

which resulted in a blessed revival in the church. The greater part of the church worked nobly, and God blessed them. Others were more or less inactive, but were to some extent helped. The difference in the character of the workers in our meetings was made by an unsettled dispute among a few of the brethren. It is a serious difficulty and has been standing a long time. The Moderator of General Conference came to help us in adjusting it but could do nothing to help the condition of things at present. We are earnestly praying to God for a final settlement of the whole matter. It is a cause of distress, and a great disappointment to us all. Though a number offered for baptism, we had to close the extra meetings for the present. They will be baptized later. The prayer meetings and Sunday schools throughout the field are well sustained.

J. J. BARNES.

Temperance Notes.

—The medical officer of Manchester estimates that 70 per cent. of the deaths among infants in that city are due to ill-treatment arising from drink.

—A young woman of New Haven, Conn., who went to bed recently in a half drunken condition, smoked cigarettes, set the bed on fire, and burned to death.

—Attention is again called by William Livesey to the appalling figures of the Irish annual drink bill. During the past twelve months there has been an increase in the consumption of 486,938 gallons of spirits and 113,963 barrels of beer, in Ireland, the total revenue from excise being \$4,693,116, which does not take in illicit stills. Public houses are by far the most numerous in the poverty-stricken localities.

—The use of liquors, to excite, irritate, debase and suggest all manner of evil passions and acts is a direct cause of crime. To license the sale of liquors is to license the committing of crime. High license or low license, the result is the same, and whoever votes to license crime is an enemy to all who are weak and defenceless and is not a friend of God or humanity.

Another fond illusion has been shattered by the relentless data of science. Whiskey has long been regarded as of value in the treatment of pneumonia, but a comparison of the results attained in different hospitals by its use in this capacity shows that its employment is not desirable. It is found that in the New York hospitals 65 per cent. of the pneumonia patients die under alcoholic treatment, while in London, at the Object-Lesson Temperance hospital, only 5 per cent. die.

—Strong drink produces strange effects on the minds of some men. Two young men were arrested recently who confessed that they had placed crosses on the railroad track, by which a train might have been wrecked and many lives lost. This they had done "just for fun." The explanation of this insane act was that they had been drinking. When one indulges in the use of strong drink he does that which may lead him to any length of folly and crime. The most cruel and shameful acts are "fun" to the man who is intoxicated.

—John B. Gough lectured in a large Pennsylvania town. At the close a judge stood up in the midst of the audience, and pointing to himself as a respectable specimen of the moderate drinker, said, "Let young men follow my example, and they will be as I am." From another part of the room a drunken man bawled out "Give it to him, old man!" &c., &c., and when some body requested his rejection for disturbing the meeting, another said, "No let him remain; he is the only son of the judge!"

An aged Persian physician, named Mohammed Khan, was taken before Justice Walsh, in Brooklyn, in a state of drunkenness. The Justice sent him to jail for three days to sober up. He made a profound obeisance to the magistrate, and said: "It was the poison sold me by a dog of a Christian that brought me here." The description was appropriate, and has apostolic authority. "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers." But "the dog of a Christian," when called to account, might say: "I am licensed by a great multitude of other 'dogs of Christians' to do this work," and this would be a legal answer.

—The United Presbyterian says: "A few days ago a woman called at a police station in Pittsburgh, Pa., to obtain aid in finding her son, a boy eighteen years of age. He left home saying he was going to the theatre, and as he had not returned his mother was anxiously searching for him the following day. She told the police officer that she had five children dependent upon her, and the lost boy was her only support, as her husband spent all the money he could get for drink. The saloon was destroying the father and the theatre

ruining the boy, while the mother and children were left in poverty and wretchedness! This is only one case out of hundreds amongst us quite as distressing, the chief factors in producing the misery, being the saloon and theatre. And all this in Pittsburgh, supposed to be one of the most moral cities in the country! Young men and boys may be seen staggering along our streets every day. And yet, good men (?) will tell us that saloons and theatres are a necessity in a large city like ours! 'O Lord, how long?'

—The intoxicating liquor used annually in the United States would fill a canal four feet deep, fourteen feet wide, and one hundred and twenty miles long. The liquor saloons in New York alone, placed in opposite rows, would make a street eleven miles long. Those in the United States would make a double row one hundred miles in length. If the victims were congregated on this liquor broadway, we would see a suicide every mile, and a thousand funerals a day. If all the drunkards were drawn up in battle array, in two ranks, they would form a line two hundred and twenty-five miles long. Every hour in the night the heavens are lighted up by the torch of the drunken incendiary. Every hour of the day the earth is reddened with blood spilt by the drunken assassin. This great army is in motion. Detachments are constantly filing off to the poor-house, the prison, the scaffold, and the drunkards' graveyard. Their places are constantly filled by recruits drawn from the camp of instruction—the moderate drinkers. Who can compute the fortunes squandered, the hopes crushed, the homes made desolate, the hearts broken, by intemperance?

THE DOCTORS.—Dr. Coburn of this city has gone to Philadelphia, to take a special course of study in the treatment of the eye from the best authorities on the subject. He will be absent two months.

In another column appears the card of Dr. G. C. Vanwart who has just entered upon the practice of his profession in this city. He will, doubtless, get his share of patients. We wish him success in the healing art.

A HAND-MIRROR.—A Bangor, Me., news item says:

While the Rev. F. E. Whitham, of the First Methodist church, was delivering his sermon on Sunday morning a sudden flash of light athwart his eyes caused him to start. A moment later it was repeated and then it became apparent that some person was amusing himself with a hand-mirror. The interruption continued at short intervals, until finally the service had to be abandoned. Investigation traced the cause to a neighboring house and it was not long before a young man, a member of a prominent family, was under arrest as the perpetrator. He was arraigned in court and sentenced to a short term of imprisonment and to pay a fine.

MR. LABILLOIS, M. P. P. for Restigouche, has been made a member of the Local Government, without office, taking the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. LeBlanc.

AUSTRALIA is now virtually one "Commonwealth." It is a happy issue of many negotiations, much speaking and hard thinking, to unite the colonies on the other side of the world, in one grand power, and to call it a "Commonwealth." Henceforth Victoria is Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Empire of India. The new federation is closely modelled on the constitution of Canada. A resolution to elect their own Governor General was defeated by a vote of 50 to 3. Marriage and divorce and bankruptcy are to be under charge of the Central Government. The cabinet is to have seven members. The Governors of the Provinces are to be elected by their respective legislatures. Members will be paid an indemnity of \$2,500. The Senate is elective, its term being six years. The lower house lasts three years. One beneficent result of the union will be that France will have to keep her hands off the New Hebrides.

The next field for a great union experiment is South Africa.—*Hal. Witness.*

C. T. A. NOTES.—The Beacon says: Scott Act Inspector O'Brien has been making life burdensome for the St. Andrews liquor dealers. During a stay of a week here he has laid five informations, in four of which the offences were either proven or acknowledged. In the fifth case the offender is out of town. Two fines of \$50 each were imposed and paid, another fine of \$100 was imposed, and in default of payment the accused went to jail for a month. In the fourth the offender will serve out a month's term for third offence.

BERLIN papers tell the following of the German Emperor, illustrating his propensity to act on the spur of the moment. During a recent official dinner His Majesty accidentally heard

from Count Eulenberg of a poor music-teacher who had lost her piano by the floods in Carlsbad and thereby had lost her all. The Emperor determined to help her and at once started a plate collection, himself depositing a hundred marks. Of course all present followed this example, and in a few moments a respectable sum had been collected for the lady who was personally entirely unknown at court and whose loss had only accidentally become the topic of conversation.

If you want to furnish your house up this spring, you will find a very large and choice assortment of carpets and curtains, window shades and poles, at Fred B. Edgecombe's. It will pay you to take a walk upstairs into his carpet room.

THE SIBERIAN RAILROAD. The route of the projected railway through Siberia has been settled, and it is intended that the work of construction will soon begin. The length of the road, from Minsk in the province of Orenberg, just east of the Ural Mountains, to Vladivostok, on the Sea of Japan, is 4,785 miles, or nearly twice that of the Canadian Pacific railway. "If the road shall work needed changes in the direction of a better civilization in that mighty region, and as a consequence the name Siberia become something different from what it has so long been,—the synonym of what is worse in despotism and most awful in human suffering,—that will be one of its noblest achievements."

CAUSE OF LA GRIFFE.—A Michigan physician, Dr. H. B. Baker, claims to have discovered the cause of the grip. He says that the germs of influenza are generally at all times present, but there must be certain coincident meteorological conditions to irritate the throat and air passages sufficiently to let the germ gain an entrance to the body. These meteorological conditions in this instance were the excessive prevalence of north and northeast winds and the excessive amount of ozone during the last three months.

Literary Notes.

Little's Living Age. The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending March 29th and April 4th, contain *Forged Literature, Nineteenth Century*; *The Correspondence of an Old Scotch Factor, Scotland*; *The Early Diary of Frances Burney, Church Quarterly*; *Lord John Russell, Contemporary*; *An Island Deer-Forest, Fortnightly*; *The Castle Alnwick, Cornhill*; *Chrochets, Temple Bar*; *In the Mountains of Media, and weighing the Stars, Gentleman*; *The Story of a French Maid of Honor, Belgravia*; *Temperature in the Glacial Epoch, Nature*; with instalments of "The Flight of the Shadow," and poetry.

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DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

A Special Conference having been called at Clark's Harbor, N. S., April 25th, the following have been appointed a committee to care for visiting brethren: Rev. G. E. Sturgis, Deacon Peter Kenny and Bro. James L. Nickerson.

The "Yuba" leaves Barrington Passage for Orion wharf at 8 a. m. and 3 p. m. Friends will be present with teams on Saturday morning to meet the 8 a. m. boat.

Preaching Friday evening; Mission meeting Saturday evening; preaching services on the Sabbath.

The church extends a hearty welcome to all to be present.

N. S. CONFERENCE.—A special meeting of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia will be held at Clark's Harbor, P. B. church, Shelburne Co., on Saturday, April 25th, 1891, at 10 a. m., under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution.

EDWIN CROWELL, Clerk.

Barrington, N. S., Mar. 27, '91.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the Ministers' Conference of Free Baptists of Nova Scotia will be held at Clark's Harbor, N. S., Friday, April 24, 1891, at 2 p. m., according to Art. VII of the Constitution.

GEO. A. DOWNEY, Secretary.

Canning, N. S., April 2, 1891.

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Marriages.

PICKLES-APPLEBY.—At the residence of the officiating minister on the 10th inst. by the Rev. C. T. Phillips, Frank Pickles of Woodstock, and Lottie A. Appleby of Millville, York Co.

Deaths.

CLIFFORD.—At Hardwood Creek, S. Co., on the 31st Jan., 1891, Oliver B. Clifford, son of John and Mary D. Clifford, aged 9 months.—G. W. F.

MCCLOCHLIN.—At Campbellton, on the 8th inst., Henry McClochlin, in the 70th year of his age, leaving a wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. O. N. M.

MATHEWS.—At Campbellton on the 13th inst., of consumption, Mary E. beloved wife of William Mathews, in the 43rd year of her age, leaving three sons and four daughters, with a sorrowing husband to mourn their loss. O. N. M.

MITCHELL.—At Fredericton Junction, S. Co., on the 3rd inst., of congestion, Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell, aged 69 years. Sister Mitchell professed religion many years ago, and more recently united with the F. C. B. church at the above place, of which she was a consistent member at the time of her death. Although her last hours were attended with much suffering, we feel assured that our dear sister has gone to the "Home beyond the River," where suffering, sorrow and death can never come.—G. W. F.

SMITH.—At Bridgewater, Me., on the 10th inst., Orlo Smith, son of the late Joseph Smith, formerly of Oromocto, S. Co., aged 51 years. Bro. Smith professed religion 17 years ago, and united with the F. C. B. Church of Bridgewater. By request the undersigned conducted his funeral assisted by the Rev. Mr. Babar. Many people were present to sympathize with the sorrowing widow and two sons, who mourn their loss of a kind husband and father. He suffered greatly at times during his two months illness, but was perfectly submissive to the will of God. J. W. CLARK.

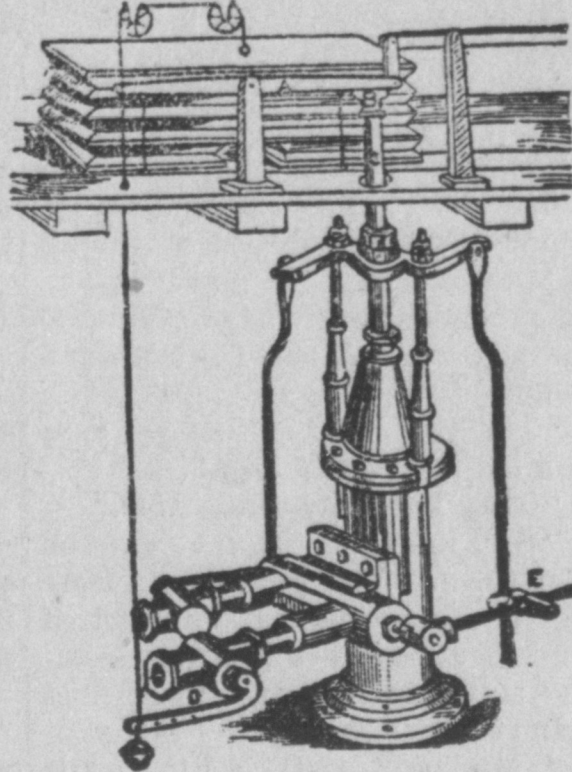
WEBB.—At Tracey's Station, S. Co., on the 13th inst., after a brief illness, Deacon Richardson Webb, aged 66 years, leaving a wife, one son, one daughter, and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Our dear brother was taken suddenly ill on Monday afternoon (the 13th inst.), and on the evening of that day peacefully fell "Asleep in Jesus." Bro. Webb was baptized by Elder Abner Mesereau in 1839, and united with the old North Branch F. C. B. church, and when the Tracey church was organized joined that, and lived a devoted, faithful member and deacon until his death. As pastor and church we feel that in the death of our dear brother we have sustained a loss, but we rejoice in believing that what is our loss is his "eternal gain." "With him the battle is fought, the victory won. He has entered his Master's joy." His funeral, on the 15th, was conducted by the writer.—G. W. F.

CROWWELL.—At St. John, N. E., March 9th, Charles, aged 9 years, eldest son of Geo. and Nora Crowwell. His remains were taken to the Narrows, Quebec Co., for interment. He suffered patiently for several weeks, and at times it seemed as if he would recover, but it proved only sufficient to revive hope in his parents, to be blighted again by that sad event, death. Charles was a member of one Sabbath School, and on Sunday (March 22nd) the Sunday school was present in reserved seats to take part in a service to give the last public expression of their love for him and of sympathy to the grief-stricken parents. A very large audience was present. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, conducted the services, having for his theme "Christ ministering to others."

NASON.—At Fredericton Junction, S. Co., on the 12th inst., after a lingering illness which he bore with christian patience and fortitude, Deacon Thomas Nason, aged 88 years, 6 months and 27 days. Bro. Nason was baptized by Elder Abner Mesereau in 1839, and united with the old North Branch F. C. B. church. When that church was dissolved, and the Tracey Station and Fredericton Junction churches organized, he became a member of Tracey Station church, was chosen a deacon, and faithfully and honorably filled that position. His presence and his clear and scriptural testimony will be much missed. Our dear brother, knowing that his end was not far off, had repeatedly said that he would die on Sunday, and on Sabbath afternoon (April 12th), he peacefully and quietly breathed his last, and entered into that "rest prepared for the people of God." Funeral services by writer, on the 14th.—G. W. F.

DAVIS.—At Hibernia, C. Co., on the 4th inst., of heart disease, Radd Davis, aged 63 years, leaving a widow, two sons and four daughters, and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. T. W. Carpenter.—S. J. PERRY.

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