

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

hundred families of cooks and one hundred and twenty prostitutes. Jagannath himself is made of the wood of a species of lemon tree. He has no body, only a large flat face from each side of which there protudes short blunt arms without hands. His face is painted black, his eyes white and the pupils round and black. His nose is peaked, his mouth a daub of red paint turned up at the ends, and he has no chin. The general appearance is like that of a very large owl.

This horrid form of the idol is accounted for in one legend in the following way. When Krishna was shot his bones were left lying under a tree until some pious person placed them in a box. Indradhumna, a king, was directed to form an image, and place it in these bones. The king prayed to Visvakarma to assist him in making the image which the architect of the gods promised to do on condition that he was not to be disturbed. Though the king consented, after fifteen days he tried to see Visvakarma at work, but there was only an ugly image without hands or feet.

There are two chief festivals in the year in honour of Jagannath—the *Swan Jatra* or bathing festival, and the *Rath Jatra* or car festival. At the first the images are brought out and bathed with water from a well and afterwards dressed in beautiful robes. When these ceremonies are concluded the images are taken to a small room called the sick chamber where it is understood they recover from the cold and fever contracted from their recent bath. The real reason is that they may receive a fresh coat of paint. Having remained two weeks in the sick room they are again brought out at the *Rath Jatra*. Each idol is placed in a large wooden car and taken about two miles distant to another suite of temples, the journey occupying four days. The cars, which are of immense size and weight, are drawn entirely by men and amidst the wildest enthusiasm. It was in front of the wheels of this car that devotees used formerly to cast themselves and be crushed to death; but this is now forbidden by the English government.

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Balasore, India, 22 Dec. 1888.

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The old age pension begins to be paid when the laborer reaches seventy years. The fund for this insurance is to be provided, one-third from the Imperial Treasury, one-third from the employees of labor, and the remaining third from the laborers themselves. The wage-earners are to be divided into five classes according to the amount of their wages, and each individual is to pay from three to seven cents a week. The pensions are to be about one-fourth of the wages for men. Women are to be paid two-thirds as much as men. It is claimed that the law will reach and affect twelve millions of work-peoples. It is to be applicable: 1, to all laborers, assistants, journeymen, apprentices and servants who work for wages or pay; 2, to persons employed in the work of the government; on the government railroads and in the post and telegraph service, whose pay does not exceed 2,000 marks a year; as also to persons employed in trading establishments, as clerks, porters, assistants or apprentices; 3, to sailors, and employees on German steamers and in transportation lines. Persons who render merely personal services, professional and other, to different employers, are not to be reckoned as laborers within the meaning of this law. Other nations will watch its progress and effects with keen interest. Should Germany prove successful in providing thus for her working classes she will have many imitators.

ABOUT DANCING.

It has been the custom for many years to have a Ball in celebration of the inauguration of each President of the United States. This year a strong

protest is being made against the custom, and it is sought to influence President-elect Harrison to show his disapproval by declining to attend. What he will do remains to be seen.

It seems more than strange that so important an event as the inauguration of 50,000,000 of people should be celebrated in such a way. The ball idea and influences are so manifestly wrong that it is surprising they should be countenanced and encouraged by well-meaning people in this enlightened and Christian time. That they are tolerated shows the power of custom, which even defies reason. The devotees of the ball and all it involves conveniently forget that it comes from an age when civilization was less Christian than now. In this connection the following outline of a sermon preached by an Ohio pastor will be found profitable reading:

The speaker opened his address by a reference to the forms of dances used by the ancients, during biblical times, and, after giving an exhaustive resume of these customs, said: "In the modern dance there is no thought of worship, and it loses its whole charm unless the sexes are commingled, thus showing that it feeds on the passionate side of man's nature, and it would require many times the strength of the orchestra to hold the men if the women were excluded, or vice versa. That the dance, carried on simply for amusement, and having no religious significance, is wrong, and a perversion and desecration, can not be successfully refuted." In support of this proposition, the speaker quoted from the writings of many authors, among them being Cicero, who says: "No one dances unless he is either drunk or mad." Channing says: "The dance is one of the worst forms of social pleasure, the time spent in preparation, the excitement caused, and the languor succeeding showing it to be greatly detrimental."

The speaker characterized the practice of some churches saying to people whom they wish to get into the church, that "our church allows dancing" as wrong throughout. Bishop Hopkins says: "Nothing can make dancing consistent with the Christian covenant;" that the foundation of much domestic infelicity is founded when children are allowed the privilege of the waltz, and the capers of the ball-room and death to the solemn teachings of the church. A prominent police officer once said: "Three-fourths of all the abandoned women in the city were ruined by the dance;" and an officer in the army said:

"If I should see any one waltzing with my wife, in any such manner, I would horsewhip him on the spot."

A prominent writer says: "I was once called to the death-bed of a young mother,

beautiful in form and feature. When I asked her if she wished me to pray for her she said, "No, it is no use; I am lost beyond redemption."

The cause was, she was sent to the dancing school at an early period of life, just as the time she was beginning to be impressed with religious teachings, and instead of being saved, she danced by the English government.

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It is unfair and unjust to the Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec. On this point the objection is very strong. The *Mail* says, "That any Church or sect which might happen to find itself in a majority or in a position to control the Government was to be at liberty to devote revenues derived from public taxation to the propagation of its own doctrines, and the subversion of other Churches, is a position which never could have been advanced without being indignantly rejected as at variance with the whole spirit of our institutions. If it is successfully maintained now by the taxation of the Protestants of Quebec for their propaganda, it is high time that we should have recourse to the Imperial Parliament for an amendment of the British North America Act securing religious liberty against such oppression."

The dark history of Jesuitism in the past; the historic fact that even Roman Catholic countries have been compelled to banish them; also the fact that they are not changed by the growing liberality of the times—all go to show that it is alike unwise and wicked to corruptly foster and favor a society that will use the money they receive to oppose and destroy the civil and religious liberties which are our most precious inheritance.

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GUTHILL-INGERSOL.—Jan. 26th, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. F. Babcock, North Head, Mr. Lafayette B. Guthill and Mrs. Frances Ingersol, all of Grand Manan.

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HALLETT-WHITE.—On the 30th ult., by Rev. Wm. Downey, at the residence of the bridegroom, Mr. T. Clowes Hallatt and Mrs. Mary White, both of Douglas, York Co.

MCGIBBON-GILBERT.—At the Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, Feb. 1st, by Rev. F. D. Cawley, John McGibbon, of Douglas, York County to Jemima Gilbert, of the same place.

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INGALS.—At Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, Jan. 22nd Lloyd, son of Capt. Frank and Fanny Ingals, aged 6 years.

GRAY.—On Grand Manan Feb 3rd, after a brief sickness, Mr. Ebenezer Gray, aged 30 years, leaving an aged widow and one daughter and other relatives mourn his decease. Bro. Gray was born at Bellisle, N. B. in 1809. Early in life he became a Christian, lived the life of the righteous, and died trusting in Christ. Funeral services by the writer.

F. BABCOCK.

McFARLANE.—After a lingering illness

on the 3d inst., Mrs. John McFarlane of Victoria road. She departed life in peace.

She was born in Greenwich, Cumb., N. S. and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Cogswell (Baptist), and associated with that church, afterwards she became a zealous worker in the Free Baptist denomination, and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She leaves a sorrowing husband, three daughters and five sons to mourn their loss. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family. The text, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth," was given from which to speak the words of cheer to ever dying Christians. Rev. T. O. DeWitt assisted in the obsequies.—A. H. McL.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it mothers; there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system.

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THE PEOPLE'S BEST FRIEND IS PERRY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER, BECAUSE IT IS EVER READY TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING.

NO MORE PILLS.—CAMPBELL'S CATHARTIC COMPOUND IS ESPECIALLY PREPARED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THOSE NAUSEOUS PILLS.

"MAUD S." CONDITION POWDER IS A CAPITAL THING TO MIX IN FOOD FOR POULTRY.

SLEEPLESSNESS IS DUE TO NERVOUS EXCITEMENT.

THE DELICATELY CONSTITUTED, THE FINANCIER, THE BUSINESS MAN, AND THOSE WHOSE OCCUPATION NECESSITATES GREAT MENTAL STRAIN OR WORRY, ALL SUFFER LESS OR MORE FROM IT.

SLEEP IS THE GREAT RESTORER OF A WORRIED BRAIN, AND TO GET SLEEP CLEANSE THE STOMACH FROM ALL IMPURITIES WITH A FEW DOSES OF PARMELEE'S VEGETABLE PILLS, GELATINE COATED, CONTAINING NO MERCURY, AND ARE GUARANTEED TO GIVE SATISFACTION OR THE MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

[WE ARE VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF BRO. PORTER'S ILLNESS, AS WILL ALL WHO KNOW HIM AND LOVE HIM FOR HIS TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AND HIS WORK'S SAKE. WE PRAY THAT HE MAY SOON BE SUITABLY RECOVERED TO ENGAGE IN THE SERVICE HE LOVES SO WELL, AND IN WHICH HE HAS WROUGHT SO LONG AND SUCCESSFULLY, AND THAT HE MAY HAVE YET MANY YEARS TO DEVOTE TO IT. ALL WHO KNOW HIM WILL EARNESTLY PRAY FOR THIS, AND AS WELL THAT HE MAY HAVE GREAT PEACE DURING HIS SICKNESS.—ED. INTELL.

PORTLAND.—REV. B. H. Nobles is at present having a sweeping revival here in Portland; God is blessing his labours abundantly. The work started with union meetings with the Baptist and Methodist Churches; continued one week, and in them we had the presence of the Lord. Then Bro. Nobles continued meetings in our own church. The first Sabbath he baptized two, the next Sabbath sixteen, the next twelve, and there are fourteen candidates for tomorrow. The power of God is with us, and strong men and women are giving themselves to the Lord. The prospect is good. On the evening of the 8th inst. our meeting house was densely crowded and there were about forty penitents.—COM.

DO NOT SUFFER FROM SICK HEADACHE A MOMENT LONGER.

IT IS A MARVEL OF ECONOMY.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS WILL CURE YOU.

Dose, one little pill. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

MY FRIEND, LOOK HERE! YOU KNOW HOW WEAK AND NERVOUS YOUR WIFE IS,

AND YOU KNOW THAT CARTER'S IRON PILLS WILL RELIEVE HER, NOW WHY NOT BUY ABOUT IT AND BUY HER A BOX?

A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY BECAME SO BADLY DISFIGURED WITH PIMPLES AND BLOTHES THAT IT WAS FEARED SHE WOULD DIE OF GRIEF.

A FRIEND RECOMMENDED AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, WHICH SHE TOOK,

AND WAS COMPLETELY CURED. SHE IS NOW ONE OF THE FAIREST OF THE FAIR.

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CAUSING ENTIRE DEAFNESS. I TRIED EVERY-

THING THAT COULD BE DONE THROUGH MEDICAL SKILL, BUT WITHOUT RELIEF.

AS A LAST RESORT, I TRIED DR. THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL, AND IN TEN MINUTES FOUND RELIEF.

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