

Denominational News.

Rev. J. W. CLARKE was in the city about two hours on Friday, attending a meeting of the Home Mission Executive.

Rev. S. J. PERRY is at work in the First District. He has held some meetings at Upper Kent, and has baptized one convert. The meetings were continued last week. Rev. C. F. Rideout is with him. He asks the prayers of the brethren that the work may be richly blessed.

UPPER HAINESVILLE, YORK CO.—Rev. T. O. DeWitt, who was in the city on Friday, reports the work at Upper Hainesville, somewhat encouraging. There have been some conversions, and hopes there will be others. He intends continuing the meetings for a time. He spent Christmas at home, and returned to Hainesville Saturday.

Rev. GIDEON SWIM was in the city on Thursday and, of course, called at the INTELLIGENCER office. He reports that he is enjoying his new field—Petitcodiac, Cornhill and Lower Ridge. He held special meetings at Lower Ridge for three weeks. Rev. Abram Perry was with him part of the time. A good revival was enjoyed. Twenty converts were baptized, eighteen of whom were received into the church.

On the 12th December a number of his friends helped him and Mrs. Swim celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage. The ladies provided a supper at the parsonage, and they all had a most enjoyable time. Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the Methodist pastor, was present, made a pleasant address and offered prayer. Mrs. Swim received a number of useful presents, and \$21.00 were given bro. Swim, with which to provide himself with a fur coat, which he did.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I suppose by this time some will be looking for a few lines in the paper from me. I will begin where I left off in the last letter. I got home from Bangor the 20th of November; went to Newburg and got my horse and carriage the next day, and left for Brookville. I had told Brother DeWare that I would help him out what I could on his pastorate, and, as he was about moving, I knew it would be some time before he could get to Brookville. So I was there Sunday morning; in the evening I was with brother G. F. Currie at Tracey Mills. There I met brother Gray, after his return from his visit in Boston and vicinity. I got home on Wednesday, went to Campbell Settlement, and staid all night with my old friend and brother, Daniel Schriver. Next morning I left for Caverhill, and got there in time to go with brother Jones to brother Allen Sharp's to bury their little daughter; by their request I remained over Sunday and preached a funeral sermon. I was with them on Saturday to conference; there I met with bro. T. O. DeWitt. My main business there was to see how the people felt about engaging brother Vanwart. I found them ready and willing to engage him. Sunday evening I came out to Nockawick, and staid all night with my old friend and brother Whitfield Grant and family, and met with the same welcome as when his mother was alive. The next day I went home, left my carriage, took my sleigh, and went out to see brother Vanwart. Seeing a notice in the paper that the church at Knowlesville wanted a visit from some minister, I went out to see bro. J. J. Barnes why he could not supply the need, and then went to Knowlesville to see the people. I reached home again on Saturday. Sunday morning I went to Lower Wakefield, in the afternoon took bro. Phillips regular appointment, which had been neglected in his absence; we had a good meeting, I came home that night. Having got rid of that troublesome tooth, and my face and head having got straight, I concluded to make my visit to New York. On Wednesday evening the 18th I left for there. Friday morning at 7 I arrived, an account of which I will give in my next.

J. NOBLE.

New York, Dec. 23rd.

Christmas Presents.

The pupils of the Kindergarten school, in this city, presented the Principal, Miss Sayre, with a diamond ring.

The C. E. Society of the Reformed Episcopal church, Sussex, presented the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hubley, with a new silk gown.

Rev. L. B. McKell, Episcopal, Fairville, was given \$30 by his parishioners.

Rev. J. A. Gordon, Baptist, St. John, received several presents, some of them from Charlottetown, where he was pastor a few years ago.

Rev. J. D. Freeman, pastor of the

Baptist church, this city, was presented with \$185.00 by members of the congregation.

Mr. J. H. Crockett, of the *Gleaner*, was given a gold headed cane by the employees in his office.

Rev. A. Freeman, Baptist, Mauderville, S. Co., received a well-filled purse and other valuables.

The Bible class of Rev. W. W. Brewer, Moncton, presented him with a writing desk and easel.

Miss Hettie True, organist of the Free Baptist church, Lincoln, S. Co., was presented with a purse containing \$10.50, in appreciation of her voluntary services.

PARLIAMENT.—Though Parliament is to meet on Thursday of this week, it is stated that business will not be commenced until next week. The session is likely to be one of more than usual interest. The INTELLIGENCER will keep its readers informed of the matters of importance which are dealt with.

WOMAN ORDAINED.—In Boston, a few days ago, Mrs. Van Andrews was ordained a minister of the Unitarian Church.

REVIVAL.—There is a widespread revival in Columbus, Ohio. The meetings are union, and are led by Rev. B. Fay Mills.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The election in Cardwell, Ont., resulted in a victory for Stubbs, the McCarthy candidate. The votes stood thus:—Stubbs 1365, Willoughby (Conservative) 1190, Henry (Liberal) 499.

Hon. Mr. Montague has been sworn in Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Pelletier is to be Secretary of State. The Manitoba Legislature has been dissolved. The elections will be held Jan. 15th.

Mr. McShane (Liberal) was elected in Montreal Centre last Friday. He succeeds Solicitor General Curran who was appointed a judge.

The Patrons of Industry and the Prohibitionists of Manitoba have united for the approaching election.

A LEADING PAPER.—The *Christian Work*, New York, is one of the leading religious papers of the United States. Its prospectus for 1896 promises a lot of good things, and the promise will, doubtless, be well kept. In addition to the regular departments—the Sunday School, Christian Endeavour, Among the Churches, The Story of the Week, Things of To-day, The Christian Life, The House-keeper, The Children, The Temperance Cause, etc., etc.—there will be each week especially contributed articles by eminent writers, leaders of thought in their several lines, as Drs. Geikie, Cuyler, Thompson, Parkhurst, Clark, Strong, and Newman Hall, Theodore Roosevelt, Gen. Howard, Mrs. Booth, Bishop Newman, Prof. Blaikie, Rev. F. B. Meyer, Miss Willard, and many others. Among the subjects which will be treated by specialists are Bible study and research, talks to mothers and daughters, and the development of spiritual life. The illustrated department of the paper will continue to be a distinctive feature. Illustrated sketches of history, biography, and travel will enrich its pages each week. Taken altogether *The Christian Work* is one of the best papers published, and deserves the large circulation it has. The office of the paper is in the Times Building, New York. Rev. J. N. Hallock is editor and proprietor. The subscription is \$3.00 a year. Sample copies, with a full prospectus, will be sent on application.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT RUSKOGORNSH STATION had a concert and Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. The programme was as follows: Opening piece, A Happy New Year; A Christmas Recitation by Helen Mersereau; exercise and singing by Infant class. Dialogue by six little boys; Recitation by Mable Embleton; Dialogue, Mind your own Business; Recitation, "Baby Brother," by Maggie Mott; Singing by Elma and Helen Mersereau; A Missionary Dialogue by three little girls; Reading, by Miss Mott; Dialogue, "Retreat or the best part of Valour," by three little girls and one boy; Singing, Rock a bye Baby, by Maggie Mott and Carrie Mersereau; Recitation, by Edith Banker; Dialogue, "The New Boy"; Recitation, The Deacon's Dream, by Mrs. Alex. Mott; Singing, "The Childs Unfinished Prayer," by M. S. T. T. Mersereau; Recitation, by Lena Nason and Helen Phillips; Reading by Mrs. T. T. Mersereau; Dialogue, Aunt Martha's Kuse; Recitation by Lottie Banker; Singing by Miss Mott and Mable Embleton; Recitation, The fault finding Man, by Arthur Granner; closing song, Good Night.

The presents were then distributed from the tree. A Christmas letter and

card and a bag of candy was given to each of the children from the Sunday School. Numerous other gifts were given by parents and friends. Thus closed a very pleasant evening. Proceeds of the concert for the benefit of the School.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

The World's Condition a Plea for Missions.

A recent statistician presents the following figures as indicating the physical condition and suggesting the moral condition of the human race. He says:

"The human family on earth to-day consists of about 1,450,000,000 persons in round numbers. Of these only about 500,000,000, or one third, are properly clothed; 250,000,000 habitually go naked; 700,000,000 have only the middle part of the body covered; only 500,000,000 live in houses, 700,000,000 in huts or caves, while the remaining 250,000,000 have no home or shelter whatever."

These figures suggest that the world is yet a long way from its final state, if indeed we are to assume that the final state of the world is to be a kingdom completed in righteousness, peace, and blessedness. As a matter of fact we are yet in the earlier part of the world's progress; and this we ought to assume in judging of current conditions, notwithstanding the accelerated speed of present moral movement. We are in danger of underestimating the influence of masses of degradation upon the structure of our judgments and the type of our moral acts. Even in the midst of enlightenment our spirits breathe in the malarial air arising from the uncleansed masses, and the tone of average life is vastly lowered. Mr. Stanley tells us that pygmies be found in the jungles of Africa are the equals in intelligence to the lower third of the population of New York City. That this submerged third is not without its influence on the general life, even the more cultured portion of it, no thoughtful person can doubt. Slavery barbarizes the slaveholder more than it degrades the slaves; so dense masses of ignorance and vice degrade the sentiments and taint the life of those that are lifted above them. In the present condition of the world we have great need to scrutinize our judgments about prevalent social facts and practices, lest a more advanced age cover them with ridicule.

Possible Dearth of Paper Material.

Within the past half-century the growth of paper manufacture has been simply enormous. The new uses to which paper has been applied are hardly more remarkable than the new material employed in the manufacture. The selected rage of the good housewife are no longer indispensable. A hundred years ago the suggestion of the use of wood for paper would have been regarded as extravagant and visionary; but what was once unbelievable has become a common matter of fact. Wood holds the most important place in the making of many kinds of paper. The fear now indulged in is that the kind of wood most in use will be completely exhausted. Spruce is the best lumber for the production of pulp. The quantities of spruce used each year for paper stock are almost incredible. At the rate we are proceeding, the spruce forests in the United States will be cut away in a few years. New forests grow too slowly to afford hope of a supply at home. And this, in turn, raises the question of new sources. There are some forests in Canada and in Norway, but the great spruce forests of the world—the only ones, indeed, at all adequate to meet the future demands of the paper manufacturers are found in Siberia, a region hitherto inaccessible to commerce by ship or rail, but now being opened by the trans-Siberian railway. The expense of transportation over so great a distance would yet prove a strong barrier to the use of Siberian lumber; it would possibly make the transfer of the paper manufacture of the world to Siberia indispensable. But even the Siberian source of supply would not prove inexhaustible. The Siberian forests would in time be cut away and some substitute for spruce would have to be sought. So far as we can now understand, this would not prove an easy task; for though other woods can be used, none is, for this purpose, equal to spruce. Still, we have no reason to doubt that the advance of science and the ingenuity of man, which have opened up so many resources to meet the material and spiritual needs of the race, will discover some substance to be used for the manufacture of paper stock when the spruce forests of both the United States and Siberia shall have disappeared.—*Heal*.

A PROPER VERDICT.—It appeared that an Irishman, conceiving that a little powder thrown upon some green wood would facilitate its burning, directed a small stream from a keg upon the burning piece, but not possessing a hand sufficiently quick to cut his off, was blown into a million pieces. The following was the verdict, delivered with great gravity by the official "Can't be called suicide because he didn't mean to kill himself; it wasn't

'visitation of God,' because he wasn't struck by lightning; he didn't die for want of breath, for he hadn't anything to breathe with; 'tis plain he didn't know what he was about, so I shall bring in—died for want of common sense."

A Proper Retort.

A good story is told of a self-respecting carpenter who was sent to make some repairs in a private house. As he entered the room in which the work was to be done, accompanied by his apprentice, the lady of the house called out, "Mary, see that my jewel-case is locked."

The carpenter understood, and, as he was an honest man, he was indignant. He had his opportunity, however, and he used it. He removed his watch and chain from his waistcoat with a significant air, and gave them to his apprentice.

"John," he said, "take these back to the shop. It seems that this house isn't safe."

—In 1851 India had 91,000 Christian converts. At present there are 250,000 Hindu Christians, and 1,000,000 adherents to Christian churches. The number of converts last year was 24,000. In the last ten years there has been a gain of 140 per cent.

Literary Notes.

There is plenty of holiday cheer in the January number of *St. Nicholas*. Pictures, poems, sketches and stories are appropriate to the season. Three of the full-page illustrations are "Christmas Lights Do Fade Away," "Christmas in the Middle Ages," "New chapters carry forward the interest in the three serials: 'The Prize Cup,' 'The Swordmaker's Son,' and 'Teddy and Carrots.' A new serial is begun in this number, 'Sindbad, Smith & Co.' There are several interesting illustrations. An ancient tradition among the Pueblo Indians serves as the basis for the story, 'The Magic Turquoise.' 'The Story of a Life-Saving Station,' tells of the daily routine of work and drill of the humble heroes to whom the world owes so much. A story of a very happy little girl and her pet pony is 'How Denise and Ned Toodles became acquainted.' There are ballads and verses.

The New Year's *Lattes' Home Journal* brings with it assurance that it will be better in 1896 than ever. The best known and most popular contemporary writers and artists are represented. Ex-President Harrison's paper in his 'This Country of Ours' series, explains fully the Federal Constitution and defines its scope and limitations. Edna Lyall records her 'Early Literary Influences' Frank R. Stockton's 'The Widow's Yarn' is a droll story. 'Little Margaret Snell,' second of 'Neighborhood Types' sketches, is a refreshing bit of pen portraiture. Edward W. Bok talks with young men, answering a number of inquiries submitted to him upon business and social topics. Rev. Charles D. Parkhurst, D. D., writes forcibly and entertainingly upon 'Memories of Our Childhood Homes,' and announces that he will henceforth address himself to young men, in a series of papers. Other contributions cover the field of fashions, discuss matters of etiquette, the baby and various topics of home interest. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia; one dollar per year.

Methodist Magazine and Review for January, 1896. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months; single number 20 cents.

With the January number 'The Methodist Magazine,' now *Methodist Magazine and Review*, enters upon its forty-third volume and makes a great stride forward. It is enlarged about one-fourth and takes a wider range than ever. Of special patriotic interest are the illustrated articles on 'The Rock Fortress of Malta,' and on 'The Pacific Ocean an English Lake,' showing the predominance of Britain throughout the world. The story of 'Recent Arctic Exploration' is also told, with graphic pictures. The curious Marriage and Funeral Customs of the East are fully illustrated. Dr. Dewart contributes a strong article on the question of 'Religion in the Public Schools.' The illustrated story of smugglers and Methodists, opens well.

A new department—A Review of the World's Progress, is given. Articles on Armenia, the War Crisis, Tendencies in Religion, The College and the People, and a synopsis of leading reviews, are given.

The *Cosmopolitan* is always finely illustrated. The frontispiece of the December number is a view of the Cathedral Town of Wells. Its principal articles, all beautifully illustrated, are 'A Christmas Legend of King Arthur's County,' 'Game Fishing in the Pacific,' 'A Tragedy of the Great North Road,' 'Dreams in Woven Tapestries' accompanied by most beautiful illustrations, and Tonia; a story of Crime from Poverty. Published by the Cosmopolitan Co., Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York.

London, a new associate editor of *The Review*, contributes a paper on 'The Motive Force of Missions.' The great missionary biographer, Dr. George Smith, of Edinburgh, graphically tells the thrilling story of Captain James Wilson, missionary to India, and volunteer of the London Missionary Society. Another valuable article in this issue of *The Review* is a discussion of the Foreign Missionary Work of the Salvation Army. The statistics of the missionary societies of America are a valuable feature of this issue. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnall Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The Century for January is not lacking either in individuality or distinction. The picturesque artistic work of Mr. Castaigne this month is applied to the illustration of the first of several separate papers on Rome, which gives us 'A Kleidoscope of Rome,' setting forth contrasts of the Eternal City. Another novel article is an account of 'The First Landing on the Antarctic Continent,' being an account of the recent voyage of the whaler *Antarctic*. 'A Feast Day on the Rhone,' makes record of a trip by literary societies of Paris in the dedication of certain monuments. Another paper in the series of 'Personal Studies of Indian Life,' is given. Prof. Chauncey M. Cady contributes a curious article, based on personal experience, entitled 'Responsibility among the Chinese.' The Napoleon Life deals with Jena and the Prussian campaign, and is particularly rich in illustrations by Myrbach.

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Marriages.

BIRD-HAINING.—In this city, on the 24th ult., by Rev. Dr. McLeod, James Bird, of Douglas and Jane Haining, of Fredericton.

TRUE HOYT.—At Kingsclear, on the 26th ult., by Rev. Gideon Swim, Harvey M. True, of Lincoln, S. Co., and Blanche, daughter of George Hoyt.

VANWART-WOODEN.—At Mill Settlement, S. Co., Dec. 25th, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, J. S. VanWart, of Hampstead, and Annie M., daughter of Alexander Wooden.

NORTHROP-BOYD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Shannon, Queens Co., Dec. 18th, by Rev. C. E. Lewis, Mr. Wellington R. Northrop, of Springfield, Kings Co., and Miss Edith J. eldest daughter of Mr. James Boyd.

RING-REED.—On the 23rd December, at the residence of the bride's mother, St. John, North, by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. Herbert Ring and Miss Hattie Reed, both of St. John, North end.

Deaths.

ATHERTON.—In New York, Geo. L. Atherton, son of the late George R. Atherton, of this city.

GUNTER.—In this city, on 23rd ult., Charles Gunter, aged 42 years, younger son of the late Rev. Jacob Gunter.

NASON.—At Waasis, S. Co., on the 15th ult., the infant son of George and Arena Nason, of Lincoln, Sunbury Co. J. McK.

WOOD.—At French Lake, Sunbury Co., Dec. 17th, Donald, infant son of Thomas S. and Helen I. Wood. "Suffer little children to come to me." J. McK.

ROSE.—In Smyrna, Me., at the residence of her son, Mr. John Rose, Sept. 25th, 1895, Mrs. Elizabeth Rose, widow of the late Arthur Rose, aged nearly 71 years. She had been a great sufferer for many years. She died as she lived, trusting in the merits of the Lord Jesus. She passed away very quietly and peacefully at the last, with not a sigh nor groan to mar the scene. Her many friends rejoice that she has exchanged her cross of suffering for a crown of glory that fadeeth not away. She loved the INTELLIGENCER; she had read it from its first edition till within a few weeks of her death, when she became unable to read. "Blessed are the dead," etc. Mrs. H. LILLEY.

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WADE.—At Nashwaak, on the 20th ult., Lucy, beloved wife of Deacon Charles Wade, aged 72 years. For more than 17 years sister Wade was confined to her bed, helpless from rheumatism, dependent entirely upon the kind offices of her friends. She bore this lingering and often painful illness without complaint. A pleasant smile and sunny face ever greeted the many friends who went to visit her. Over a half century she had been a Christian, and during the weary days and nights of her sickness, she knew the blessedness of being able to rest with unwavering confidence upon God to whom she had given her heart in her youth; she ever found his grace sufficient. During the past few weeks of her life a complication of diseases set in, and it became evident to her friends that the end was near. She hailed the intelligence with joy, that she was so soon to be released from the sufferings of her earthly pilgrimage and enter into rest. Her triumphant death was the evidence and result of her consecrated Godly life. She was cared for during the years of helplessness by the most affectionate and devoted of husbands, her every wish was anticipated, and her every want supplied. For fifty years they were permitted to walk together down life's pathway, sympathizing in each others sorrows and sharing each others joys. Two sons and their wives live in the home, and were lovingly unremitted in their ministrations of kindness to their loved mother. She leaves a husband, two sons, four daughters and a large circle of relatives to mourn. The funeral was attended by the writer, on Sunday 22nd. A large congregation was present, and the services were deeply solemn. J. T. P.



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