

—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Adoniram Judson occurs August 9, 1888. In commemoration of this event it is proposed to erect a Judson Memorial church in Mandalay, the capital of upper Burma, within sight of the prison pens of Ava and Oung-pen-la.

—The Moravians have an important mission on the Mosquito coast, Central America, among a mixed population of Indians, Creoles and Spaniards. It was begun in 1849. A most remarkable religious awakening in 1881 occurred, all classes being seized with an overpowering conviction of sin. The result of that revival was the adding of 1,500 or more to the list of communicants. Few have fallen away, and the field of the mission has been greatly extended.

—Rev. J. E. Clough, D. D., has been laboring on the Ongole field, among the Telugus twenty-one years. In that time the number of Christians has increased from none to 25,545, and the original field has been divided into five. Rev. Wm. Powell baptized one hundred and eighty-four Telugus on the Nursaravapatia field from June 19, to October 2, 1887.

—It is stated that thirty-three missionary societies now have workers in Africa. The Dark Continent is encompassed on every side, and, like the divisions of an investing army, these missionaries are moving toward the centre and closing in upon the last strongholds of heathenism and the slave-trade. Hundreds of natives in the seminaries are preparing to labor as preachers or teachers, and thousands of children are receiving Christian instruction. It is said that the Scriptures have been translated, in whole or in part, into sixty-six of the dialects of Africa, while the whole Bible has been rendered into eleven languages spoken by multitudes of natives. —*Pulpit Treasury.*

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FROM REV. T. O. DEWITT.—Bro. DeWitt has been on a visit to Nova Scotia. He writes that he spent four weeks on Cape Island among his old friends. He received a very hearty welcome and kind treatment. He says: "Since I was there before there have been changes, some of them very sad ones. The people of Nova Scotia, and especially of Cape Island have a warm place in my heart. God bless them always, is my prayer."

LOWER BRIGHTON, C. Co.—Rev. G. T. Hartley baptized two converts and received them into the church at Lower Brighton, Dec. 18th. Two or three others have manifested a desire to be saved. We have organized a praying-band, composed of six or seven members, whose work it is to hold meetings from house to house. Their work is very helpful, to themselves, to the young people, and to me. The people are very kind to me, frequently giving tangible proofs of their friendship.

S. A. BAKER.

REV. JOHN PERRY, we are sorry to hear, quite sick. A letter from a member of his family, dated 18th inst., says: "He has been very sick for more than four weeks, and cannot sit up but a few minutes at a time. He contracted a severe cold and it seems to have settled on his lungs, and he coughs a good deal. We think he is a little better to-day. We are afraid he will not be able to go out very soon."

We trust he may soon be better. We don't need to ask the prayers of the brethren in his behalf; they will, we are sure, as we do, pray that God may speedily restore him to health again.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.—Six of the students of the Normal School have by proficiency in their studies been graded into the senior class and thereby become eligible for first class in the one term's work. These are Mr. Harrison, Miss Ida McLeod, Miss Lily Nicholson, Miss Ida McNair, Miss Bessie Wilson, and Miss Hunter. The senior class is made up of the 21 teachers who have recently entered the school to take a course for first class and the above six students. —*The Gleaner.*

TIME HE WAS ARRESTED.—The man, White, in Gibson, against whom stands a fine of \$100, and a sentence to two months in jail for violation of the C. T. Act has not yet been arrested. And now another complaint has been made against him, this time for selling rum to Indians. Mr. Farrel, the Indian Commissioner, is the complainant. Isn't it about time this offender was taken care of? Whose is the fault? Will the Police Magistrate explain, please?

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Christian Standard* of Cincinnati, has taken on a new form of dress. It is now sixteen pages, printed in a new type, and is a good paper, ably edited. We congratulate it on its prosperity, and wish it more.

THE NUMBER OF JEWS.—Concerning the figures of the entire Jewish population on the globe, there is a difference of opinion among the statisticians; but the *Hebrew Annual* declares that France contains 600,000; Germany, 562,000; of whom 39,000 inhabit Alsace and Lorraine; Austria-Hungary, 1,644,000, of whom 688,000 are in Galicia and 638,000 in Hungary; Italy, 40,000; Netherlands, 82,000; Roumania, 265,000; Russia, 2,553,000 (Russian Poland, 768,000); Turkey, 105,000; Belgium, 3,000; Bulgaria, 10,000; Switzerland, 7,000; Denmark, 4,000; Spain, 1,900; Gibraltar, 1,500; Greece, 3,000; Serbia, 3,500; Sweden, 3,000.

In Asia there are 300,000 of the race. Turkey in Asia has 195,000 of whom 25,000 are in Palestine, 47,000 are in Russian Asia, 18,000 in Persia, 14,000 in Central Asia, 19,000 in India, and 1,000 in China. In Africa, 8,000 Jews live in Egypt, 55,000 in Tunisia, 35,000 in Algeria, 60,000 in Morocco, 6,000 in Tripolis, and 200,000 in Abyssinia.

America counts 230,000 among her citizens, and 20,000 more are distributed in other sections of the trans-Atlantic continent; while only 12,000 are scattered through Oceania. In short, the entire total of the Hebrew race on the surface of the globe is estimated at 6,300,000.

THE FAMINE IN ASIA MINOR.—The *Missionary Herald* (Boston) in its December issue says: "Let no one think that the cloud is lifting. Such is by no means the case. The government is acting very strangely in the matter, in many places doing nothing whatever. Our missionaries report that the approach of winter will bring increased suffering, and that the demand for aid will soon be greater than ever." This famine, moreover, is extending far to the eastward. Not less than ten thousand square miles in Koordistan and Northern Mesopotamia have been devastated by locusts. This is now the third year of the visitation, but this year both its severity and its extent are greatly increased. Great numbers of people have left their homes and are journeying to other regions in search of food. It is feared that when the winter sets in, multitudes will starve. The famine has also extended into Persia, where not only locusts but a kind of Hessian fly has destroyed the grain in many sections, and the prices of food have gone up fearfully."

DONATION.—In response to the public invitation a large number of friends gathered at the residence of Rev. B. Colpitts on Tuesday evening, to give practical evidence of their esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Colpitts, and their appreciation of his faithful labors as a minister. A very enjoyable social evening was passed. Jas. E. Drysdale was called to the chair and S. McLeod appointed secretary, when the chairman on behalf of the donors, in a happy speech, presented Mr. Colpitts with valuable and useful goods, to the value of \$65.85 and cash \$43.44, a total of \$109.29. Mr. Colpitts in feeling terms returned thanks for himself and Mrs. T., after which short and apt speeches were made by Revs. J. H. Irvine, A. H. Trafton and Messrs. Sharp Baker, S. McLeod and S. L. Churchill. The contributions came from friends at Hartland, Victoria Corner, Lower Brighton, Waterville, Jacksonville and Woodstock. The pleasant gathering terminated with singing the Doxology and prayer by Rev. Mr. Irvine. —*Woodstock Sentinel.*

Mr. George Kennan, the Siberian traveler and writer, has been black-listed by the Russian Government, and will not be permitted to reenter the Czar's dominions. "I expected, of course," says Mr. Kennan, "to be put on the Russian black-list. I am only thankful that I succeeded in crossing the frontier with all of my material and papers coming this way. The outside of the Russian frontier line is a good enough side for me at present. I became satisfied before I got half through Siberia that I should never be permitted to go there again, and that after the publication of my papers no other foreigner would be allowed to make investigations there, and I lost no possible opportunity to secure accuracy and thoroughness. I brought back more than 50 pounds of notes, papers, and original documents, many of the latter from secret Government archives, besides 500 or 600 foolscap pages of manuscript prepared for me by political exiles in all parts of Siberia, and covering the most noteworthy episodes in their lives. I visited every convict mine in Siberia, and every convict prison except one, and I believe I know the exile system better than most officers of the exile administration, and far better than any outsider. I can regard the black listing therefore, with a certain degree of complacency. The cable-door is locked, but the horse has been stolen—and I've got him." —*N. Y. Tribune.*

TEMPERANCE IN CARLETON.—The temperance people of Carleton, St. John, are making an effort to have no licenses of the city. Proceeding under a clause of the new license law, they are having petitions signed, praying that no licenses be issued for the Carleton Wards. We trust they may be successful.

SCOTT'S EMULSION Calendar for 1888 is very attractive. The picture of "The playmates"—the little girl and her kitten—is pretty. On the back of the calendar for each month is a recipe for the kitchen. It is quite a taking date marker.

FEB. 16th has been fixed as voting day on the question of repeal of the C. T. Act in Westmoreland Co.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.—The International Committee of Y. M. C. Associations have issued "Topics for Prayer Meetings for 1888." It contains over three hundred subjects. It will help pastors and other Christian workers in arranging for daily and weekly prayer and Gospel meetings. They can be secured from the publishers, 52 East 23rd St., New York city, at cost price—5 cents per copy, or 50 cents per dozen.

REVIVAL.—There is a revival in Truro. It began during the Week of Prayer. Union meetings have been continued since. The churches are crowded, and much interest is shown.

OPEN CHURCHES.—A correspondent of the N. Y. *Advocate* writes suggesting that church parlors should be open at all times, like public reading rooms, affording a pleasant place for the converts of the church. He says, concerning his own experience, that at the time of his conversion the meetings continued for several weeks, and during the whole period he seemed to live in immediate communion with God. During the meetings, however, he made no personal acquaintances of such a character as could appreciate his surroundings. He belonged to a home where Christ was unknown, and had no help to a divine life therein. And adds: "O, how I did long for some place to go for the evenings! Anywhere but in the old haunts! One after another of those who had been converted gave up the struggle, and, as I believe, because they needed encouragement which they did not receive. Many thousands all over this country who are converted from sinful paths during each revival season, and honestly intend to lead a new life, are 'choked off' because the proper encouragement is not given them. The Salvation Army holds its converts by the great number of meetings, providing a place for each evening to which one may go. It is impossible for the ordinary Christian church, or for the persons composing it, to keep up meetings every night of the week of a strictly Christian character. It would hardly be desirable to attempt to do so. But there is very much in our corresponding suggestions. Persons who go to class-meeting and prayer-meeting give two nights of each week to the meetings. If there could be a room in the church into which they could drop when they pleased, and find books and papers, and sit down and read, and talk with any such persons who might be there, it would be an immense advantage. Some of our larger churches in densely populated sections of the city are trying this experiment. A scheme was begun in Brooklyn some years ago which involved this very thing. Owing to a variety of circumstances, the building known as 'St. Paul's Church' has not yet been completed.

THE WALTZ was invented just a hundred years ago. As might have been guessed or prophesied beforehand, it was born of the licentious stage, and is twin sister of the ballet. This amorous and gyratory hugging was first seen in a Vienna theater, Dec. 20, 1787, and for a time it was thought too indecent to be tolerated anywhere else. After a time, however, it was introduced into houses of doubtful repute, and finally into German society. For a long time even Paris resisted the licentious libertinism of the thing, and it was not until the present century that it became fashionable. It then went everywhere with a whirl, of course, for Paris set the fashions for the world. The French women of compromising conscience went into it with an abandon which was hit off by a clever writer by saying before the waltz, "they danced with their soles," after it "they danced with their souls," aye, and soiled and wore out the latter as effectually as the former. The same clever enthusiast recalls his own experience in the waltz, and mistakes his youthful salacity for "a sort of exaltation" in which "all consciousness of personality was drowned in an ecstatic poetic illusion"; and concludes by saying that this dance "has furnished nonplussed ministers with many a sermon, and the dull church flock with some much-enjoyed scandal."

The waltzing church member who does not see the sinner, not only at religion, but at chastity as well, in that quotation, is dull indeed. This devotee of the waltz does not pretend that it is decent, admits that it has brought women to ruin, shows in no ambiguous way that he has no conscience in the matter, and it takes but little reading between his lines to see that he enjoys and defends the thing because it is wayward and wicked. But how can one who does have respect for religion and virtue, who does not despise "nonplussed ministers," and does not regard the "church-flock," or anything less exciting or less indecent than a dog-fight or a round dance, "dull"—how can such a one practice or apologize for the waltz? —*Chris. Standard.*

ALL SORTS.

A thread has been produced from the common nettle so fine that a length of sixty miles weighs only two and a half pounds.

The largest remuneration received by any professor in the world is \$20,000, the salary paid Professor Turner, of Edinburgh.

In India in the British Army the Centen is abolished and no allowance of liquor is to be dealt out to the soldiers! The world is marching on.

A sentence in an American novel, "He alighted, and tied his horse to a large locust in front of the house" was rendered in a French translation so that it read that he fastened his horse to a huge grasshopper.

In Ireland with a population of 5,000,000 there were in one year over 2000 evictions, affecting, say, 10,000 individuals. In New York with a population of say 1,000,000, in one year there were 22,000 evictions affecting over 100,000 individuals.

Wax a piece of buttonhole twist about two and a half feet long. Tie each end strongly to a small peg, and thrust the pegs down the crevice between the two sashes of your southern or western window, stretching the silk as tight as possible. It will surprise you with the sweetness and variety of the tones the wind will bring from it.

Americans, in their hurry and worry, become woefully careless. The dead letter office at Washington during the past fiscal year handled over 6,300,000 pieces of original mail matter, including over 19,000 letters without any address at all. Over 18,000 pieces of dead mail matter were handled every day—a surprisingly large number.

The York Canvass.

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 began work on Bro. Downey's pastorate. Reports from him are encouraging. He has already sent good lists. 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.

Literary Notes.

Mr. Kennan's Russian article in the January number of *The Century* is entitled "Russian Provincial Prisons," and it includes several chapters on various methods of communication among prisoners, one of the most interesting of which is the "knock alphabet," by which the prisoners converse from cell to cell by a system of raps. The first of Mr. Kennan's papers was printed in the November *Century*, and the publishers announce that they will send the November and December numbers free to all new subscribers who begin with January, 1888.

Alden's *Manifold Cyclopaedia*.—The second volume of this work, now on our table, even better than the first, fulfills the promises of the publisher's prospectus. It is a really handsome volume of 640 pages, half Morocco binding, large type, profusely illustrated, and yet sold for the price of 65 cents; cloth binding only 50 cents—postage 11 cents extra. Large discounts even from these prices are allowed to early subscribers. It is to be issued in about thirty volumes.

The *Manifold Cyclopaedia*, in many ways, unlike any other Cyclopaedia. It undertakes to present a survey of the entire circle of knowledge, whether of words or of things, thus combining the characteristics of a Cyclopaedia and a Dictionary, including in its vocabulary every word which has any claim to a place in the English language. Its form of publication is as unique as its plan—the "Ideal Edition" its publisher calls it, and the popular verdict seems to sustain his claim. It certainly is delightful convenient. It will not be strange if this proves to be the great popular cyclopaedia. It certainly is worthy of examination by all searchers after knowledge. The publisher sends specimen pages free to any applicant. John B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York, or Lakeside Building, Chicago.

The picture, "Suffer little Children to Come unto Me," offered by the Montreal *Witness* to their daily and weekly subscribers, is a work reproduced in oil colors with great richness and beauty. It is a wonder to all who receive it how the publishers can offer so much at so small a cost. The leading judges of art in the Dominion all testify to its beauty as a work of art, their testimonies having been published in the *Witness*.

People's Lesson Book on the Gospel of Matthew, by Rev. Edwin W. Rice, D. D., valuable for condensed information, and for its lesson questions. Sunday School Union, Phil.

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From Shore to Shore is poem on the voyage of life. There are illustrated scenes of an aged couple at the stern of the boat, childhood at the prow, and middle-aged people between. The illustrations are appropriate and in superior style of art Sunday School Union, Philadelphia.

Vick's Floral Guide.—A silver lining to every cloud! With the short days of early winter come the cheery holidays and Vick's beautiful annual, and lot spring already appears not far distant. We can almost see the green grass and the blooming flowers. In the way of Catalogue,

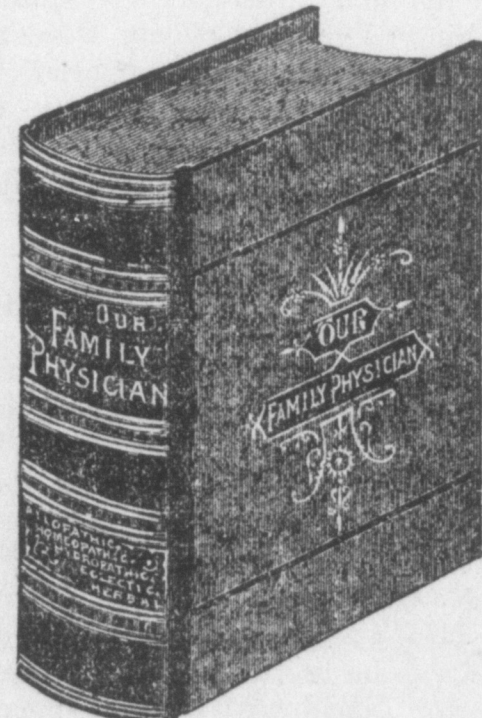
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THE WHITE CROSS, its origin and progress, by Dr. B. F. De Costa, is a simple yet comprehensive statement of the growth of this branch of Social Purity work. The author declares that the vitality of this movement is drawn from the river of life, and has come out of a growing love of purity. He points out how religion, law, science and literature must and may work together for the uplifting of humanity. The road on which the White Cross army marches, is, manifestly, the road of the soul's safety and of bodily health. (Price 10 cents. Sanitary Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.)

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Marriages.

HECTOR-CRAWLEY.—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Yarmouth, Jan. 9th, by the Rev. Edwin Crowell, Mr. William Hector, of Yarmouth and Miss Nancy Crawley, of Preston, Halifax Co., N. S.

TRACEY-SPENCER.—On the 11th inst. by the Rev. Jacob Genter, Mr. Alfred Tracey, of Gladstone and Alma L. Stenwick of Burton, all of Sunbury Co.

PERRY-BUNNELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. H. Perry, Thomas G. Perry, of Havelock, King's County, and Hannah E., eldest daughter of Justice S. Bunnell, of St. John's, King's County.

PHIPPS-VANWART.—On the 11th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Main Street, Portland, by the Rev. J. E. Reid, Capt. James W. Phipps and Miss Edith S. Vanwart, both of Portland.

LAWSON-GRAY.—In Carleton on the 10th inst. by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. Robert Lawson, of the Island and Miss Georgianna Gray, of Fairville.

MARNEY-BENSWARBY.—On the 15th inst., by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. David Marney, and Mrs. Lucy Ella Benswarby, both of the City and County of St. John.

Deaths.

WILLET.—At Lower Brighton, C. Co., January 4th, 1888, Clayton A., aged one year and 8 months, son of Adolphus and Louise Willet.

FOLKINS.—At Richmond, C. C., on the 3rd inst., after an illness of 9 months, of a tumor, Joseph Folkins, in the 65th year of his age.

HORT.—John Hoyt died on the 6th inst., aged 87. A discolored widow yet lingers on this side of the river. She has been confined to her bed for upwards of a year, while he has been smart and healthy and active until a week ago, when he was suddenly seized by a severe cold, which resulted in his death. But he was looking forward to the change. He was a very kind and faithful husband, an affectionate father and a good neighbor, and was respected by all. He leaves seven daughters and four sons to mourn their loss, with a very large circle of relatives, who will share in their sorrow. The funeral services were very impressive. A large gathering from far and near came to show their respect.

BROWN.—At Arthurette, Victoria Co., on Jan. 9th, John Allan Brown, in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was baptized in 1830, then 17 years of age, by Rev. Elder Nutt at Bear Island, York Co. He was one of the original members of Arthurette F. C. B. Church, organized in 1851, and has always lived a consistent Christian life. He leaves an aged wife, 7 sons and 4 daughters, 35 grand children, and 4 great grand children. "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. Job xix. 25, 26, 27. Rev. J. T. Parsons attended the funeral and preached from Ps. 37:37

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