

A foreign item announces the very comedy of history, that two Jews of Baghdad have purchased Babylon, and now own all that remains of the palaces and hanging gardens of the city where Daniel was thrown into the den of lions, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fiery furnace.

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod had a hot discussion over the subject of church fairs and entertainments. The Committee on systematic beneficence reported that "the tendency was altogether bad. The giver satisfies his conscience as though he had been sacrificing to the Lord, when, in fact, he was only serving his own stomach."

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

PRINCE WILLIAM.—I baptized two persons here on Sunday the 17th. One, one of them the second son of the late Rev. J. E. Read, who is a promising young man. Other young people are seeking the Lord. The interest is good.

GIDEON SWIM.

REV. J. NOBLE went up river last week to be at the Second District Meeting. He intends also to attend the meeting in the First District. He is in his usual health, and is quite encouraged in his work at Upper Hampstead and vicinity.

REV. S. K. WEST of the Nova Scotia Conference has gone to spend a few weeks in Maine visiting his children, one of whom is a minister there. His address while there will be Ashdale, Me.

He wishes through the INTELLIGENCER, to thank their friends who contributed to make it convenient for him to make the present visit.

#### Temperance Notes.

—Ex-Gov. Berry of New Hampshire, who is now in his ninety-second year, organized the first temperance society in that State, at Hebron, sixty two years ago.

—The W. C. T. U. of Victoria, Australia, is making an effort to secure the use of unfettered wine for sacramental purposes in the churches of that country.

—Prohibition in Iowa has so reduced the amount of court business that Gov. Larrabee, in his last message, recommends a redistricting of judicial circuits, so as to dispense with four judges.

—A Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been formed in Yokohama, Japan, by Mrs. Colhouer, formerly of West Virginia, but now a missionary in that city.

—Sir William Wilson Hunter in a paper which has excited unusual attention, says he "believes that if Christianity is to be an unmixed blessing in India it must be Christianity on the basis of total abstinence."

—The Moncton stipendiary magistrate has decided that the sale of Ready's beer containing 2 per cent. of alcohol is in violation of the Scott Act.

#### Spiritualism And Insanity.

The Medico-Legal Society discussed a very interesting inquiry at its last regular meeting. "Is Belief in Spiritualism Ever Evidence of Insanity?" meaning, of course, that if nothing else is known except that the man believes in Spiritualism, is that evidence of insanity? Dr. Matthew D. Field read a paper on this subject, and divided Spiritualists into three classes—those who make it a business to delude and mystify; those who attend the seances, and are mystified, "and are so astonished as to believe that the things they see must be the results of supernatural agencies." Neither of these two classes, in his opinion, could be considered insane. The first are scoundrels, who mean business; the second are dupes, who come to an erroneous conclusion on the facts as they understand them, and are like all other victims of humbug and fraud. But there is a third class, "who actually believe that they see the dead face to face, and converse with them without the aid of mediums." The beliefs of this third class, he considered would be evidence of insanity *per se*.

We are not sure that in every such case it would be evidence of insanity. If a person gets the idea that a certain class of usually vivid impressions to which all persons are subject have a supernatural cause, he may believe that and not be insane. If however he come to believe that he sees mental images, or any thing analogous to them, that he is insane is highly probable, but he may even then not be irresponsible; for there have been very eminent men subject to hallucinations at intervals through their lives and have not been influenced by them. That honest belief of the receipt of spiritual communications without the intervention is on the high road to insanity, and generally reaches it, there can be little room to doubt, as are similar delusions in various forms of religion, true and false.—Chris. Ad.

STRIKES.—Writing in the *Journal of United Labour*, Mr. Powderly says of strikes, that nearly \$400,000 were paid out by the Knights of Labor last year "in support of strikes and lock outs that were in the main suicidal and foolish; yes, in some cases criminal." And again: "It cost the member of ten years standing \$3.03 to know that workingmen can be wrong in a dispute as well as the employer, and that it is not always the best to act hastily." These are brave words, considering who it is that uses them, and we hope they will sink into the hearts of workingmen all over the country and prevent much unnecessary suffering. The large sum mentioned by Mr. Powderly as having been expended on strikes last year does not even nearly cover the loss, for the men did not usually receive full pay from this fund while on strike, and many of them lost their situations through the strike. The ordering of a strike which is based on an unjust demand, is a crime against the consciences of the men who are involved in it. And even where the demands of the workers are in themselves reasonable, it is worse than a blunder to order a strike if there is no good prospect of success by legitimate means. As a rule, employers will give in all they can before submitting to a strike unless they are quite sure of overcoming it.

A NEW AFRICAN STATE.—Geographers will soon be called upon to define on their maps the boundaries of a new State in Africa—a Stateto be located on the north of Zanzibar, and to comprise an area of 600,000 square miles, over which will float the flag of St. George. A British East African company has been duly chartered, with full concessions to take entire governmental control of this valuable section, which includes, by the way, the island of Pemba, and contains some of the most valuable land in equatorial Africa. The prime mover in this project is Mr. W. MacKinnon, a wealthy merchant, who contributed largely to the Emin Pasha relief expedition, and who is a firm believer in the opportunities of the Dark Continent for remunerative investments. Associated with him are many leading Englishmen, and it is said that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts will offer substantial help with a view to furthering some of her philanthropic schemes. A board of managers in London will control the movement, which has among its aims the reduction of the native tribes to submission, the erection of forts, the building of great roads from the coast to the shore of the Victoria Nyanza—whereby European goods can find ready access to the very heart of Africa, and be exchanged for ivory and other products—and the abolition of the slave trade. Germany undertakes not to interfere in this new deal, provided she is left unmolested in Zanzibar and its vicinity.

—Z. Heald.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.—There are now connected with the Wesleyan mission stations in Fiji about 23,000 church members. Upwards of 104,000 attend public worship in the churches, which number 900. The Sabbath is sacredly observed. In every Christian family there is morning and evening worship. Over 42,000 children are instructed in the 1,500 schools, and the last relics of heathenism still lingering in some of the remote mountainous regions are rapidly dying out. Miss Gordon Cumming in her "At home in Fiji," says of the islands: "You may pass from isle to isle and everywhere find the same cordial reception by men and women. Every village on the eighty inhabited islands has built for itself a tidy church, and a good house for its teachers or native minister, for whom the village also provides food and clothing. Can you realize that there are 900 Wesleyan churches in Fiji, at every one of which the frequent services are crowded by devout congregations; that the schools are well attended; and that the first sound which greets your ear at dawn, and the last at night, is that of hymn singing and most fervent worship rising from each dwelling at the hour of prayer?"

THE "ANGRY TREE."—There is a curious plant called the "angry tree," growing in some parts of Nevada. It was brought from Australia, and resembles a century plant. When transplanted it shows signs of resentment, each separate leaf standing up in every direction, like the hairs on the tail of an angry cat. At such times it gives forth an unpleasant odor, like that of a rattlesnake when teased, and sometimes it is fully an hour before its leaves resume their natural condition. Another curiosity in the plant world is a peculiar kind of weed which grows in Arkansas Valley. It is shaped like a ball, and varies in size from one foot or less in diameter to five or six feet, some specimens being as tall as a man. When ripe these balls snap off their stems, and go tumbling over the prairies with every gust of wind. They present a very strange appearance, and in the distance hunters have mistaken them for bison.

A WORD OF WARNING.—Here is a paragraph headed "A Sermon on a Bank Note," which is really a more eloquent sermon than half the sermons heard from the pulpit. Young men, listen:

Many persons who visited the Lagonda National Bank in Springfield, O., this morning were shown a five-dollar bill which contained a sermon, none the less effective because it consisted of only a few words. On one corner of the bill was written: "The last of an immense fortune," and on another, "Beware of bad women, wine and cards." The sentences were written plainly in ink, at Chattanooga, by the luckless owner of the bill. The bill made a deep impression on all who saw it.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."—Christian Science, if we understand it aright, is, in our opinion, neither Christian nor scientific. The foundation of Christian Science is the Berkeleyan philosophy, that matter is not real, that spirit is the only reality, that pain and sickness and all bodily conditions are not bodily conditions at all, but only mental imaginings of bodily conditions, and that, accordingly, if we believe that we are well, we are well; if we believe that we are painless, we suffer no pain. There is nothing new in this philosophy; it is simply a new form of an old agnostic doctrine, which has served a purpose, not only of delusion, but also of demoralization. The grossest sensuality and viceflood in the early centuries, a refuge behind it. We have in our time known of people talking of men and women who were living in acknowledged licentiousness as having "pure souls." It is a natural reaction against materialism, but quite as false in its philosophy, and capable of quite as pernicious results. We advise our readers to have nothing to do with the so-called Christian Science.—Lyman Abbott.

SENT TO SING SING.—Lawyer Dunn, of New York, who gave legal advice to the embezzling teller of the Manhattan Bank in stealing the funds of the bank, and induced him to steal more than he otherwise would have done, last week received his counsel fees from Judge Barrett in the form of a sentence to Sing Sing for nine years and eight months at hard labor. This is larger pay than he had bargained for. The lesson is that lawyers had better not use their legal talents to help criminals in violating the laws of the land.—Independent.

REV. JOS. HOGG (Presbyterian,) on his departure from Moncton where he has been a pastor for 13 years, was the recipient of many expressions of the high regard in which he is held by the citizens. He has gone to Winnipeg, having accepted the pastorate of a church there.

#### ALL SORTS.

It is customary among the Turks to anoint the head with perfumes and to smoke it with incense.

Past is now used in the manufacture of paper. It is dried, and the fibre separated and converted into pulp.

A coquette is a woman "thout any heart that makes a fool o' a man 'thout any head."

Prior to the war the United States produced about 4,000,000 bales of cotton, while since the abolition of slavery about 7,000,000 bales of cotton have been produced in a year.

Minister, making a call: "And do you always do as your mamma tells you to, Flossie?"

Flossie, emphatically: "I do, and so does papa."

A college student one day said to his teacher: "I don't see anything so very remarkable about the Proverbs of Solomon. Anybody, almost, could make them." The professor simply said, "Make a few."

A monk who died last winter, at the hospital in Milan, had expressed the wish that his body should be cremated. His request was duly carried out; but, it is said, the last rites of the Church were refused to the remains, by order of the archbishop.

Gladstone is a land-owner at Niagara Falls. He has a patch of land on the Canadian side, commanding a fine view of the falls; and, though speculators have tried several times to induce him to sell, he will not part with it.

The California courts don't encourage swindlers. Recently one of these sharpers defrauded an old farmer out of \$9,500, and the court sentenced him to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. If he don't pay his fine his term of imprisonment will expire in 1941.

The funniest thing in town is the mishap of a gentleman whose wife runs the store bill. He has been in the habit of having his cigar bill charged up as potatoes, and the other day his wife took her pencil and began to reckon. She finally found that they had eaten over ten car-loads of potatoes the past year, and she just didn't believe that the account was right. The grocer and the smoker are now between the upper and the nether millstones, and it is hard to tell who will be pulverized the finest at the close.—Levinston Journal.

Visiting Chum (to Gould, who writes verses): "That poem of yours, old boy, I saw myself in a dreary waste, is splendid. Just needs one word to complete it." Gould: "What is it? I'll be glad of any suggestion."

John B. Gough used to tell the following story at his own expense: Once, while on a lecturing tour through England, he was introduced to a village audience in these terms: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce the distinguished lecturer, John B. Gough, who will address us on the subject of temperance. You know that temperance is thought to be rather a dry subject; but to-night, as we listen to our friend, the orator, from over the ocean, we may 'ope to ave the miracle of Samson repeated, and to be refreshed with water from the jawbone of a hass."

An English schoolboy was suddenly and sternly asked by an examiner: "Who signed Magna Charta?" and he knew very well that he personally was guiltless, he couldn't help trembling at being suspected of anything which could be spoken of in such a tone, and at once renounced the act with alarm and indignation. "Please, sir, I didn't," adding to make sure of safety, "and if I did, I'll never do it again." "Why, you stupid fellow," said the master, "nobody said there was any harm in it. On the contrary, it was a very proper thing to do." "Please, sir," called out another boy, "it was me, sir. I done it myself, sir."—Exchange.

The eight-story blocks of Chicago have their advantages. On the eighth floor is a restaurant; on another a barber shop. A public telephone and a telegraph office are in the basement. A resident can buy his clothes at the tailor shop, have his boots blacked, have his picture painted and be photographed, and can even select original designs in coffins without leaving one roof. He may live in luxury for a lifetime, his wants being supplied within the four walls.

It was one of the Boston schools, and the question was arithmetical, something like this: "If seventeen men can do a piece of work in one week, how many men would be required to do it in three weeks?" Up went a hand. "Well," said the teacher, "Five men and a boy fourteen years old." "How do you make that out?" asked the teacher, endeavoring to suppress a smile. "It would take one-third as many men. One-third of seventeen is five and two-thirds." "But where does the boy come in?" "A person is not a man until he is twenty-one. Two-thirds of twenty-one is fourteen. It would take, therefore, five men and a fourteen-year-old boy." The teacher was more pleased with the youth's logic than his arithmetic, but he made no sign.—Boston Transcript.

#### Literary Notes.

Everything in the July number of Harper merits careful attention, and will get it from a literary and artistic point of view, as well as in the matter of mechanical execution. The first article describes life at the United States Academy at Annapolis, and is illustrated. The features of the cadet's experience, afloat and ashore, are enumerated in a lively way.

"A Midsummer Trip to the West Indies," a splendidly illustrated article describes a summer trip through the tropical Caribbean or Windward Islands. It abounds in vivid descriptions of scenery in the tropics, and in interesting facts concerning tropical people. "The Great American Desert," is an article devoted to a description of Kansas and Nebraska—once supposed to be about as barren spots as could be found in North America. The fifth paper on the Great West, discusses Columbus, Indianapolis, and Springfield.

The reader of "The Grand Tour—Three Thousand Years Ago" is taken to visit the ancient world (3000 years ago) at the time the various races who were becoming civilized began to have relations with one another. The illustrations convey an idea of the looks of these oldest inhabitants, and the text supplies much missing information concerning the origin of the Egyptians. The Departments have timely topics.

#### Denominational Notices.

##### THE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1. First District Meeting to be held with the church at Bath, on the first Saturday in July, 1888. Ministers to attend—Revs. Dr. McLeod, J. T. Parsons, C. T. Phillips, T. S. Van Wart, J. W. Clark, John Perry and C. F. Rideout.

2. Third District Meeting to be held with the Church at Upper Hainesville, the third Wednesday in September, 1888. Ministers to attend—Rev. J. W. Clark.

3. Fourth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Rushingham second Saturday in September, 1888. Ministers to attend—Revs. Dr. McLeod, G. W. McDonald and J. W. Clark.

4. Fifth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Greenwich, Flowering's Wharf, so called, on the first Wednesday in July, 1888. Revs. C. T. Phillips to preach the opening sermon. To attend—Revs. G. A. Hartley, W. DeWare, Dr. McLeod and C. T. Phillips.

5. Sixth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Moncton, on the second Friday in July, 1888. Ministers to attend—Revs. Dr. McLeod and F. Babcock.

6. Seventh District Meeting to be held with the Church at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, on the fourth Saturday in August, 1888. To attend—Revs. J. Perry, J. T. Parsons and C. T. Phillips.

##### W. F. M. MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Women's

Foreign Mission Society of the First District will (D. V.) be held at the time and place of holding the Annual District meeting, viz: on July 7th, 1888 at Bath, C. Co.

NINA O. BLOODSWORTH.  
Cor. Sec. First Dist.

The annual meeting of the Woman, Foreign Mission Society of the Fifth (5) District will (D. V.) be held at the place of annual meeting Greenwich K. Co., on July 5th, 1888 at 9 a. m.

SARAH CARPENTER.  
Sec. Fifth Dist.

The Annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Sixth District will be held at the time and place of holding the Annual District Meeting viz. July 13th, 1888 at Moncton.

JANE A. WEYMAN.  
Sec. Treas. Sixth Dist.

##### SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual session of the 6th District meeting of F. C. Baptists, will be held with the church in Moncton, commencing on Friday the 13th July next at 2 o'clock p. m. The first meeting will be a social conference. Blank forms for church reports, with blank forms for Sabbath School reports attached, have been sent to all the churches. It is hoped none of the churches will neglect to report. Travel arrangements have been made as usual with the Intercolonial Railway. Delegates who purchase first-class tickets to go to the meeting can get certificates of attendance from the clerk, which, on presentation to the ticket agent at Moncton will secure for them first class tickets to return free of charge.

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.

Midland, K. C., }  
June 16th, 1888. }

##### QUARTERLY MEETING.

Harmony, Q. M. F. B. of N. S. will meet (D V) with the Harmony Church Caledonia Corner Queen's Co. Nova Scotia Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1888. Business Conference Friday at 2.30 P. M. Social Conference Saturday 2.30 P. M.

S. NASON ROYAL.

Q. M. Clerk.

##### DRINKING ICE WATER.

That cool refreshing drinks in warm weather are delicious is undeniable. That drinking ice water in copious draughts when a person is overheated is injurious, not to say dangerous is also undeniable. But that the free drinking of water in some form in hot weather must be avoided, is deniable, and is one of the greatest popular errors extant. When a person is perspiring freely from every pore, a vast amount of water is drawn from the body, which must be re-supplied, or great injury is being done to the physical health, and the foundation of some of the worst forms of kidney disease is being slowly, but surely laid. Why! someone will explain, that is just what causes kidney troubles, drinking water freely which contains so much lime. Wrong again! so long as the water drink is freely carried through the system, and converted in its passage to the naturally acid reaction of the urine and perspiration, no danger can occur, by deposits of urea or lime in the kidneys and bladder; because they remain perfectly in solution, and are carried out of the body instead of remaining in it. Literally they are washed out of the body, by the copious draughts of water, (that most perfect of all known solvents), same as a series of pipes are "flushed" with water to clean them.

Do not drink ice cold water, but pure cool water, a little lemon juice will improve its effectiveness. Plain soda water with a little acid is also excellent.

If from drinking too much ice-water you have stomach cramps, or are "water logged," as it is called, or are attacked with Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaint, Diarrhoea or Dysentery, do not resort to alcoholic stimulating drinks, which irritate rather than soothe and allay the inflammation which has caused the trouble; but adopt the practice of taking daily just before retiring, during July and August, one teaspoonful of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in a little sweetened water, which will prevent all such attacks and ill effects from ice water. In fact a little pamphlet sent free to anyone, by I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., contains a vast amount of information, about treating those summer troubles, with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. It is marvelous how many complaints this old fashioned remedy will prevent or cure.

##### A FACT WORTH REMEMBERING.

Mr. Jas. Binnie, of Toronto, states that his little baby when three months old was so bad with summer complaint that under doctor's treatment her life was despaired of. Four doses of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cured her. She is now fat and hearty.

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#### Marriages.

BURDEN-SEWELL.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, in this city, on the 27th ult., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Mr. Isaac A. Burden of Kingsclear and Miss Mary E. Sewell of Lincoln.

DEWITT-BAILEY.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, in this city, on the 28th ult., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Mr. John Dewitt and Miss Annie A. Bailey, both of Blissville, S. Co.

CARPENTER CARPENTER.—At Hampstead, Queens Co., on 6th ult., by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Mr. Isaac W. Carpenter of Wickham, Queens Co., to Miss Gertrude A. Carpenter, of Hampstead.

WATSON-HAMM.—At Hampstead, Q. Co., on 20th ult., by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Mr. George Watson, to Miss Nellie Hamm, both of Hampstead, Queens Co., N. B.

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