

A Minister's Wife Poisoned.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning last the wife of Rev. Dr. Macrae of St. John, was taken suddenly ill. At the time she was alone in the house with her servant. Dr. Christie was called and in a few moments this estimable lady was a corpse. The terrible news spread rapidly and brought sadness to many hearts.

As symptoms of poisoning were manifested an inquest was held, and it has now transpired that she was poisoned by eating confectionery. A package of nice looking candies was sent through the mail to the doctor, and she had eaten some of it. It has also transpired that similar packages were received by Rev. J. DeSoyres, Rev. T. J. Deinstadt and Rev. Dr. Shaw. The family of the Rev. Dr. Deinstadt narrowly escaped as one of the children was pleading with Mrs. Deinstadt for some of the candy, but she was suspicious and refused to gratify the child.

Rev. Mr. Shaw said to a reporter with reference to his case:

On Wednesday forenoon a package addressed to him was delivered by the postman, and when opened was found to be a box containing mixed candy. Mr. Shaw supposed the candy had been sent him by members of his family or friends in the house, as they had been talking of sending him some during the day or two before, and as he thought it was a joke he made up his mind not to eat any of it. At dinner time the box and the candy were on the table, and Mr. Shaw, taking up a piece, took a very small portion and put it in his mouth. The taste was so peculiarly unpleasant that he threw the candy out promptly, but the taste remained. He tried to remove it by eating an apple, but that failed, and then he had to use granulated sugar. The idea of poison did not enter his mind. He would not gratify the jokers by touching it again, but his daughter, a Victoria school girl, 14 or 15 years old, thought she would try the candy, and taking up the piece her father had rejected bit a small piece off it with no apparent ill effect. The servant girl soon afterwards espied the box; she was allowed to take one, which she ate with relish. Towards evening, Miss Shaw began to feel sick, having violent pains in the head, and was obliged to leave school, because of headache and stomach trouble. Yesterday she was much better, though feeling a little queer. There is no doubt she had taken a small quantity of the poison, but not enough to do any harm. The servant had a providential escape, for the chocolate drop she took was perhaps the only piece in the box that did not contain poison. It is said that in the candy remaining in the box, which was taken to the *Globe* office by Thos. L. Hay, the strychnine crystals can be plainly seen. As in the case of the confectionery sent to Mr. Deinstadt, a hole was made in some of the pieces and the poison inserted. Some time after Mr. Hay had secured the box of candy, Mr. Shaw called on the chief of police and stated that he had not read the morning papers and was unaware, until informed by friends, of the terrible crime that had been attempted. Had he known of Mrs. Macrae's death from poisoned candy he would have placed his box at the disposal of the proper authorities.

On Saturday afternoon Wm. McDonald a clerk in the employ of Messrs T. B. Barker & Sons, was arrested. He was arrested at the store of Messrs T. B. Barker & Sons, wholesale and retail druggists, King street, where he has been employed for sometime past in the wholesale department by Inspector Weatherhead and Detective Ring. When the officers first appeared McDonald apparently thought that they were about to remove him to the lunatic asylum, in which institution he was a patient for about three months in the early part of the year. When told that he was arrested on suspicion of having sent the poisoned candy, which resulted in Mrs. Macrae's death, he appeared to be astounded and exclaimed, "Good gracious! they don't blame me for that." The officers assured him of the fact and at once escorted him to the police station where he will remain, pending the result of the inquest McDonald who is spoken of as being a very clever young man, is of a nervous and retiring disposition. He came to St. John early last spring from Montreal where he had been residing with his father, Mr. Jacob McDonald, formerly of St. John, but on the latter's death he came to visit his sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Barker. He had been here but a few days when he gained notoriety in a very singular and most hazardous way.

McDonald was arrested on order of the solicitor general, who called at the police office about 3.30 o'clock Saturday and directed that he be taken in custody on suspicion of

having been the party, who posted the boxes containing the poisoned candy. In accordance with these directions, as before stated, Inspector Weatherhead and Detective Ring proceeded to the store of Messrs. Barker & Sons and arrested the young man. In explanation of his question concerning his being wanted to again go to the Lunatic asylum it might be stated that Detective Ring was the officer, who, at the time McDonald was taken to that institution, conveyed him there. The prisoner after making this enquiry of the officer proceeded quietly to the police office where he was shortly afterwards visited by a number of his friends and relatives. At 6.30 Saturday evening he was searched and on his person was found a loaded revolver, a number of loose cartridges, a pair of scissors, a number of keys, including a latch key of the front door of the house in which he resided, a key of Messrs. Barker's store, a few other trinkets, and a memorandum book.

The inquest began on Monday evening and will likely continue several evenings.

The proceedings at the inquest, which is to be held in the police office, will be the more rapid from the fact that the evidence will be taken in shorthand by Mr. Fry, official court reporter.

It is understood that Hon. Dr. Pugsley will conduct the case on behalf of the crown, and that Mr. C. A. Stockton will appear on behalf of the prisoner.

Temperance Notes.

Between the years 1875 and 1885 the consumption of alcohol doubled in France.

It is stated that nearly all the Catholic Priests in San Francisco are abstainers.

A deaf and dumb temperance league has been organized in Liverpool, England.

In Damascus the natives style drunken men as victims of "the English disease."

There are sixty journals in Nebraska advocating the prohibitory constitutional amendment.

William Watkins, chief of police of Parsons, Pa., was killed at the central railroad depot by a freight train while intoxicated. His widow has filed a claim for \$10,000 damages against John Schumacher, a wealthy saloon-keeper of that place, for selling liquor to deceased while he was visibly affected by intoxicants, contrary to an act of the legislature.

Why should the saloons of Johnstown be closed at the time of the flood and those of Seattle and Spokane when the great fires swept over those cities if the drink is such a "good creature of God" as to receive special license and sanction and protection of the Government? Somebody's "personal liberty" must have been in danger.

The importance of teaching the children the evil effects of alcohol upon the human body, and the fundamental truths of total abstinence, is being more and more appreciated by the Church and by temperance organizations. Temperance catechisms, recitations, dialogues, arithmetics, and readers are being placed in their hands; and the blessings of temperance, as well as the evils of intemperance, are being taught and impressed upon their minds as never before. No better work can be done for the future of our country than the right training of the children. —*Nat. Advocate.*

Temperance in Simla.

A public meeting of the Simla branch of the Indian Temperance Association was held in the Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday the 16th July. Archdeacon Tribe presided and the Rev. J. Forgan, Union Church, Rev. T. Beatty, Army Temperance Association, Babu C. P. Mozoomdar, leader of the Brahmo Samaj, and Rev. J. Smith of the Baptist Mission, addressed the meeting. There was a large attendance of Europeans and natives. Rev. J. Forgan explained the object and principles of the Indian Temperance Association, which has been started in Bombay about two years ago. The platform of the Association was a broad and comprehensive one, and Europeans, Hindoos, Mahomedans, and Parsees had co-operated together in the work in Bombay, he trusted Europeans and natives would be able to do the same in Simla. Mr. Beatty spoke of the work of the Army Temperance Association in India, and gave graphic and humorous sketches of the drinking customs prevalent among Europeans at baptism, marriages and funerals. Mr. Mozoomdar admitted that drunkenness was known in India before the Europeans came to it but maintained that it was confined to certain of the lower castes, who were held in detestation on account of it by the higher castes. An orthodox Brahmin had to bathe himself five times if he crossed the shadow of a liquor seller so great an abomination was his trade held to be. Mr. Mozoomdar blamed the Europeans for the introduction and spread of drinking customs among the upper classes of the people, and urged strongly that as European example had set them wrong, it would require European example to bring them right

again. This might have been a good hint for Mr. Caine, who in the formation of his committees, made the huge blunder of excluding Europeans from all share in the work of Temperance in India. Mr. Smith concluded with an earnest appeal that they should make a combined effort to close the drinking shops of which there were so many in the bazaar. He characterized the Bengal anti-still system as one of the worst things ever invented by Satan, and congratulated the Government that the system did not prevail in the Punjab. The meeting was hearty throughout, and was said to be the most successful Temperance meeting ever held in Simla. A meeting, for natives especially, is to be held in the bazaar at an early date, and the cause of Temperance seems to have taken a start in the summer capital of India.

PERSONAL. — Mr. J. A. Freeze, Barrister, of this city, has removed to Sussex, having entered into partnership with Mr. Geo. W. Fowler the well known lawyer of that place. Mr. Freeze has the confidence of the business community here as a ready, painstaking and thoroughly trustworthy lawyer. He will be much missed by his many friends, all of whom desire and predict for him large success in his new field.

MIDLAND SABBATH SCHOOL. — On Sabbath, 29th Sept., G. W. Sharp, Esq., Superintendent of the Midland F. C. B. Sabbath School was made the recipient of a handsome Bible. The present was made by Mr. Beverly W. Sherwood, Finance Department, Ottawa, who is now spending his vacation among his friends in Springfield and vicinity. Mr. Sherwood presented the book with appropriate remarks, referring to Mr. Sharp's services as superintendent for a number of years past, to which Mr. Sharp feelingly replied.

This summer Midland S. S. has been in a very flourishing condition, and great interest has been manifested in the work. On the Sabbath referred to particularly was there a marked degree of proficiency in the work.

C. E. B.

FARMERS' SUPPER. — There will be a Farmers' supper held at the F. C. Baptist Church, New Jerusalem on Wednesday the sixteenth day of October. Tea on the tables at four o'clock p. m. Tickets 50 cents children half price. There will be an entertainment in the evening. Proceeds to go towards repairing church.

[By order of Committee.]

Miss Willard, leader of the W. C. T. U. movement in the United States, has just passed her 50th birthday.

Dr. EDWARD JUDSON is meeting with success in his work of building a church in memory of his father, the great missionary Judson, in New York. He expects to commence building in May.

CASES OF DRUNKENNESS among children in Berlin are becoming very common, according to a letter in the London Standard. The new and startling vice is supposed to be fostered by the pernicious habit of parents of giving alcohol to extremely young children, and allowing them to drink wine and beer like adult persons.

ALL SORTS.

A sunflower stalk at Orange, Cal., has blossoms that measure two feet in diameter.

The three largest wholesale book-selling firms in London are amalgamating.

The Congo railroad trains will make the journey which now takes nearly four weeks in two days.

It has been decided in Russia that women may be physicians; but they must confine their services to children and adults of their own sex.

Queen Victoria always rides in an open carriage, as she dislikes to be shut up. She has even been seen in an open carriage during a snow-storm. She walks with a cane.

The law of New York, forbidding the sale of cigarettes to children, had its first enforcement in Brooklyn. The seller had the privilege of paying a fine of \$50 for his violation of the law. The enforcement of the law will soon put an end to cigarette-smoking by boys.

The pension roll of the United States now holds nearly half a million names. The amount paid in pensions and the support of the pension bureau last year was \$82,000,000, being nearly 38 per cent of the national revenue for the year.

Aluminum for dental purposes is said to be coming into favor. It is pronounced better than rubber and less in cost than gold. It is bright, strong, odorless, and as healthy to the gums as gold and platinum.

Fifteen hundred and fifty eight million letters, or forty-one per head of population, were delivered in the United Kingdom during the year which ended the 31st of last March. Besides that there were 800,000,000 postal-cards, newspapers and parcels. The telegraph service showed a deficit of £240,000.

A navigable channel has been discovered in the delta of the Zambezi River, Southeast Africa, by which vessels can enter the main river. This will greatly facilitate the advance of missions and civilization in that region.

A young man, while bird's nesting in Scotland this summer, came upon an urn sticking out of the ground. It was found to contain three hundred silver coins of the Scottish kings, Robert Bruce and David II, and is believed to be associated with the battles between the English and the Scotch armies in 1346.

In thirty-one words how many "whats" may be grammatically inserted? Answer: Fourteen. He said that that that man said was that that that one should say; but that that that man should not say. That reminds us of the following "says" and "said" Mr. B., did you say or did you not say what I said? Because C. said you said you never did what I said you said. Now, if you did say that you did not say what I said you said, then what did you say?

Worth, the famous man dress-maker of Paris, is a native-born Englishman of striking appearance, looking like a Scotchman, and adding to the likeness by wearing almost always a Scotch cap. His father meant to make a printer of him, but he didn't like the work and managed to get into the dry goods trade in London. Thence he went to Paris, where he found favour with the Empress Eugenie, and his fortune was made. He has a fine chateau near Paris.

TALMAGE while engaged in delivering a discourse on a very warm day in his Tabernacle recently, was closely watched by a little girl. A fly seemed to bother him very much. He brushed it away several times. It finally lit upon a bald spot on his head. He kept on with his sermon, gesticulating in his peculiar angular way with one hand while he raised the other devoutly over the fly and finally came down on it slowly drawing his hand down and looking at it. The little girl suddenly called out: "Did 'oo kill it?" It is unnecessary to say that the audience smiled audibly while the doctor answered "Yes, I killed it."

A gentleman in New England was called on to address a Sunday-school; and during his remarks he seemed much moved, but no one else appeared to experience the slightest emotion. The speaker continued to wipe away the tears which chased each other down his manly cheeks, when a boy in one class said to his neighbor, "Say, Charlie, do you know what that old duffer is crying about?" "Well," said Charlie, "if you had to make a speech, and hadn't anything more to say than he has, you'd feel bad, too."

The Chicago *Advance* tells the following: "Stories of discursive smartness in either pulpit or pew abound. The following is as fresh as the winds which blow across Cape Cod, where the incident occurred. The congregation was not attending to the sermon. The minister stopped in his reading. 'My hearers,' said he, 'I have given much thought to this sermon. It has cost me many days of labor. I have meditated on it in the night seasons. If you cannot listen to it, I will stop right here and now.' The reply was prompt from a member of the congregation: 'Go on, pastor, go on! You must be about through.'"

One of our Sunday-school teachers on a recent occasion told her pupils that, when they put their pennies in the contribution-box, she wanted each one to repeat a Bible verse suitable for the occasion. The first boy dropped in a cent, saying, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The next boy dropped his cent into the box saying, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." The third and youngest boy dropped his penny saying, "A fool and his money are soon parted." —*Enterprise (Kan.) Independent.*

Literary Notes.

General O. O. Howard has an article for the young folks in *Wide Awake*, which will also interest and enlighten their elders; it is entitled "How many Indians in the United States?" In the same number Charles Kingsley's daughter, has a contribution about "The Boy who Invented the Telegraph." The "Famous Stones" series gives a page of French history in telling the story of "The Diamond Necklace." There is a Public School Cooking paper about preparations for invalids: a "Geological Talk;" Mrs. Claffin's "behavior" letter; poems and pictures, all of an entertaining character. The poems are good. The serials are the "Peppers" and the "Little Knights of Labor." The short stories are "Patsey at Scotia," "Niobe," "Salem Gibraltars," and "Tom the Star Boy."

Wide Awake is \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Publisher, Boston. The *Homiletic Review* for October sustains the reputation of this monthly. The leading paper is by Dr. Wayland Hoyt, being the closing half of his presentation of the ideal Parish Minister. It is a very suggestive article. A paper rich in thought is "Flowers plucked from a Puritan Garden." The Uses of Comparative Religion, sets forth in clear, vigorous thought a subject of utmost importance to the preacher. Dr. Pierson gives another chapter of "Curiosities." The Sermons nine in all—by Drs. Alex. MacLaren, C. H. Buckley, Wallace Radcliffe, S. E. Herrick, Boston, and others. The Exeggetical papers are by Prof. Willis J. Beecher, and Drs. Chambers, Crosby and Gilmore. All the departments are, as usual, full of valuable matter.

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The *Century* has in preparation a series of papers on topics relating to the Gold Hunters of California. The articles will be prepared for the most

part, as were the War Papers, by prominent participants in the events which they describe; and they will include accounts of Early Explorations, Life in California before the Gold Discovery, The Finding of Gold in 1848 at Sutter's Fort, the Journey to California by the Different Routes (around the Horn, across the plains, by Nicaragua and by Panama), Life in the Mining Camps and in San Francisco, and other important aspects of California life at the time. It is believed that these papers will be in the nature of a revelation to the reading public of the present day as to many interesting aspects of the pioneer period, its romance and adventure, its tragedy and pathos, and its poetry and humor.

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Marriages.

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JONES-STAIRS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 26th ult., by Rev. Gideon Swim, Harry H. Jones, of Dumfries and Annie Stairs, of Southampton, York Co.

CURRIE-JORDAN.—At the City Hotel, Fredericton, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. Gideon Swim, Theodore H. Currie and Annie Jordan, both of Lower Queensbury, York Co.

FERMING-DENTON.—At the residence of S. W. Scribner, 135 Sidney Street, Saint John, on the 1st inst., by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. David C. Fanning and Miss Annie A. Denton, both of Saint John.

Deaths.

COYLE.—At Johnston, Queen's County, after a lingering illness, of consumption, Francis, relict of the late Edw. J. Coyle passed peacefully to rest at the age of 48 years. Early in life she professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour and through many seasons of trial and affliction proved the faithfulness of Him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." For her to die was gain. One lonely child, a son, is left to mourn his loss, and an aged mother, with brothers and sister, may look forward to a happy meeting on the "fair banks of deliverance." —J. D. WETMORE.

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