

meeting by Mr. Nichols of Montreal and W. Wilson, M. P. P. Judge Steadman presided in the afternoon and Mr. Randolph in the evening. No less than five bands of music contributed to the enjoyment of the day. We have no doubt that the demonstration has produced an excellent effect. The gentlemen who inaugurated it and by diligent effort made it so successful deserve much credit.

SUGGESTIVE.—The *Canada Baptist* furnishes this rare and suggestive fact: There are not many "refreshing" items in the business department of a religious paper, but here is one. A subscriber whose paper had been stopped for arrears, accepted the remainder good naturedly, ordered it renewed, paid the arrears, and enclosed interest for the amount overdue. We hope to hear from a good many more like him. We will cheerfully forego the interest, however, if they will remit promptly and renew. Can you show this item to some one whose paper was discontinued for the reason assigned?

A Pathetic Incident.

The story told by the passengers of the S. S. "Vancouver" of the drowning of a seaman named Stewart is a remarkable one. It brings out the heroic in the character of British sailors. When he fell overboard the sea was running high and the ship making 14 or 15 knots per hour. When it was discovered that a man had fallen into the sea the cry went up, "Man overboard!" The passengers rushed on deck, and the engines were reversed. A passenger states that when the drowning sailor was first noticed he must have been about six miles away. As he steamed back at good speed the passengers strained their eyes to catch a glimpse of the brave sailor, who kept battling with the waves in a desperate fight for life. One moment he would be buried out of sight underneath a huge sea, again he would be pitched on the top of a billow. The passengers held their breath. On nearing the drowning man a boat put out to him. He was noticed to make an effort to take his long sea boots off. After a struggle, he freed himself, first of one and then the other. The boat approached nearer and nearer, and just when the men were preparing to lift the exhausted man into the boat, a towering wave came along, lifted the boat into the air, and sent the sailor under. He rose no more, much to the grief and dismay of the passengers and his brother sailors. In a minute more he would have been saved. He saw his helpers approaching and even in his exhausted condition would have kept afloat had it not been for that last cruel wave which sent him into eternity. He was three quarters of an hour in the water before he sank. Such a fight for life has seldom been witnessed on the Atlantic.

DISPARITY OF AGE.—A most important consequence of marriages in which there is a great disparity of age between the bride and the bridegroom—and the disparity, it is said, is increasing—is pointed out by a *Westminster Reviewer*. The young woman who marries a much older man is, in the great majority of cases, destined to be left a young widow, with a family of young children. Statistics fully confirm this statement. At the census of 1881 there were in England and Wales 52,019 widows of the age of 25. The total number of widows is put at 1,410,684, and the widowers at 589,644, being an excess of 821,040 women. Doubtless many widowers marry again, and are thus classified in the census as married, and this may account for a portion of the excess of widows who do not find re-marriage so easy, but when all deduction is made, it remains true that unions of May and December tend to increase the total widowhood of the country, and to leave thousands of women to struggle fiercely for a livelihood for themselves and their helpless children.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER of the United States has issued the following order: "Ordered, that hereafter the Post office department must be closed on Sunday to the clerks and all the employees thereof, except the required watchmen, engineers and firemen. Clerks and employees shall, without exception, be denied admittance on that day to the main building and to the several rented buildings, and the watchmen on duty shall strictly enforce the provisions of this order."

OF SOME OF THE GREATEST MEN of missionary history, we have no written record. A converted Chinaman on the Pacific Coast sold himself to work as a coolie in New Guinea, for the sake of working among his own countrymen; and before he died, he personally led to Christ two hundred of his companions. How many of such heroic lives have no written annals, save in God's "book of remembrance."

ANOTHER BAPTISM.—On Sunday, 19th inst., Rev. Mr. Wells (coloured) of Richmond, Va., baptised nearly 500 converts. At the present rate the colored people thereabouts will soon all be in the churches.

JOURNALISTIC.—Mr. L. M. Wood, of the *Albert Co. Maple Leaf*, has retired from the management of that paper and has gone south. Ill health is the cause. Mr. Wood made a good paper. His fellow journalists will wish him restored health and success. Mr. W. J. Jones succeeds him as editor of the *Maple Leaf*.

A NATIVE INDIAN LADY has been writing to a local newspaper protesting against the cruelty of the *purdah* system. In deference to this ancient custom, every native woman of respectability is kept rigidly secluded within the four walls of her father's or husband's house for the whole twenty-four hours of each day of her life, except when very occasionally she is permitted to enjoy an airing in a bullock-cart or other vehicle, or is compelled to make a journey. Even then precautions of an elaborate kind are taken to prevent her from being seen, and under no circumstances must she hold converse with any male person outside her immediate family. The writer of the letter says, and says truly: "Our men 'enjoy all the freedom of the bird, but 'love to keep their women in seclusion 'as tortured slaves of custom.' But we doubt the accuracy of her further remark: 'We all have the will for 'freedom, but not the power.' If we are not greatly mistaken, the very idea of freedom has not crossed the mind of one in a thousand of those who are subjected to the *purdah* system, and it will be a long time before education has penetrated the zenanas sufficiently to make rebellion at all general.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.—Praise is as much a part of public worship as prayer, or the preaching of the Word. It ought to be as reverent and impressive as the other parts of the service, but at present it does not seem to receive the attention that it ought. Can it be that worshippers too often overlook the importance that ought to attach this essential part of public devotion? Were attention directed to the necessity that exists for improvement in the service of praise there is no doubt that a great advance would soon be made, and much spiritual benefit would surely result. It would elevate the tone of Christian feeling and life in congregations as it would certainly be more consonant with scriptural ideas of praise than the too general indifference now observable.

A GOOD PLAN.—There exists in Liverpool a very valuable institution for the provision of libraries for Congregational churches and their ministers, which deserves to be better known than it is. The system established is at once simple and satisfactory. A minister or church subscribing two guineas a year can purchase four guineas' worth of books. The purchased books are labelled with the name of the church, but are in the possession of the minister for the time being. Now and then a free grant of four guineas' worth of books is made to churches whose means are small. This Liverpool book distributing agency has now been in existence during eleven years, and has sent out to twenty-one churches over 1,300 volumes. We understand that the aggregate value of the libraries thus formed is above \$800.

THE UNIVERSITY.—The sports of the University students, on Tuesday last week, passed off very pleasantly, except that one of the students, Mr. McCullough, fell and broke his arm.

MR. A. W. DUFF of St. John, who won the Gilchrist Scholarship in 1884 and has since been studying in Edinburgh, has been appointed to the chair of Physics in the Christian College, Madras, India. Mr. D. is a graduate of the N. B. University.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA is on his way to England on a visit. And everybody, from the Queen down, dreads his coming. And yet he will have to be entertained in Royal style.

ALL SORTS.

A Swiss writer attributes baldness to a microscopic fungus.

Pittsburg has the largest ax factory in the world. It turns out 3,000 axes per day.

There are more than eight hundred and sixty Indian dialects in North America alone.

A stock company with \$100,000 capital has been organized at Pittsburg, Pa., to establish Roman Catholic colonies in the South.

A household at Buffalo, composed wholly of women, keep a couple of men's hats and an overcoat on the hall rack as a device to scare away burglars.

A remarkable feat of railroading was recently performed on the Erie railway. A "Strong" locomotive hauled the Buffalo day express the entire distance from Jersey City to Buffalo, 423 miles. This is the greatest run ever made by one engine.

Probably the largest derrick in the world is at Hamburg. It is worked by steam and is sufficiently powerful to take a locomotive from the dock and place it upon a steamship.

A western undertaker has had a large tent made. Whenever he has a funeral on a rainy day, he will place the tent over the grave, so that the service may be held with but little inconvenience.

How much longer will brethren persist in sending us MS. that is rolled and MS. pasted together, sheet after sheet until it measures a yard? Do not roll and do not paste together; once, twice, three times warning! or it must go into the waste basket.

An old ledger has recently been brought to light in Edinburgh, Scotland. It belonged to a merchant of the sixteenth century. At the top of the inside board, the book-keeper inscribed the words, "God blis this buik and keip me and it honest."

Little Alice: "And did Solomon know more than anybody who was ever in the world, papa?" Papa (thoughtfully): "Well, I guess he knew more than anybody I ever met, except, perhaps, your sixteen-year-old brother Jack."

An English paper recently contained this remarkable notice: "Mr. and Miss ——— were married by the Rev. ——— on Wednesday. So far no trouble has resulted, and those best informed as to the situation say there will be none." The next day the editor apologized, and explained that part of an item regarding an incontinent strike had got into the wrong place.

The exact number of persons who cross London bridge in a day on foot has been ascertained. In order to decide a guessing competition, in which 36,000 persons participated, the editors of the *London Answers* made arrangements with the Commissioners of the bridge for the whole twenty-four hours of the 23d ult. The result proved that 111,873 foot passengers were checked, and that in addition 45,000 vehicles, containing an average of three persons each, crossed.

C. W. Oldreife lately accomplished the task of walking on the water of the Hudson River from Albany to New York, distance, about one hundred and fifty miles. His average progress was twenty-four miles a day. He walked with the tide. The shoes he wore were made of cedar, lined with brass. They are five feet long and a foot wide. Each is air-tight, with a space in the centre for the foot. On the bottom are three fins, so arranged that, when the shoe moves forward, they are pressed up against the bottom, and, when the shoe is at rest, they hang downward, like paddle-wheel buckets.

A good colored man once said in a class-meeting: "Brethren, when I was a boy I took a hatchet and went into the woods. When I found a tree that was straight, big and solid, I didn't touch that tree, but when I found one leaning a little and hollow inside, I soon had him down. So, when the devil goes after Christians, he don't touch dem dat stand straight and true, but dem dat lean a little and are hollow inside."

Cashmere shawls are made from the wool of the Cashmere goat, which lives in the Cashmere Valley, Thibet, and Tartary. Only the summer wool is used, and this is bleached by a preparation of rice flour. For each colored thread a different needle is used. The process is so slow that, when the design is elaborate, the completion of one square inch will occupy three persons for a day; and a shawl of remarkable beauty would take this number a year for its execution. Only the inner side of the shawl is exposed to the view of the workman, he being guided by the pattern placed before him, and a skilled supervisor of the work.

Electric heat indicators, consisting of thermometers incased and protected by iron tubes, provided with platinum wires, and connected to a system of electric bells and indicators on deck, are the latest invention for preventing spontaneous combustion among ship cargoes. Should any undue heat arise in any part of the cargo, the mercury in the thermometer will rise, make contact with the platinum wire, give an instantaneous alarm on deck, indicating at the same time the exact spot where the heat exists.

Edison believes the time is coming when transportation through the air will be as common as terrestrial carriage. There will be railroad lines in the sky—or steamship lines more properly—trains of convey crossing the continent. He sees but one drawback to the adoption of the practice, and that is the ease it will afford criminals to escape from any point where they have committed a crime. It will not then be possible to intercept them with wires as now. He thinks we shall then see more crime.

A discussion arose on board an Atlantic liner a short time ago as to the citizenship of a gentleman at the other end of the saloon. "He's an Englishman," said one. "I know by his head." "He's a Scotchman," said another. "I know by his complexion." "He's a German," said another. "I know by his beard." The young ladies thought he looked a little Spanish. Here the conversation rested, but soon one of them spoke. "I have it," said she. "He's an American: he's got his legs on the table."

In 1880 some thirty young women in Berlin started an Old Maids' Club, with a provision for a fine of 1,000 marks upon every one who married. The club was a great success, but suddenly an epidemic of marriage set in, and at the annual meeting this year only one member was left, and she found herself called upon to dispose of 28,000 marks, the accumulation of the fines paid by the former members. She took the advice of the ex-members, and it was decided that half the sum should go to a hospital, and that the solitary old maid should have the rest for herself.

A "chemical lung" is the latest thing proposed for the ventilation of tunnels. It was lately tested in London by fourteen scientists. A room 15 feet by 18 was kept for an hour at a temperature of 82°, and the air was loaded with impurities. The men of science were now called upon to enter, and the air was made still more impure by burning sulphur and carbonic-acid gas. Then the "chemical lung" or punkah, so called, measuring 4 feet by 12½, was set in motion. The temperature was soon reduced to 65°, and the air freed from all impurities.

Literary Notes.

Wide Awake for June might well be called a "true-story number." The stories—five of them are: "A Plain Case;" "The Naughtiest Boy I Ever Met;" "The House that Jack Built;" "The French Member of Company P;" "Overboard in the Java Sea;" "Five Little Peppers Futher On!" has a surprise for readers.

The number abounds with readable articles: "Relics of Torture" describes various curious "machines" for punishment in old times; "Letter from Daisy" on behavior is excellent; "Two Sermons" is exquisite; "Volunteer Reading in School" is suggestive. "Men and Things" is filled with anecdotes and talks. The poems of the number are good.

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Alden's Manifesto Cyclopaedia.—We are glad to note the appearance of Volume XIII., of this excellent publication. It takes the work along from Electricity to Exclaim. The information is condensed, but clear, accurate, and brought down to date. There is no slighting of any points, and the more important topics are treated with admirable fullness. Thus Electricity has 34 pages; Electric Light, 6 pages; Elizabeth (Queen) about 7 pages (with a fac-simile of her signature, which is interesting if not beautiful); Emerson, 4 pages; England, about 15 pages; Engraving, about 8 pages; Enslavement, nearly 3 pages; Episcopal Church, about 7 pages; Ethnology, 10 pages; A cyclopaedia of some kind is needed in every home and every school. This costs but little, while for general use it is far more convenient and practical than the large and very expensive works. It presents just the kind of information which is needed in everyday life. Another valuable feature is found in the illustrations which are freely used where needed to explain the text. Thus far this series of volumes has been eminently satisfactory, and there is every reason to believe that this high standard will be maintained until the close. Price only 60 cents a volume in cloth, or 75 cents in half morocco, sent prepaid; or to those ordering before July 1, 1889, the publisher offers the 13 vols., now ready, in cloth, prepaid, for \$6.20, or in half morocco, for \$8.15. John B. Alden, Publisher, New York, Chicago and Atlanta.

Denominational Notices.

EDUCATION SOCIETY MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society is hereby called for Thursday the 30th day of May, instant, at 3 o'clock p. m. at the Director's Room, Downville Building, in the City of Saint John, to consider the financial affairs of the Society, and to decide as to its course in the present emergency dated the 11th day of May, A. D. 1889.

By order of the Board of Directors, AMON A. WILSON, Secy.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District Meeting to be held with the Church at Lower Perth on the first Saturday in July, 1889. Ministers to attend, Dr. McLeod, Revs. J. N. Barnes, A. H. McLeod, H. Hart, J. W. Clark, C. F. Rideout, J. T. Parsons, and C. T. Phillips.

Second District Meeting to be held with the Church at Knowlesville on the last Saturday in June, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. Wm. DeWare, Dr. McLeod, and J. J. Barnes. Rev. C. T. Phillips to preach the opening sermon.

Third District Meeting to be held with the Church at Nashua, on the third Wednesday in September, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. W. H. Perry, G. A. Hartley, C. F. Rideout, and G. F. Currie.

Fourth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Upper Gagetown, on the second Saturday in September, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. Dr. McLeod, G. F. Currie, J. G. McKenzie, O. N. Mott, J. N. Barnes, and F. Babcock.

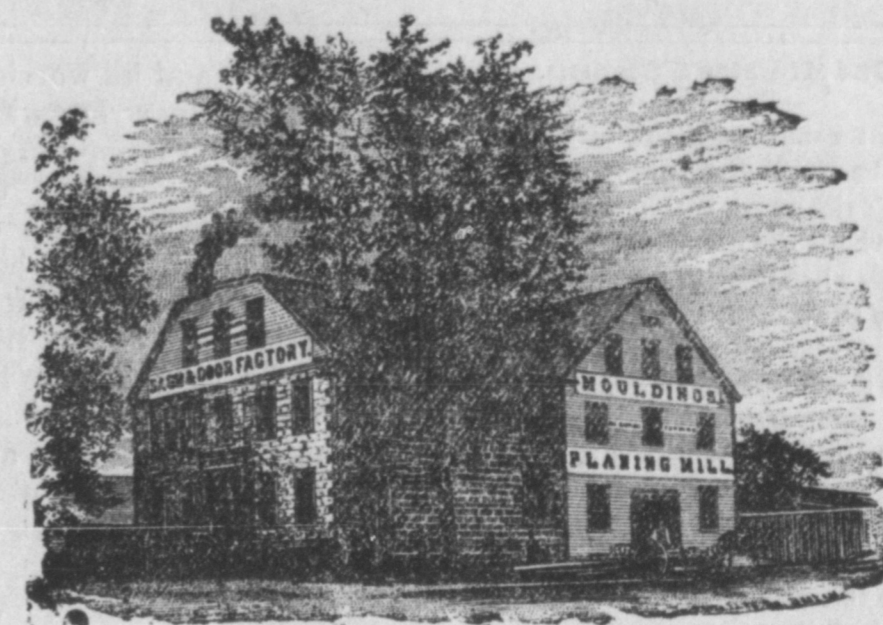
Fifth District Meeting to be held with 2nd Church, Johnston, (Narrows so called), on the first Wednesday in July, 1889. Ministers to attend, Rev. Dr. McLeod, to preach the opening sermon, Revs. T. W. Carpenter, G. A. Hartley, and F. Babcock.

Sixth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Corn Hill, on the second Friday in July, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. Dr. McLeod, J. T. Parsons, J. Perry, George F. Currie, W. H. Perry, G. Wm. B. H. Nobles, C. T. Phillips, and T. O. Dewitt.

Seventh District Meeting to be held with the Church, Waterloo Street, Saint John, on the fourth Saturday in August, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. J. Noble, J. W. Clark, A. C. Thompson, Dr. McLeod, and Wm. Downey to preach the annual sermon.

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Marriages.

McLAUGHLIN-MERRILL.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, in this city, Mr. Wm. McLaughlin of St. Stephen and Miss Frances M., only daughter of Mr. Stephen Merrill, of Stanley, York Co.

FRANCES-SEARLES.—On the 9th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. G. Mackenzie, Mr. John D. Frances, of Greenwich, K. Co., and Miss Sarah A. Searles, of Hampstead, Q. Co.

BERRY-FIELDS.—At Woodstock, on the 22nd inst., by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Samuel S. C. Berry, of St. John, and Lizzie C. Fields, of Woodstock.

CATHART-JOHNSON.—On the 16th May, at the residence of T. L. Marsh, by Rev. J. H. Erb, Mr. J. W. Cathart to Miss Belle Johnson, all of San Antonio, Texas.

McKEEL-McAULEY.—At St. John, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. B. H. Nobles, John McKee, of St. John, to Cathie McAuley, of Chipman, Queens Co.

CROWELL-KILLAM.—At the residence of the officiating minister, on the 18th inst., by Rev. S. K. West, Mr. Silvanus Crowell, and Miss Lillie Killam, of Kempville, Yarmouth.

Deaths.

JONES.—At Brookville, Car. Co., on the 14th inst., John A. Jones, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow and eight children and many friends to mourn their sad loss. Bro. Jones was for many years a member of the church, and was a worthy member.—J. W. C.

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