable dinner party in New York the other night," says a contemporary, "where Mr. David Dudley Field, aged 84, Mr. Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court, aged 72, and Rev. Dr. Field, editor of the New York Evangelist, aged 66, all gathered around the table of their brother, Mr. Cyrus W. Field, aged 69. All four of these brothers have clear, bright eyes and a ruddy, healthy complexion, and they laughed and talked together like a lot of boys." A remarkable family is the Field family.

TEMPERANCE IN DRESS.—A number of influential Philadelphia women are contemplating the establishment of a ribbon society for temperance in dress, just as there is a blue-ribbon society for temperance in drink. Every year the amount of money the average woman spends for dress increases, until extravagance seems to have reached high-water mark. Many would be glad to initiate a different state of things; a reaction in favor of a finer simplicity and purer taste.

—Mr. John Harvey, who always makes good photographs, has been doing some very fine work in new styles especially suited for Christmas and New Year presents.

—Attention is directed to the card of the Nova Scotia Hotel in another column. The proprietor, Mr. J. L. Belyea, is a worthy christian man.

A Strange Marriage.

Nearly two years ago a clergyman of the Episcopal persuasion in New York state, aged 32 years, married a widow belonging to his congregation. He married her according to the law of the state by a written contract signed by one witness. He got tired of her and then tried to get rid of her by proving that the marriage was not a canonical one. He consulted Bishop Potter of New York, and the Bishop advised him in order to prevent scandal in the church to marry her canonically. The couple accordingly presented themselves before another Episcopal clergyman to be married. Before the service, the bridegroom turned to the bride and said vehemently, "I will marry you, but I tell you now I will never live with you, and I don't want you ever to darken my door." The service was then performed, and that man and that woman were solemnly declared to be "no longer twain but one flesh." Bishop Potter offers the clergyman letters of recommendation if he will resign his parish. —The case is strange and sad. It is worse than heathenism for it is a hateful mockery of a solemn ordinance. The strangest part of it is that Bishop Potter should be party in any way to the encouraging of such a disgraceful performance. —Presbyterian Witness.

SUNDRIES.—It is estimated that the holiday series of books in New York will reach one million volumes. . . . Boston Next year will issue 780 licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor, or one for each 500 of its 390,000 inhabitants. . . . Whittier, the venerable Quaker poet, was 81 years old on Tuesday last week. He is still in very good health. . . . We have received the sermons on temperance preached by Rev. H. F. Adams (Baptist) in Yarmouth. They are plain presentations of facts about the awful drink curse.

A CONFERENCE was lately held in New York to consider the problems which confront the churches of that city. One of these is the great increase of population in proportion to the number of churches. In 1840 there was one Protestant church to every 2,000 people; in 1880, one to 3,000; in 1887, one to 4,000. And yet the churches taken right through can easily accommodate all who habitually attend them. It is clear that the number of non-church-goers has greatly increased. If the valuation of church property were to be taken, it would appear that it had grown to an enormous extent. But that the spiritual valuation of the churches has gained correspondingly does not appear.

Denominational Notices.

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Note.—The friends of the mission will note by reference to the Year Book that a plan has been adopted to apportion the required amount among the several churches, by Districts. It is hoped that the several churches will not wait for the assessment to be made, but will each send a remittance in time for next quarter's salary. —W. P.

ALL SORTS.

—Electric omnibuses now run in Paris over a line two miles long.

In all the Japanese Empire, with its population of 37,000,000, it is estimated that there are fewer than 10,000 paupers.

—The aprons worn by the female employes in the United States mints are never washed. When too soiled for use they are burned to save the gold that adheres to them.

—The passion for moving monuments away from the place where they have become famous is one of the ways in which the instinct of the showman asserts itself. It found an opportunity for a singular national triumph when the obelisk was brought to this country to crack its sides in the trying atmosphere of the Central Park. And now some patriotic showman wants to cart Libby Prison to Chicago and put it on exhibition. But, to make the exhibition successful, he would need to cart Richmond along with it.

—The harness of the horse in St. Petersburg is as light as leather can be made, none of the straps being more than half an inch in width; and most of them are round, not larger than a lead-pencil. There is no breaching, because there are no grades in St. Petersburg; the country is perfectly level. There are no blinders on the bride, and the horse fears nothing. He will walk up to a locomotive with as much indifference as his master. He never shies, never runs away, but is perfectly obedient to the voice of his master.

—In Berlin, heavy wagons are not allowed on certain streets. In Paris, any cartload of rattling material must be fastened till it can't rattle. Munich allows no bells on street-cars. In Philadelphia, church bells have been held a nuisance in certain neighborhoods by judicial ruling. Steam whistles are forbidden nearly all the larger cities of this country and Europe. Milkmen and bakers are not allowed to use bells or horns in some cities.

—Advices from the Boony River, Africa, give a revolting story of savage atrocities and cannibalism. The Okrikan tribe in revenge for some in-

jury, invited a party of Ogonis to a friendly palaver, and then entrapped and massacred them. A cannibal festival of the most horrible and indescribable character followed. Then an attack was made upon the undefended villages, and the most barbarous outrages were committed. It is estimated that over 150 persons, including women and children, were killed and eaten.

—The volume of the sun is about 1,330,000 times that of the earth. To give some idea of this difference, let us make a few comparisons of familiar objects. For instance, let the sun be represented by a ball weighing 190 pounds. There are 7,000 grains in a pound avoirdupois, and this multiplied into 150 gives us 1,330,000. Now a grain may be represented by the kernel of wheat, which was in fact the original of the grain weight. So you have on the one hand the sun represented by a large man, and on the other the earth by a grain of wheat.

—The common opinion is that a pearl is caused by a grain of sand or some similar substance finding its way into the shell, and irritating the oyster which thereupon encloses it in a smooth covering. This is not true of the pearl proper; but such substances are always glued to the inner side of the shell, and are covered with "nares," the well-known "mother of pearl." Some of these substances thus imbedded are very curious. The writer has seen a parasite, apparently a blood-sucker, or a worm nearly two inches long, thus confined in a most gorgeous crust of mother of pearl strong enough to hold him tight, and yet showing his shape perfectly. The real pearl is probably the effect of a disease. It is always found imbedded in the muscular portion of the oyster. It begins as a sac filled with a clear liquid, like water. At a later stage thickens, becoming first cloudy, then like jelly, and finally hardening into the perfect pearl. Specimens have been found in all stages, but it is not yet decided whether the sac increases in size during the hardening process. —Christian Union.

Literary Notes.

A CANADIAN CHILDREN'S PAPER.—Hitherto we have been accustomed to expect children's papers to come from the United States. We have now to welcome one, however, printed in our own country; and if it keeps up to the standard of the sample before us, the imported article will have to devise some measure of "retaliation," or get out. It is well printed on toned paper, has eight pages, containing twenty-four columns, is beautifully illustrated and carefully edited, and the stories and other reading matter, while of the highest order, are just the kind to attract and delight our boys and girls. All this provided semi-monthly for only fifty cents a year. The proposal is to distribute it in school clubs—it could not be supplied at the price under any other plan. The kind co-operation of teachers will thus be absolutely necessary to success. Samples are sent to all teachers: if any have not received a copy to date, a post card to the Publishers, C. J. Publishing Co., Toronto, will secure it. Ask your children if they have seen it.

The Missionary Review of the World for January is out. The success of this magazine is phenomenal. By a single bound it has placed itself at the head of the missionary periodicals of the world. Last year's volume, now bound, nearly 1,000 pages, is really a cyclopedia of missions. The first number of the new year gives promise that 1889 shall excel 1888. In the Literature Section are nine articles. Every one good. Under "Organized Missions," we have the latest report of the eighteen women's missionary societies of Canada and of Great Britain and Ireland. Correspondence from China, Brazil, Persia, Asia Minor, and Africa. The "Monthly Bulletin" gives a resume of the latest news from the world-field. The Statistical Section gives a series of tables showing British Contributions to Foreign Missions in 1887. The portrait of the Earl of Aberdeen, President of the World's Missionary Conference, adorns the number.

Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

Marriages.

ALEXANDER-TAYLOR.—At Grand Falls on the 19th inst. by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr. William E. Alexander of the N. B. R. and Miss Jennie M. Taylor of Grand Falls.

Deaths.

MCKENZIE.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., Florence Gertrude, aged 7 months, infant child of P. D. and R. S. McKenzie.

TRACEY.—At Tracey Station, S. C., Dec. 20th, Joseph Tracey aged 74 years. He leaves a widow, 3 daughters and one son.

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