

A Silver Wedding.

Rev. Geo. A. Hartley and Mrs. Hartley celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage, yesterday, (19th inst.) The congregation of the Carlton F. C. Baptist church, whose faithful minister Mr. Hartley has been for 37 years, honored the genial couple, last evening, by gathering in force with their friends in the church school room. Mr. A. C. Smith, M. P. P., was suffering from a severe cold, and in his stead Mr. James S. Clark was called to the chair. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley were also asked to take seats upon the platform.

The chairman made a few remarks, in which he told of the occasion that had brought the people together, and the choir sang With Garlands be the Altar Crowned, and Miss Minnie Rogers gave a reading.

The chairman then read the following address:—

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER HARTLEY.—We can scarcely realize that 25 years have passed since you by mutual consent entered upon life's journey as husband and wife. During those years you have shared each other's joys and sorrows and have unitedly borne the hardships incidental to this life. Very many of those who started out on life's voyage together with you have not been permitted to live to see this time, but through the mercies of a kind Providence you have been spared and are here with us on this anniversary occasion in the enjoyment of a fair measure of health. We desire to extend to you our united congratulations and best wishes for a continuance of life and health, and we most sincerely hope that you both may be spared to overtake the 50th anniversary of your marriage.

We would fain hope (though it is not at all probable) that all who are here may be permitted to live to unite with you in celebrating an event of such rare occurrence.

In 1867, dear brother, you came to this section of our city and assumed the pastoral care of this church, which you have held continuously for almost 37 years.

You have been a most faithful, painstaking and efficient pastor and an able, earnest expounder of the Divine Truth.

But few who were members of this church when you came here are with us now. They have passed the bourne that separates us from the unseen. Many of our present membership have had their natural as well as their spiritual birth since you came here, and the deep interest that you have always manifested in our spiritual and temporal welfare has endeared you to our hearts. While you have always been most loyal to the interests of the church and denomination, yet, your sympathies have been sufficiently broad to enable you to give the helping hand and word of encouragement to all who are engaged in the cause of Christ. When death with noiseless foot tread has entered our homes and taken from us some loved one, your presence, your deep sympathy, your words of wisdom, and your prayers have often enabled us, through blinding tears, to look towards the beyond and see a reunion that knows no parting.

In you, dear sister, we recognize a worthy helpmate to a worthy pastor, seconding his efforts in every way possible, watching over his health, and sacrificing self that good might come to us as a people. You both have taken a deep, heavenly interest in every work of moral reform which has been brought forward for the betterment of our community; and now dear brother and sister, on behalf of your friends here assembled, and some who have been unable to attend, permit me to present you with this beautiful silver water pitcher, and purse of silver coin, as a token of our love and esteem.

The purse contained \$100.

Mr. Hartley made a very touching reply. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Messrs. J. H. Hughes, Paisley, J. W. Clarke and J. Haltz, Corey, Schurman, Manning and Hickson, and Messrs. J. D. Hazen, M. P., and Jarvis Wilson.

Several selections were rendered by the choir, and after Mr. and Mrs. Hartley had shaken hands with and received the congratulations of those present, refreshments were served.—Daily Telegraph.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.—The government formed by Hon. Mr. Bowell, is almost the same as that led by the late Sir John Thompson. Hon. Mr. Dickey of Nova Scotia, and Hon. D. Ferguson, Senator, of P. E. Island are new members. The new ministry is as follows:

Hon. Mr. Bowell, Premier and President of the Council.

Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance.

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Sir A. P. Caron, Postmaster General.

Sir Chas. H. Tupper, Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways.

Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. Ives, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. Angers, Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Daly, Minister of Interior.

Hon. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Militia.

Hon. Mr. Dickey, Secretary of State.

Hon. Mr. Curran, Solicitor-General.

Hon. Mr. Wallace, Comptroller of Customs.

Hon. Mr. Wood, Comptroller of Inland Revenue.

Sir Frank Smith, Sir John Carling, Hon. D. Ferguson, and Dr. Matague ministers without portfolio.

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE.—The Executive of the N. B. F. B. Young People's League is to have a meeting at the North End church, St. John, next Tuesday evening. The notice of it came too late to be inserted in the Young People's Department on page six.

THE INTELLIGENCER goes out earlier than usual this week, and will probably get to most of its readers at Christmas. It bears cordial greetings to all.

BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON, of America, preached some years ago in the Memorial Hall in London. For about half an hour he spoke quietly, without gestulation or uplifting of his voice; then, picturing the Son of God bearing our sins on His own body on the tree, he stopped, as if laden with an immeasurable burden, and, rising to his full height, he seemed to throw it from him, crying, "How far? As far as the east is distant from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." The whole assembly as if moved by an irresistible impulse, rose, remained standing for a second or two, then sank back into their seats. A professor of elocution was there. A friend who observed him, and knew that he had come to criticize, asked him when the service was over: "Well what did you think of the Bishop's elocution?"

"Elocution!" said he; "that man doesn't want elocution: he's got the Holy Ghost!"

UNDER THE BAN.—An edict of the Pope, just promulgated, puts three other societies under the same ban as the Masonic order. The societies are the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance. Catholics who are members of either of these orders must withdraw from them or be refused the offices of the church.

MEDALS.—The Stanley Gold Medals for 1890, 91 and '92 have been received at the University of New Brunswick. The winners are: H. F. McLeod, Fredericton, English and philosophy in 1890; F. C. Walker, St. John, classics in 1891, and Geoffrey Stead, St. John, Mathematics in 1892.

DOES IT APPLY?—This little reminder to the subscribers of another paper may be of interest to some who read this paper:

"If you don't believe that some very good people are thoughtless about paying small debts, just turn and look at the date on the yellow tag or slip containing your name on this paper."

DRINK IN IRELAND.—The Belfast Witness says:

"In Ireland three hundred and fifteen victims of drink are arrested every day, and the sum of considerably more than two million pounds sterling is spent by the government every year in the repression of crime caused by drinking." Another statement made by the same journal is still more pathetic: "Every year in the United Kingdom, forty five thousand Sunday school children go to recruit the ranks of the drunkard swiftly thinned by disease and death. Every day, in Ireland alone, there are, at the lowest calculation, the funerals of thirty-five victims of drink, for whose tombstones the pen of inspiration has an epitaph ready made."

THINKS IT NEAR.—A Presbyterian clergyman at Asbury Park, Rev. Howard T. Widdemer, announces that the world will come to an end in the course of the next ten years. His idea is that as soon as the Gospel is carried to every people, the world's affairs will be wound up. Every people, he avers, except one, has been made acquainted with the Bible and the war between China and Japan will open up this people to the missionaries. Evidently he regards the mere carrying of the Bible to every race as sufficient, without regard to the fruits.

THE FUND opened for the benefit of the widow and family of the late Premier is receiving liberal contributions. Sir Richard Cartwright has sent \$1,000. Latest advices stated that the subscriptions already amount to over \$60,000.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Gladstone is now able to read quite comfortably with the eye that was operated upon, but the other eye is almost totally obscured by cataract and will have to be surgically treated in the course of a month or two.

Sir Chas. Tupper is ill, and was not able to accompany the remains of the late Premier to Canada, as he had intended.

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SUNDRIES.—Only one out of every fifteen persons has both eyes in good condition. . . . Switzerland has an army of 126,000. . . . The Patagonians are the tallest people in the world; the shortest are the Laplanders. . . . A postal card recently received by a Cincinnati paper contained 3,203 words. . . . Alaska, with its islands, is said to have a coast line of 25,000 miles, equal in extent to the circumference of the globe. . . . Japan has more than 500 earthquakes each year. . . . A single plant of wheat is capable of producing 2,000 seeds in one season. . . . The normal death rate of Canton, China, is 1,000 per month. . . . The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of the United States has 57,350 members, according to the latest statistics. . . . The lungs of the average man contain about five quarts of air. . . . London uses 200,000,000 gallons of water a day. . . . The tongue of woman is smaller than that of man. . . . Out of 1,000,000 people, 7,500 succumb to consumption. . . . It is unlawful for first cousins to marry in Missouri.

Not Primitive Christianity.

It is a common but unfair practice for Roman Catholics to claim to be the old religion established by Christ and his apostles; and to speak of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists and other Protestant bodies as teaching a new religion invented by Luther, Calvin or Wesley, as the case may be. But all these denominations disclaim having originated a new religion, and base their claims to confidence on their conformity to the doctrines and ordinances of primitive Christianity. They protest against Romanism, because it has departed from the simplicity of the Gospel, and teaches for doctrine the commandments of men. The *Christian Inquirer*, speaking on this point, says: "It claims to have been always the same, but its story is against it. Once the Christian Church was pure, but the Romish branch drifted further away with each succeeding century from that original simplicity. Its successive steps in error and assumption were taken in the following order, and at the following times: Invocation of the saints, 375 A. D.; the service in Latin, 600; papal supremacy, 606; images and relics, 787; baptism of bells, 963; canonization of saints, 993; the cult of the priesthood, 1000; transubstantiation, 1000; sale of indulgences, 1095; use of beads in worship, 1090; the sacrifice of the mass, 1100; the confessional box, 1215; restriction of the Bible, 1540; purgatory, 1439; worship of Mary, 1563; seven sacraments, 1547; creed of Pope Pius IV., 1564; immaculate Conception, 1854; papal infallibility, 1870."

POOR YET RICH.—A true tale of real sacrifice on the part of a colored elder of the church comes from the South. He gave fourteen days of steady work on the new church building, although he is the father of a large family and had nothing in his lunch basket but bread. He made no fuss about his poverty or his food, but quietly withdrew from observation as he ate his crust and drank his cold water.

A CHRISTIAN CHINAMAN.—A Chinaman, says the *Christian Advocate*, applied for the position of cook in a family in one of our western cities. The lady of the house and most of the family were members of a fashionable church, and they were determined to look well after the character of the servants. So, when John Chinaman appeared at the door he was asked: "Do you drink whisky?" "No," said he. "I Christian man." "Do you play cards?" "No, I Christian man." He was employed and gave great satisfaction. He did his work well, was honest, upright, correct and respectful. After some weeks the lady gave a "progressive euchre" party and had wines at the table. John Chinaman was called upon to serve the party, and did so with grace and acceptability. But next morning he waited on the lady and said he wished to quit work. "Why, what is the matter?" she inquired. John answered: "Christian man; I told you so before; no heathen. No 'orkee for Melican heathen!"

Things in Short Metre.

[BY PEN AND SCISSORS.]

"Rice paper" is not made from rice, but from the pith of a small tree that grows on the island of Formosa.

It is said that if a traveller in Central Africa should be lost he might find his way to the coast by following the trails of Arab traders, so thickly are they strewn with skeletons of slaves who have perished while bearing burdens for their cruel masters.

There is said to be an average of twenty-one blind persons to every 10,000 of Russia's population, which shows this people to be more subject to this affliction than any other nation. According to an official report of 1876 there were 189,872 totally blind persons in European Russia.

The custom of holding funerals at night is said to be growing steadily in New York, where there appears to be no law to prevent them. In Boston there is an ordinance which prohibits the burying of a dead body at any other time than between sunrise and sunset, except by special permission, and the undertakers generally live up to it.

Underground London is getting to be many stories deep. The new City and Waterloo underground electric railway, in traversing Queen Victoria Street passes for a considerable distance directly underneath the low level sewer, which in its turn runs beneath the underground railroad. The electric road at this point is 63 feet below the surface.

Trees are now felled to a considerable extent by electricity. A platinum wire, heated white-hot by the current, is used, stretched between two poles, as a saw. There is less work than with a saw, no sawdust is produced, and the charring of the surface of division tends to prevent decay. In some cases the time required to fell a tree by this method is only one-eighth of that necessary for sawing.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded weighs the one five-thousandth part of a pound, so that it takes 5,000 bees, not loaded, to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and flowers, loaded with honey or bee bread, weighs nearly three times more—that is to say, he carries nearly three times his own weight. Of loaded bees there are only about 1,800 in the pound.

A man in Australia had a new and the interpretation of the clause in his brilliant idea not long ago in regard to marriage vows, "Till death us do part." His wife died, luckily for her, as the following facts demonstrate, and since he was bound only till death to his wife, the husband refused to pay her funeral expenses. The court promptly decided that a husband's duties only cease when the undertaker's bills are paid.

There is now at La Rochelle, France, an old man of the name of Jules Zivot, who possesses a marvelous memory. He knows by heart all the verses in the Bible. You can ask him at random any of these verses, no matter if it begins a sentence or is a continuation of the preceding verse, his memory is never defective, and he will recite the lines. Some members of the La Rochelle Synod have caused him to go with success through a most difficult experiment on the subject.

The new postal cards in France will be issued in the form of check books, with stubs upon which the sender can keep memoranda. The stubs can be stamped at the postoffice before the stub is detached, so that a verified record of the correspondence can be kept.

A curious state of affairs prevails in France in relation to women. A French woman may become a doctor, a lawyer, a member of the Board of

Education, and may even be decorated with cross of the Legion of Honor; but she may not witness a legal document. She occupies an important place in art, business and commerce; but she cannot possess her own earnings if she is married, and she can neither buy nor sell property without her husband's consent.

Minister (to Rory): "Why weren't you at the kirk on Sunday?" Rory: "I was at Mr. Dunlop's kirk." Minister: "I don't like you running about to strange kirks in that way. Not that I object to you hearing Mr. Dunlop, but I'm sure ye widna like yer an sheep straying away into strange pastures." Rory: "I widna care a grain, sir, if it was better grass."

Notes.

Dr. Parkhurst has entered into a contract with *The Ladies' Home Journal* by which he will practically become a regular editorial contributor to that magazine. The great New York preacher says that he has for a long time past been desirous of saying some very necessary things to women, and he will say them through these articles. He will take up the social, moral and equality questions which are so uppermost in the minds of women to-day. His first article will appear in the next issue of the *Journal*.

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Marriages.

OLDENBURGH-MANZER.—At the F. C. Baptist Church, Marysville, on the 19th inst., by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. Edwin T. Oldenburgh, and Miss Bessie M. Manzer, both of Marysville.

Deaths.

NASON.—At Fredericton Junction, N. B. Dec. 14th, 1894, of heart disease, John B. Nason, aged 7 years. Our brother had lived an honest, upright life, was commendable for many virtues, and passed away with hope in him who is the "Resurrection and the Life."

W. R. REUD.

ERR.—On Nov. 19th, at the residence of his son-in-law, J. R. Shaw, Deacon John Erb, aged 83 years, leaving 4 sons and 2 daughters. He professed religion a good many years ago, was baptized by Rev. Gilbert Springer and united with the F. C. Baptist church. He was chosen as a member and deacon of the church until his death. He was much respected by all who knew him, which was evidenced by the large congregation who attended his funeral. Sermon preached by Elder John Ferry.

GOULD.—At Lakeside, Y. Co., N. S., on the 8th inst., Esther, beloved wife of Henry Gould, in the 45th year of her age. This death has cast a deep gloom over this community coming as it did suddenly and altogether unexpectedly, and removing from our midst a useful and much loved sister. A tender-hearted companion, always kind, sympathetic and generous; a faithful member of the "Session Hill" F. C. church for 25 years, she is now greatly missed, and the loss deeply felt by all. In the days of girlhood this sister gave her heart to God, was baptized, at Canning N. S., by the late Rev. W. Downey, and now, after 30 years of faithful toiling in her Master's vineyard, has been called to her reward. She leaves a dear and devoted husband, a mother, one sister, six brothers, with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Following the burial, a memorial service was held in the F. C. church, the writer taking this opportunity to speak of the "Victory of the Christian in death."

WIN—A. W. CURRIE.

McKENZIE.—At Jerusalem, Q. Co., on the 2nd inst., Catherine, beloved wife of Rev. John McKenzie, aged 64 years. Sister McKenzie professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ about forty-two years ago, and was baptized by the late Rev. E. McLeod and united with the Jerusalem Free Christian Baptist church. She was a good woman, quiet and unassuming, but devoted to God. She was a great help to her husband in his toils, a rugger, and "labours of love," and he deeply feels his loss. But amid his sorrow he rejoices in the thought that for her "to live was Christ, and to die was gain." Our sister was a kind and affectionate mother. She loved her family dearly and ever sought for them their best interests and good. Beside a sorrowing husband she leaves four sons and four daughters, two brothers and four sisters with a number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. That our dear brother and his family have the sympathy of the entire community in which they live was evident from the large concourse of people present at the funeral. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. McDonald (McDonaldist.) May the God of all grace sustain them in their bereavement in our prayer.

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