

three meetings and received for Mission Fund \$33.00. I am home now for a few days looking after my family. Pray for me and the work.

Yours etc.,
E. B. GRAY.

MONCTON.—The F. C. B., Sabbath School held its annual entertainment in the church on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance and the church was nicely decorated with evergreens for the occasion. The S. S. scholars gave their varied recitations in a very creditable manner. The children of the school are to be commended in their efforts to make the occasion one of interest and profit. Following the recitations came the general distribution of presents from the well laden Ymas trees. All were delighted with their presents. But the most interesting part of the exercises was the gift to Mr. W. E. Wiggins, of a valuable fur overcoat. Accompanying the presentation was the following address:

W. B. WIGGINS, B. A.,
Dear Bro. and Pastor.—It is with pleasure that the F. C. Baptist church and congregation, worshipping at Moncton, wishing to express our appreciation of your work as our pastor and teacher in the good things of God and desiring at this time of the year to manifest that appreciation in some humble way by a tangible token of our good-will, hereby present to you this fur coat. We wish you also to record our sympathy, and confidence in you as a public teacher, and leader of souls in the ways of righteousness, and we further pray that you will be spared many long years of usefulness in the work to which, we believe, God has called you. May the Lord abundantly bless you in your labor of love, and that very many precious souls may be safely gathered into the kingdom through your instrumentalities.

Mr. Wiggins, in reply, said he had not language to express his sincere thanks for this kind remembrance of him by his many friends, and especially for the sympathy and love which he knew was behind this gift. He could only thank them again, and said he hoped to meet them all in the blessed home above where there are no storms or cold. The Superintendent, Mr. G. B. Storey, then brought the entertainment to a close by thanking the audience for their kind attention and good order, after which Mr. Wiggins pronounced the benediction and the people dispersed to their several homes, glad because of the Happy Xmas time.—*Transcript.*

FROM REV. G. SWIM.—I have taken the pastoral care of Lower Queensbury, Bear Island and Dumfries churches. There are indications of a good work all over the pastorate. I expect (D. V.) to begin special meetings at Bear Island next week. My P. O. address is Lower Queensbury, York County.

GIDEON SWIM.

Dec 29: 87.

BALD HILL, Q. Co.—I came to this place the first day of this month. Soon there were indications of good; the church came up to the work well, and those that had been cold for some time began to feel the warmth of the spiritual influence. On Monday evening the 5th the first move was made by the unconverted, and soon a goodly number found peace in believing. Up to this time ten have been converted, one of them a woman on her sick bed where she has been for four years and for one year unable to be moved out of it. Seven of the number have been baptized and with two others, previously baptized, added to the church. In addition to these one old man, hardened in sin for many years, who many years ago was baptized by Elder Samuel Hartt at Belisle, has been reclaimed. He said to me to-day that it appeared to him as though the Lord had sent me here at this time to assist him to again find the Saviour; as I heard his broken prayer and saw his tears, I felt to thank God for permitting me to come to this place. This is a most blessed work indeed, because it is the work of the Holy Spirit; all the meetings have been attended with much of His power, for which we cannot be sufficiently thankful. I have visited and prayed with every family in the place, some a good many times. A kinder people I never met with. The meetings have been well attended and the church has done their part nobly. On Wednesday evening a goodly number of the friends met at the church, and, after a short sermon and a number of exhortations, the order was changed; Deacon L. S. Vanwart was made chairman and Rev. B. H. Nobles, Secretary; contributions were ready and liberal, and the sum of \$25.00 in cash was presented to me as a token of their appreciation of my short but most pleasant visit with this kind and humble people, which will ever be one of the bright spots in my memory. Rev. B. H. Nobles was with me at these meetings and the baptism, and rendered us valuable assistance.

I shall (D. V.) spend one quarter of my time with this church for the rest of the year, until next Conference. On Monday next I expect to leave for Boston for Mrs. Barnes and family; in a few days after I will be at Wilson's Beach, Campobello to begin work there, and after one month will (D. V.) go to White Head, Grand Manan for a month.

J. N. BARNES.

Dec. 23: 87.

COVERDALE.—A brother writes,—"Coverdale church is yet without a pastor."

Is there not some brother with time and disposition to visit this church?

TAYLOR VILLAGE, W. Co.—Saturday the 24th inst was the regular conference meeting here. Sixteen reported themselves, and God was present to bless his people. At the close of the meeting Bro. Arthur [Dobson], in behalf of the community presented me with a purse of \$9.60 collected by Miss Sarah Newcomb and Miss Ella Taylor, as a Christmas present. My thanks are due to the people here for their great kindness to me since I have been labouring with them.

Captain Alfred Taylor, Superintendent of an evergreen Sunday-school in this place, was made the recipient of a volume of Peloubets Select Notes, as a token of the esteem of the Sunday school.

A. H. McLEOD.

Dec. 27: 87

Temperance Notes.

—Baltimore has 2,240 drinking saloons, with an estimated annual revenue to the city of \$5,000,000.

—Imprisonment having failed to lessen drunkenness in the British army, it is now proposed to punish the offence by stoppage of pay.

—Even St. Petersburg has caught the spirit of reform. Beer and spirituous liquors cannot now be sold at places of public entertainment, and the students are forbidden to enter spirit shops.

—Leo XIII is almost a teetotaler, drinking, if any wine, a very little sour claret at his simple dinner. Perhaps it is the irony of fate as well as ignorance that has sent him among his Jubilee gifts about six thousand baskets of champagne from various French vineyard-owners.

—The new law of Colorado which provides for the study in the public schools of the State of the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics and their effects on the human system has gone into effect with the opening of the present term.

—In Belgium, where drunkenness and not drinking is regarded as the crime, there is a capital law which might well be adopted in America. Whenever a man is fined for drunkenness the tavern-keeper who sold him the last drink is also fined. The best of the law is that it is enforced.

UNEMPLOYED.—Among the "unemployed" in the United States are no fewer than a thousand Congregational ministers—at least *The Independent* says so. This is equal to one-fourth of the entire ministerial force of Congregationalism in the country. After deducting men who are temporarily hors de combat, those who are old and incapable, and "a few who have married rich wives and their throats have given out in consequence," there is still a strong regiment left waiting for calls which do not come. These our contemporary urges to "go West," and open up frontier fields. Or else, it is suggested, they should volunteer to take charge of weak, pastorless churches, stipulating for no salary, but only for work; and if they are men who are called to the ministry at all, it will not be long before the problem would be settled for at least some pastorless churches and churchless pastors.

CHEAP PAPERS.—It costs something to make good papers; and if the community wants a good article, it must pay for it. The *Evening Post* thinks we may be on the eve of a general advance in the price of all reputable newspapers. It says: "Everybody who cares about the moral or intellectual influence of the press must sincerely hope that such is the case. There can be no doubt that the American people as a whole are willing to pay enough for their newspapers to enable them to be respectable and at the same time profitable. The experiment in the direction of cheapness and filth has been fully made, and we are convinced that the journals which have given it the severest test are satisfied that it is in every way a mistake. They have been withdrawing from it gradually for some time."—*Register.*

ENOUGH TO LIVE ON.—The personal income of the Pope is accurately to be estimated at a million and three quarters dollars annually, which certainly removes Leo XIII a considerable distance from indigence, or the dread of a wolf peering around the corner of the Vatican. This sum is due to three particular sources: the interest of the sum left by Pius IX in the Pontifical treasury (invested chiefly in English consols), realizing some \$325,000 a year; the Peter's pence contribution, which averages about \$415,000 annually; and the Apostolic Chancery, the receipts of which include sums received for titles and decorations, privileges of the altar, private chapels, etc., and aggregate about \$520,000 a year.

A SALISBURY W. Co. Correspondent writes: The temperance workers here have scored a good victory by collecting two \$50.00 fines and lodging one seller in gaol for 70 and another for 90 days. Peace and quiet now reign in the streets.

ABOUT ADVERTISING.—Mr. John Wannamaker, the merchant prince of Philadelphia, has for several years been the largest advertiser in the United States. He thoroughly believes in letting the people know what he has to sell. His opinion of how to advertise to advantage is worth something. He says:

I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, a dodger or a handbill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it up with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of four hundred or five hundred words or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a lottery scheme I might use posters, but I wouldn't insult a decent reading public with handbills.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Geo. F. Fenwick, formerly a teacher in the High School in this city, is now on a visit here. About four and a half years ago he went to Montana where he has been since. He went away in the hope of improving his health by change of climate and employment, and has gained what he sought. This is his first visit home, and his many friends are delighted to see him. Mrs. Fenwick and the children he says, are, well and enjoy life in the West. Mr. F. will go back to Montana the last of this month.

THE LAWS licensing vice in India have aroused the religious conscience of England to an effort in favor of their repeal. Committees of the various Churches have united in petitioning the British Government with that object in view, and the movement is gaining force every day. These laws are of the most disgraceful character, and are an especial shame to Christian civilization because they are allowed to exist in a country under the care and tutelage of a Christian Government. England has put down the suttee and juggernaut, and yet allows these infamous laws to corrupt her own soldiery in India, as well as the unfortunate Hindu women who are thus placed in their power. It is of comparatively little use to send missionaries to India until Christian morality marks the character and laws of the governing power there.—*Guardian.*

MR. CHAMBERLAIN is in Ottawa. He has been interviewed by members of the press, and his answers to questions indicated that he has no faith in "Commercial Union of Canada and the United States." He could not believe that the people of this country would consent to hand to a foreign power the making of their revenue laws. If Canada wanted separation from the Empire England would not resist such a desire; but England would not consent to Canada discriminating against her in favour of a foreign country. He had not heard any American of note taking "commercial union" seriously.

The Fisheries Commission will meet again on the 7th inst.

P. O.—The P. O. address of Rev. A. H. McLeod is Dover, W. Co., instead of Taylor Village as given in the year book.

"Dolly Wants New Shoes" is the name of the handsome Chromo sent out as a Christmas Souvenir by Manchester, Robertson and Allison.

York County.

In pursuance of a plan to have York County thoroughly canvassed for new subscribers to the *INTELLIGENCER* we have arranged with Rev. J. J. Barnes to spend this month in the county. He has already begun work, starting in on Bro. Downey's pastorate. While he will give attention chiefly to securing new subscribers, his presence in any community will afford excellent opportunity to present subscribers (who have not already done so) to pay their renewals. We hope they will avail themselves of the good chance.

We bespeak for Bro. Barnes and the *INTELLIGENCER* canvass which he conducts, the kind offices of the ministers and other friends of the paper in the county.

ALL SORTS.

The pope gets a larger salary than any Protestant minister of our acquaintance. His income is \$1,560,000 a year. It is interesting to know that a good deal of it is invested in Protestant countries.

Diving for black pearls employs a large number of men and boats of the coast of Lower California. These jewels are of much beauty and highly prized. A year's production is worth from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

—One of the smallest oscillating engines in the country was made not long ago by a citizen of Baltimore, Md. It is about half as large as a collar button, and is hidden completely beneath a child's tumbler. Its bore is one-sixteenth of an inch, and its stroke one-eighth. The wheel, shaft, and crank weigh eight grains, the cylinder five, and the stand and pillar twelve grains, making the whole weight one pennyweight one grain. Run by compressed air, it makes three thousand revolutions a minute.

James M. Pierce, of San Diego, Cal., at his death left a fortune of over \$100,000 to found and support a school for homeless boys and girls.

In Turkey, when any man is the author of notorious falsehoods, they blacken the whole front of his house. We presume, however, that the law is of during the pendency of a heated political campaign.

Young Hoffman, the boy pianist, who has caused such a sensation in England, devotes only an hour and a half a day to practice. The price paid for his coming American tour is \$25,000. The boy is paid by his father one cent for each piece he plays in public, or two cents if the selection be an unusually difficult one.

The Golden Rule thinks there are choirs "which ought to be driven out of the seats with a scourge of small cords.... One is tempted, when looking at them or listening to them, to think of the small boy's unconscious sarcasm: 'Is your father a Christian, my little man?' 'No, sir: he sings in the choir.'"

—About fifteen miles south of Meridian, Miss., there is a spring near the foot of a hill. The water is almost as sour as lemon juice. With the addition of sugar it makes first-class lemonade, with a slight taste of iron. The spring was recently discovered, and it is not supposed to possess any value except as a curiosity.

An old gentleman of Detroit was passing through the ceremony of taking his fourth wife the other day. At the impressive climax of the good clergyman's part in the performance somebody was heard sobbing in an adjoining room. "My goodness!" exclaimed one of the guests in a dramatic whisper, "who on earth is crying on this festive occasion?" "That," replied a mischievous number of the experienced bridegroom's family—"that's nobody but Em. She always bemoans when Pa's getting married."—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Quarryman near Lookout Point, a high peak in the Black Hills country, recently found a flat stone leaning against a large oak-tree. The tree had grown around the edge of the stone, showing that the position of the stone had been the same for many years. On one side of the stone were the names of seven men, and this inscription: "Come to these hills in 1833, seven of us. All dead but me, Ezra Kind. Killed by Ind. beyond the high hill. Got our gold. June, 1834." On the other side of the stone was this: "Got all the gold we could carry. Our ponys all got by the Indians. I have lost my gun and nothing to eat, and Indians hunting."—The last of the inscription is illegible.

—There are 600 native newspapers in India, all of which, with the exception of about half-a-dozen are bitterly opposed to Christianity. Societies are now being organized for the dissemination of the sceptical writings of England and America. An important one is in operation from Lahore, as a centre, while another has its headquarters in Benares.

It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

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P. M. Markell, West Jeddore, N. S., writes: I wish to inform you of the wonderful qualities of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I had a horse so lame that he could scarcely walk; the trouble was in the knee; and two or three applications completely cured him."

Mrs. E. H. Perkins, Greek Centre, Warren Co. N. Y., writes: She has been troubled with asthma for four years, had to sit up night after night with it. She has taken two bottles of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and is perfectly cured. She strongly recommends it, and wishes to act as agent among her neighbors.

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HOW TO GET MORE EGGS.

It is a fact but little known to people who keep poultry, that the first part of a hen which becomes disarranged on the approach of disease, is the ovaries or egg producing organs. Excess of fat, exposure to wet and cold, poor condition, shedding feathers, improper food, want of exercise, or lack of certain elements in the food to develop the embryo egg, will all produce the same effect and cause the hens to stop laying.

It cannot be laid down as an "iron-clad" rule, that when a hen ceases laying it is a positive symptom she will soon be sick; but it can be stated with the utmost assurance that something is wrong or she would not cease laying for weeks, and often months.

The annual egg product per hen, in this country, ranges from three to eight dozen each. Now this is by far too small. There is no earthly reason why every hen that lays at all, should not be made to lay from ten to fifteen dozen each per year, and continue to do so for at least five years. We know of parties who get eggs at that rate in mid-winter in our cold climate.

How to get eggs in cold weather interests every person who keeps hens. Mr. Charles Raymond, of New Canaan, Conn., writes under date of March 8, 1887, "I had excellent results from feeding SHERIDAN'S POWDERS to my hens. In December they laid 224 eggs; in January 177; and in February 241. People around here who have three and four times the hens I have, (and who did not use Sheridan's Powder) did not get one-quarter as many eggs."

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Marriages.

CUSACK-PRICE.—On Christmas Eve, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. W. H. Perry, Mr. Beverly P. Cusack and Miss Irenetta, eldest daughter of Marshal Price, Esq., all of Havelock, K. Co.

ROBINSON-ATHERTON.—In this city, on the 28th ult., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Mr. John H. Robinson and Miss Ella M. Atherton, youngest daughter of Mr. John M. Atherton.

NICKERSON-SMITH.—At Yarmouth, Dec. 25th, by Rev. Edwin Crowell, Israel S. Nickerson and Agnes M., daughter of Capt. Joshua Smith, all of Cape Sable Island.

Deaths.

BURTT.—At Harland, C. Co., on Christmas day, Jarvis C., eldest son of George Burtt, Esq.

WATTS.—At Woodstock, on the 25th inst., of catarrhal bronchitis, aged 29 years, Parker Akersley, eldest son of Samuel Watts.

JONAH.—On the 6th December, at the residence of Charles Little, Teresa Jonah, aged 27 years.

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Yours truly,

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