

MARCH 14, 1888.

is it good or bad?" The crowd laughed at the poor man, till at last he took a book and promised to read it and tell me what he thought of it. The heathen in India are after all very like "the heathen at home," who condemn the religion they have never tested.

There are many incidents that I would like to tell you, but these are enough to illustrate how our work is just doing the "little things" for Jesus day by day. Often words seem useless to comfort and soothe the sad ones we see in the zenanas, so silently lifting our hearts in prayer, we tell Jesus about them. You cannot pray too often for us. Our work is one and the same here and in the home-land—to bring lost souls to Jesus. The methods we use would cause surprise at home, no doubt; fancy a simple picture interesting a crowd of men and women at home, but here we find it the most attractive and interesting means. We so often wish we could get a series of pictures illustrating the life of Christ. However we would be glad to get any sort of pictures. There may be Sabbath Schools at home that do not know what to do with the old lesson pictures for which there is no room on the walls. How useful I could make them over here.

Will you kindly remind our friends that letter postage per half ounce from Canada to India is ten cents. From U. S. it is only five. In the estimation of the "Postal Union" Canadian letters are worth as much again as those from U. States. They are all worth a great deal to me, however, and all received shall have replies in due time.

JESSIE B. HOOPER.
Balasore, Jan. 26th. 1888.

Revivals.

—The revival in this city continues. Last week there were several conversions, and on Sabbath eleven converts were baptized by the pastors of the Baptist and Free Baptist churches. The baptism was in the Baptist Church. The meetings this week are in the Free Baptist Church on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. It is in contemplation to hold some meetings on the other side the river.

—In one Methodist Church in New York some 500 have professed conversion under the labours of Evangelist Harrison.

—It sounds a little strange to hear that a great revival is proceeding in Tokio, Japan. It is not long since Tokio and the rest of Japan were thoroughly pagan. Now we hear of a great Christian revival in that city, with no fewer than five hundred conversions in a single month. The whole city seemed stirred, and missionaries, native pastors and even theological students are busy gathering in the harvest. Everybody is interested in Christianity, and nobody speaks against it. This is a revolution of itself.

—The Lienster St. & Germain St. Baptist Churches in St. John are having good revivals. There has been a good number of conversions in each congregation.

—The Methodist Churches in St. John are enjoying a season of refreshing. Many are professing conversion.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—Dr. Meredith's Tuesday evening Bible class in Brooklyn is attended by at least 1,500 persons.

—The establishment of the McAll Mission in France, which has now ninety five preaching stations, all turned on the giving away of a single tract to a working man in the Belleville quarter of Paris.

—"Pilgrim's Progress" has just been translated into the language of the Fantes, a tribe occupying a district in Upper Guinea, on the Gold Coast. This is the eighty-first foreign version of Bunyan's work.

—Of the 6,000 Presbyterian ministers in the United States there are not quite 600 who are disqualified by age or sickness for regular work. These and their families receive from the general church fund an average of \$200 a year. The purpose of the proposed \$1,000,000 fund is to double this yearly pension.

—Rabbi Robinowitz writes from Kishineff: "Who would have predicted ten years ago that Russian Jews would push each other for the sake of obtaining New Testaments from the hands of one of their brethren who is preaching the Gospel publicly? Who would have thought that, night after night, Jews would steal into a house in order to listen to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, with a view of obtaining through it life eternal? But with God all things are possible."

—There is no race line in the Broadway Tabernacle Church in New

York. At the last Communion there were received into the Church a Chinaman, a Japanese and an Armenian. On the same day a number of well-dressed and well-behaved members of African descent sat beside well-behaved and well-dressed members of Anglo-Saxon descent. It would be hardly necessary to remark these facts, were it not true that in certain sections churches are in great danger of yielding to a worldly maxim: "When in Rome do as the Romans do," instead of holding to the Christian precept: "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

—The Young Women's Christian Union, in Brooklyn, had is doing a good work. There is a large reading room and parlor. That young women without family in the city may be provided with safe and convenient boarding places, a boarding-house directory is established. An important feature is the Sunday afternoon Bible class, to which all are cordially invited for counsel and help. A practical and much-needed branch of the work is in the hands of the Committee on Protection, who are ready to befriend all women with wrongs to be redressed. Very soon there will be an employment bureau, educational classes and a lecture course.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

REV. JOHN PERRY writes that he is improving in health, though slowly. This will be good news to his many friends.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND N. S.—The good work still goes on here. Many at the Centre have been converted, and a large number all over the Island have been reclaimed. The good spirit is getting into our schools, and many young people are coming to Jesus.

C. B. ATWOOD.

WOODSTOCK.—A quiet and good revival is going on in the Woodstock Church. There have been several conversions. Two were baptized by Bro. Phillips Sabbath 4th inst.

PORTLAND.—Special services are being held in Portland. Good is being done. Bro. Reid's health is not very good, but he is devoting himself earnestly to the work.

REV. J. NOBLE is again at Upper Hampstead where he will, probably, remain some weeks. He passed through this city last week. His health is not very good.

LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.—For the last three weeks I have been conducting special services here. Good results have followed. The Lord has abundantly blessed His church, saints have been cheered, wanderers reclaimed and sinners saved. Sabbath the 4th inst, at the close of the morning service, I baptized six converts two young men and four young women. In the afternoon we had a social service, it was one of interest, at the close of it those baptized were received into the church, the Lord's Supper was also administered. Others are seeking the Lord.

GIDSON SWIM.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday, 1st inst, at the close of the evening service, the friends of Rev. G. Swim, took occasion to present him with a handsome watch and chain in appreciation of his untiring work among them. The following address was read:

Dear Pastor and Brother:—We, the members of your congregation here at Lower Prince William, together with those of your church at Queensbury, wish upon this occasion to present to you a small token of our regard in appreciation of your labour of love among us. We cannot hope, dear brother, that it will in any way prove a remuneration for the debt of love and gratitude we owe you, but we would have you feel and know that it has been the free-will offering of those to whom you minister in spiritual things, and as such we ask you to accept it. Subscriptions on this side of the river were solicited by Miss Frank Crewdson, on the other side by our much esteemed brother Mr. George H. VanWart, both of whom have considered it a pleasure to engage in the work. We also present you with the warrant, subscription lists and fifty-five cents which remained after the purchase was made. In conclusion we simply say, God bless you and strengthen you in your high and holy calling; and when you are called to lay your armour down may eternity reveal to you many bright stars in your crown of rejoicing.

[Signed in behalf of above mentioned churches.]

ANNIE F. CREWDSON.

Rev. Mr. Swim replied very appropriately and feelingly.—Com.

REV. JOHN A. ROBERTSON has been quite ill, but was better when we heard a few days ago.

THANKS.—I wish to thank my friends in Midland for a donation of \$50 in cash and \$31 in goods.

WM. DEWARE.

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Christian Inquirer* is a new paper published in New York. It is a consolidation of the *Gospel Age* and the *Baptist Weekly*. It presents an excellent appearance and gives promise of being a first class religious paper. We did not know the *Gospel Age*, but we did know the *Baptist Weekly* and if the spirit of the new paper is as truly Christian as that of the *Weekly* was it will do good service for God and the Baptist denomination to which it belongs. We wish it the best success.

PERSONAL.—A post card from Rev. J. H. Erb informs us that he is in very good health now. Mr. H. Chestnut has returned from England. The Sussex Baptist Church has invited Rev. W. L. Goucher of Maine to the pastorate.

THE Moncton Times states that the Seventh Day Adventists are making some stir in that town. A good woman of the sect recently did a big washing on Sunday in order to show her respect for Saturday, or for some other equally worthy motive.

THEY have a "boy preacher" in Kentucky just now. His age is said to be eleven—young enough certainly. Of course he is creating a sensation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Mrs. Mary E. Dean, widow of the late John Dean, of Deer Island, wishes to thank the brothers and sisters of the Disciple Church at Lord's Cove for their kind remembrance of her in her illness, also for \$26.15 subscribed by them as a token of esteem. May God bless them all, and may it be like bread cast upon the water.

PROPER NAMES.—Among the most annoying things with which printers have to deal are proper names. There is no rule for their spelling, and there seems to be no collocation of letters so peculiar that it is not made to stand for a proper name. It becomes those who write for the press, therefore, to be exceedingly careful, first, to know how a name is spelled; second, to spell it correctly; and, third, to write it so distinctly that the compositor can put it in type correctly. We often receive manuscript in which proper names are so written that we can make nothing out of them, have to leave the matter to the compositor, and then leave the proof as he makes it. We dare not undertake to correct it. It is difficult enough to avoid errors, when we know just what the author means to say; but when proper names are improperly spelled, or so written that we can not tell what letters the author intended to use, we are utterly helpless. All this applies especially to marriage and death notices, and our readers may be assured, when they find errors in those places, that the writer, and not the editor, is at fault. In most cases, we can correct errors in the names of ministers, but we can not do so in the case of private members. We try to be correct, and flatter ourselves that we are not sinners above others in this respect.—*Messenger*.

ITALY is now regarded as one of the first powers of Europe. A statement of the full strength of her forces, active and reserve, occasions some surprise even to those fairly well acquainted with the military strength of the leading powers. The army of Italy in 1887, including the local and active militia, amounted on a war footing to 2,590,172 men. The troops are well armed, and the army administration is said to be in a thoroughly effective condition.

ALL SORTS.

—There are now six papers devoted entirely to the news and progress of woman suffrage in the United States.

—There are only forty-five female lawyers in the United States, but they talk like 60.

—The Island of Molokai, the Hawaiian reserve for lepers, has received 2,500 victims of this disease during the last fifteen years, and contains a constant population of 700 to 800 lepers, with an annual death-rate of 150.

—An egg of the great auk was sold by auction in London recently for 160 guineas. A large number of ornithologists assembled to witness the sale. There are only eighty of these eggs known to be in existence, and they are in museums or private collections.

—The obliging visitor, to show that he is really fond of children, and that the dear little ones are not annoying in the least, treats the youngest to a ride upon his knees. "Trot, trot, trot! How do you like that, my boy? Is that nice?" "Yes, sir," replied the child; "but not so nice as the real donkey—the one with four legs."

—The Mexican woman who is obliged to earn her own living has a hard time of it. Seamstresses cannot earn more than fifty cents per day, cigarette-makers from thirty-two to thirty-eight cents, and match-makers thirty to forty cents, and these are the only employments open to women in the City of Mexico.

Here is a partial list of newspapers with odd names that are said to be published in Kansas: The Wano Rustler, Chesterville Paralyzer, Cherokee Cyclone, Cinnamon Sod House, Lake City Prairie Dog, South Centre Bazzoo, Valley Falls Lucifer, Garden City Irrigator, Fargo Springs Prairie Owl, Garden City Bundle of Sticks, Dodge City Cow Boy, Greenfield Cap Sheaf.

—A Parrot died last year in Paris at the reputed age of one hundred and three years; and, since it was handed down by will to several successive owners, its longevity may be accepted as a fact fully established.

—The town of Bethlehem in Palestine is now lighted with gas, and a road is to be made from the town to the tomb of Rachel. The cruel decree by which foreign Jews are forbidden to take up their abode in Jerusalem is at present carried out with extreme rigor. Every Jew who enters the Holy City has to give bail that he will depart within thirty days.

—The Sardine and other tins, of which such thousands are thrown away, go to support a branch of industry in Paris which is deeply interesting to the youthful part of the population; for, after being stamped into shape by machines of simple construction, they reappear in the form of countless armies of tin soldiers, which are sold at prices so low that the manufacturer could not possibly afford to buy his material new from the tinman.

—A chestnut tree on a Pennsylvania farm presents a phenomenon in vegetable growth. There are two separate trunks, three feet apart, ten feet high, and two feet in diameter. At the height of ten feet, however, the two trunks join, each one having at some stage of its existence curved suddenly toward the other, until the union was formed. From that point, the trunk is single, and grows to the height of thirty-five feet before a limb appears. Another curious thing about the tree is that the nuts it bears have double meats.

—A Pupil in one of the public schools of this city complied recently in the following manner with a request to write a composition on the subject of a physiological lecture to which the school had just listened. "The human body is made up of the head, thorax and the abdomen. The head contains the brains, when there is any. The thorax contains the heart and the lungs. The abdomen contains the bowels, of which there are five, A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes W and Y."

—During midsummer in Northern Alaska, according to a recent traveler, the sun shines twenty-two hours of the twenty-four; and on the high mountain peaks for a period of several days in June it is not entirely cut off sight during the twenty-four hours. In July and August, the weather becomes very warm. After this time, the days gradually shorten until the sun shines but four hours out of the twenty-four; but at this period the aurora is exceedingly intense, and helps very materially in dispelling the darkness.

—A writer in the Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society says that the hideous custom of wearing huge lip and ear ornaments of wood is fast dying out among certain Indians of South America, and at the present time is only to be met with among some of the older members of the tribe, who retain all the habits and manners of their primitive forefathers intact. In course of time, perhaps, the equally savage custom, still prevalent among enlightened people, of piercing the ears for the sake of displaying ornaments, will "die out."

—About eighteen years ago, a pig strayed from the drove to which it belonged, and fell into a pit, on a spot where the city of Calumet now stands. In rooting about, it uncovered a mass of native copper, and showed to the world the location of the greatest mine it has ever known. As the result of that pig's rooting, humanity is now over \$35,000,000 richer in the use of the copper there discovered; and the stockholders, who, aided by the pig, have helped the world to this great wealth, have received about \$25,000,000 for their trouble.—*Exchange*.

—A woman with a child in her arms entered a church one evening, when a somewhat prosy but loud-voiced preacher was holding forth. During the discourse, the child began to cry; and the woman, not wishing to disturb the congregation, rose up and was marching down the aisle, when the minister stopped in his discourse, and said: "My good woman, there is no necessity for leaving, as the child does not disturb me in the least. Pray keep your seat." Imagine the minister's feelings when the woman turned about and said, "Mebbe no, sir; but ye're disturbing the wean." And she marched on.

Denominational Notices.

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P. S. An error of the types made Beaver Harbour's contribution 50 cents; it ought to have been \$10.50.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Received from,
Mary R. Jones, Geo. W. Jones, Alice A. Jones, and Bertha L. Jones, K. Co. \$2.00.
MRS. E. COSMAN, Treas.

Marriages.

JONES-SLIPP.—At the residence of Denon William Slipp, on the 7th inst, by the Rev. Gideon Swinn, Mr. Henry W. Jones, of Salisbury, Westmorland Co., to Miss Bertha F. Slipp, of Kingsclear, York Co.

STEVENS-THORNE.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Portland, on the 7th inst, by the Rev. J. E. Reid, Mr. Edwin C. Stevens, of Grand Bay, St. John, and Miss Eva Thorne, of Portland.

SIMONSON-NELSON.—On the 7th inst, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. E. B. Grey, assisted by Rev. J. W. Clark, Mr. Aaron D. Simonson, and Sada A. Nelson, both of Wicklow, C. Co.

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FREEMAN-FOX.—On the 6th inst, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Amos Freeman, of Hartford, Car. Co., and Jerusha Fox, of Southampton, York Co.

Deaths.

PALMER.—At Upper Hampstead, on the 5th inst, of paralysis, Christian, beloved wife of George Palmer, in the 38th year of her age.

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Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
St. John, 29th February, 1888.

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