

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

Rev. A. KINNEY writes, 14th inst: "I received a donation of \$60.00 from my friends at Caledonia, for which they have my hearty thanks. I am holding meetings at Sanford with bright prospect of much good. I go next to Cedar Lake for special meetings."

Rev. J. W. CLARK is so far recovered as to be able to preach again. This is good news. In a note dated 16th he says: "I preached twice yesterday. There were large congregations and the services were interesting. In the evening two brethren—Chas White and W. J. Webb—were ordained deacons of Tracey Mills church. Bro. Grey was present and assisted in the service."

Rev. GIDEON SWIM writes Jan. 17th: I held a few meetings at Bear Island last week, but the church was so cold and so many of the men were away in the woods that it was thought better to postpone further special meetings till warmer weather. There was good done, and we hope for more.

Bro. J. J. Barnes was with me last Sunday. He preached at Lower Queensbury in the morning and in the evening at Prince William."

Rev. B. H. NOBLES has, we regret to hear, been quite ill. In a note, dated 17th, he says he had not been able to preach for three weeks. He was feeling better at the time of writing. We trust he may be able to resume his duties again soon.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.—The Executive of General Conference met pursuant to Notice in the vestry of the Free Christian Baptist Church Waterloo Street, St. John on the 19th of January 1888.

Present—Rev. W. Downey, Chairman, and Revs. G. A. Hartley, Dr. McLeod and C. T. Phillips and Mems. Peters and Vince.

Opened by Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hartley.

On motion by Rev. Dr. McLeod.

1. Resolved That Rev. J. E. Reud be invited to eat with us.

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hartley.

2. Resolved That the next session of the General Conference be held with the Church at Blissville, Sunbury County.

On motion of Rev. J. McLeod, D. D.

3. Resolved That the Church at Perth Centre is hereby authorized to hold its annual meeting for election of Trustees on the 4th Saturday in January in each and any year.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Phillips.

4. Resolved That a committee of three be appointed to compile a hand book and submit the same to the next session of the Executive.

Ordered That Bros. Phillips, G. A. Hartley and Dr. McLeod do compose said committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McLeod, seconded by Rev. G. A. Hartley.

5. Resolved That the members of the Executive of the General Conference wish, at this first meeting since the death of Rev. A. Taylor, to put on record their sense of the loss sustained by his removal.

He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Executive.

In everything that concerned the denomination he was deeply interested, and was ever ready with suggestion and earnest effort to forward the cause of his love.

We shall miss his presence, his prayers and his counsel; but will cherish the memory of his piety, his love for the denomination and his devotion to everything that would advance the kingdom of Christ. He rests from his labours, but his works follow him.

To his stricken widow and their children we extend christian sympathy.

Adjourned to meet at 1 P. M., 20th instant.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 1 P. M., 20th January 1888.

Present.—Revs. W. Downey, G. A. Hartley, and C. T. Phillips, Mems. Peters and Vince, and Rev. J. E. Reud.

Opened by Prayer by Rev. J. E. Reud.

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hartley seconded by W. Peters Esq.

6. Resolved That Rev. S. H. Weyman be suspended from membership in the General Conference till the next annual session thereof.

Adjourned.

Closed with Prayer by Rev. W. Downey.

D. McLEOD VINCE, Sec.

KEWICK.—Revs. Wm. Downey, T. Blackadar (Baptist) are holding union meeting at Mouth Kewick. Good has been done; and they are hoping for more.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Permit me through the columns of the INTELLIGENCER to thank the members of the Millstream Church and congregation for their kind remembrance of me as their pastor in the gift of \$31.00. May God bless the donors.

G. W. MACDONALD.

REV. J. E. REUD was in the city last week. We were glad to have a call from him. He made a brief visit to Marysville, part of his old field. His friends were all pleased to see him.

Temperance Notes.

—It is said since prohibition has been enforced in Kansas, church-membership has increased from ten to forty per cent.

—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Auburn, N. Y., presented the convicts at the prison with 1,100 boxes, each containing soap, hair-brush and other toilet articles.

—In a recent speech at Carnarvon, Ireland, Sir George Trevelyan said there had been no public house on his estate for thirty years. Among his tenants there is no pauperism and absolutely no discontent.

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UNION MEETINGS.—The meetings participated in by the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Free Baptist churches of this city closed last Friday evening. They were held for two weeks after "the week of prayer." There was a fair interest and some good was done, though the results were not all that was hoped for in the beginning.

Meetings are now being held by the Baptist and Free Baptist churches conjointly. This week they are in the Baptist church, and next week they will be in the Free Baptist church. Meeting every evening but Saturday.

Canada has 11,121 miles of railway in operation.

ALL SORTS.

—About one-fifth of the area of the United States at present is forest land.

—It takes a Hindoo twelve days to cut an acre of grain by the primitive method he employs. With a small curved blade he severs the stalk by hand as he squats upon his heels. The wages as a harvester are said to be about thirty cents a week, without board. These people will have nothing to do with the modern threshing-machine.

—Miss Skerrett, who used to be Queen Victoria's private secretary, lately died at the age of ninety-five years. She was an accomplished linguist, and a student so indefatigable that at the time of her death she was studying Icelandic to be able better to understand the Sagas.

—The recent tearing down of a New Hampshire manufactory by means of dynamite, demonstrates a new use for the explosive. The concussion completely separated the bricks and did not seem to injure them in the least. The charges were put in holes dug in the foundation under the brick wall, and the number of cartridges were graded according to the number of bricks in the wall to be demolished.

—John Owen Snyder, known as the "walking wonder," died recently at his home in Mill Grove, Ind. He actually walked himself to death. For nearly three years he had, as he said, been impelled by some mysterious force to walk constantly, and he never ceased to obey that force except when sleep came to his relief and gave him brief intervals of repose. Sometimes he even continued his monotonous tramp while sleep possessed him. He usually passed his moments of sleeping in a chair.

—A newspaper funny man wrote, "Notwithstanding a lady should always be quiet and self-contained, she cannot even enter a place of worship without a tremendous bustle."

A French writer reproduces in this form: "According to an American author, the ladies of that country are so greedy of notoriety that they cannot forbear the holy sanctuary without disturbing the kneeling worshippers with their vulgar and unseemly ado."

—The faith-cure doctor took the hand of his patient, and, looking into his eyes, said, "I can cure you."

Patient: "Are you sure?" "Very sure. All you've got to do is to be lieve. Just believe you're cured. That's all." "All right. I'll try it. Good day." "Hold on a minute, my man. Didn't you forget something?" "What?" "The fee. I charge a dollar a visit." "Oh, yes. Well, believe. All you've got to do is to believe I've paid you, and it'll be all right."—St. Paul Globe.

—Fruit trees acquire most of their growth by night. The fruit of the cherry laurel, for instance, increases at the rate of 90 per cent. at night and only 10 per cent. by day; while apples increase 80 per cent. at night and 20 per cent. in the day-time.

—The parish clerk was told to give out the notice: "On Sunday next the service in this church will be held in the afternoon, and on the following Sunday it will be held in the morning, and so on alternately until further notice." What he actually did give out was as follows: "On Sunday next the morning service in this church will be held in the afternoon, and on the following Sunday the afternoon service will be held in the morning, and so on to all eternity."

—Fifteen horses started to go a mile and a half. They were to walk the first half-mile, trot the second, and run the last. The fastest walkers got such a start in the first half-mile that neither the fast trotters nor runners could overtake them.

—Recent experiments have demonstrated that an incandescent electric light of one hundred candle power, sunk twenty feet in the ocean, will illuminate the surface sufficiently to distinguish objects within a radius of two hundred and fifty feet.

—There is a milk tree in Brazil that yields a delicious fruit the taste of which recalls strawberries eaten with fresh cream; while on the banks of the Niger the natives gather their butter direct from a tree and sell it in their markets.

—At a recent meeting of learned men in Berlin it was said, as a fact, that when a bee has filled his cell with honey and has completed the lid, he adds a drop of formic acid, which he gets from the poison bag connected with the sting. To do this, he perforates the lid with his sting. The acid preserves the honey.

—The chirograph is a pencil manufactured in Germany for writing on the skin. It is made in various colors, and affords legible writing, which can be easily removed without the use of water. It is designed for the use of physicians, to make memoranda upon their patients.

—It is said that scales for weighing diamonds are brought nearly to that delicacy of balance which would enable dealers to detect flaws in the stones by minute variations in weight. They weigh accurately the 640th part of a carat.

—Many persons use the phrase "in a trice," who have no conception of its meaning. A trice is the sixtieth part of a second of time. The hour is divided into sixty minutes, the minute into sixty seconds, and the second into sixty trices, or thirds.—Spanish tris.

—As an evidence of the progress made by the negroes in the South since the war, it is shown by late statistics that in three States—Georgia, South Carolina, and Louisiana—they pay taxes on \$48,000,000 worth of property.

—A few weeks ago, a professor in one of our large cities stated to his class that, in walking a mile and a half that morning, he counted no less than thirty-four little boys, between the ages of six and twelve years, with cigarettes or cigars in their mouths!

—It costs Europe annually \$2,500,000,000 to keep 4,000,000 young men under arms, and the cost comes mainly upon the workingmen. The people who are fortunate enough to get out from under such an incubus and come to America, where they hardly see a soldier from January to December, ought to appreciate their privileges and behave themselves.

—Dr. Bauman, of the Church Missionary Society, recently asked a well-known Brahmin in Calcutta if he had ever read a Bible. The man looked at him, and then slowly replied: "I have read the New Testament eighty-three times and the Old twenty-seven."

EXPECTANT.—We are expecting to hear from hundreds of others right away. Let all whose payments are now due or past due, kindly forward them by the next mail.

Literary Notes.

The question whether the wheat of Manitoba can be transported through Hudson's Bay direct to Liverpool is important. On this subject, in *The American Magazine* for February, J. Macdonald Oxley will throw whatever light recent exploring expeditions can afford, aided by illustrations and detail of existence in a region where mercury freezes solid.

It is only within a few years, comparatively, that Socialism has had a firm hold in the British capital, and for that reason information in regard to its exact condition has been hard to get. J. H. Rosny's article on "Socialism in London," in the February number of *Harper's Magazine*, is therefore an important contribution to the literature of the day. Its contents will probably surprise the pessimistic observer who confidently expects to see that great city presently handed over to the mob of the Discontented and Unemployed. The forces of the Socialists in London, however, are by no means contemptible, and are likely to occupy fully the time of British statesmen just as soon as the Irish question is closed. A delightful feature of the article consists of the sketches by Frederick Barnard.

The *Homiletic Review* for January opens with a paper by Dr. J. L. Withrow of Chicago, entitled "Progress in Theology." Prof. C. A. Briggs, gives a characteristic article on "Christian Evidence: How Affected by Recent Criticisms?" Dr. Robert F. Sample gives the closing papers in the symposium, "How May the Pulpit Counteract the Influence of Modern Skepticism?" Then follows Dr. VanDyke's criticism in reply to Miss Frances E. Willard's article in December number on "Shall Women be Licensed to Preach?" Dr. E. F. Williams has a paper on "Some of the Best of the Recent Lives of Christ," the new European Department, under Dr. Stuckenberg of Berlin, will be found crowded with good things. And so of Prof. Wilkinson's and Dr. Ludlow's departments. The sermons, of which there are eight, are by such leading preachers as Drs. Wayland, Loys, Peabody, Parker, Bishop Fowler, and others. The numerous departments are all sparkling with fresh thought.

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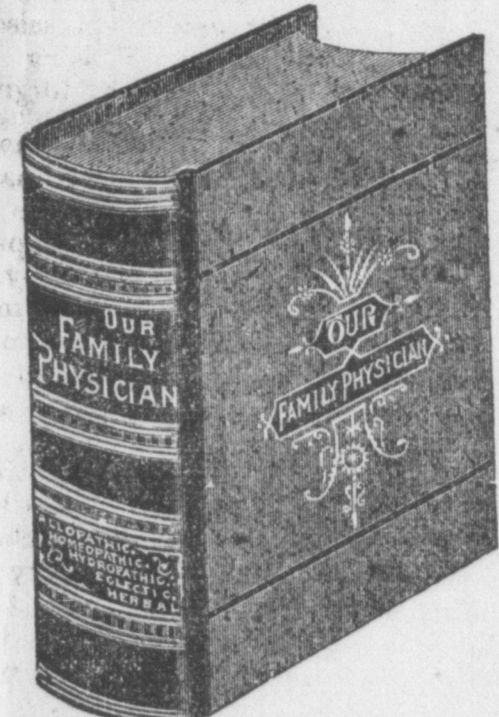
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ATKINSON-SMITH.—At Centerville, Dec 27th, by Rev. C. B. Atwood, Mr. Henry H. Atkinson, to Miss Mary J. Smith, of the same place.

JEFFERY-STEVENS.—At Salem, on the 14th inst, by Rev. Wm. M. Knowlin, Mr. Jeffery of Yarmouth, to Miss Hannah Stevens of Brooklyn.

HANF-CHRISTIE.—At the residence of the bride's father Barrington, on the 10th inst, by Rev. T. H. Siddal, Mr. George Hanf, of Wood's Harbor, to Miss Helen Christie daughter of Mr. Harvey Christie.

Deaths.

CARILL.—At Upper Haynesville on the 8th inst, Joseph Carill, leaving three daughters and a wife to mourn their loss. The deceased was 77 years of age.

(Messenger and Visitor please copy.)

PHILLIPS.—At Upper Woodstock, on the 27th December, 1887, David Phillips, Esq., aged 65 years, leaving a widow, one son, now in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, two daughters, and three grand children to mourn their loss. Bro. Phillips was universally respected by all who knew him. He was baptized by the late Rev. Wm. Pennington, and was a faithful christian. He was an uncle of Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of the Free Baptist Church of Woodstock. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Joseph Noble, assisted by Revs. D. H. Hartley, Dainstadt (Methodist) Brown, Todd, and Hughes (Baptist).

SCHEPERS.—Suddenly at Blissville on the 20th inst, Miss Elizabeth Scribner in the 70th year of her age.

WIDE AWAKE 1888.

The readers of this wonderful magazine for young people are so accustomed to good reading and pictures that they will wonder how it is going to be better than ever this coming year. But it is.

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H. Rider Haggard, a Tale of Three Lions, a book in itself.

Sidney Luska, My Uncle Florimond, a serial.

E. W. Sherwood, Those Cousins of Mabel's and Doubt's Roses, two serials.

Jessie Benton Fremont, a serial, Cruise of a Covelet.

Harriet Taylor Upton, serial historical papers, Children of the White House, setting 'em in the World.

Louise Imogen Guiney, The Bringing-Up of Puppies, not all in a month by any means.

Oscar Fay Adams, Dear Old Story-tellers.

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