

complaints of the season to the INTELLIGENCER and all the saints of the season.

Letters as the following come occasionally. We are glad to see that the INTELLIGENCER is read as so good a friend:

There have been an invalid for three years, and find it difficult to get money for the paper. Sometimes I think I will stop it when I cannot pay promptly; but it would be such a thing to do without it, I seem like a weekly visit from a dear friend at home. We had the INTELLIGENCER in my father's home as long as I can remember, and I don't know how I could get along without it.

The "Intelligencer" desires to earnest co-operation of all ministers in its behalf just now. Will our brethren kindly give some special attention to this matter? They can help the paper by calling attention to the importance of prompt payments.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

A century ago temperance, as now understood, had not been heard of in Canada. Drunkenness was rife and social life was the most popular amusement of the day.

There were corner taverns, half-way houses, and stores and shops of all kinds where liquor could be had. In nearly every house had its large jug of whiskey.

People thought it a good thing for their health to drink liquor freely. Lodging houses, building bees, and business gathering began with drinking and bloodshed.

Druggies and feuds were treasured up as special battles on public occasions. The regarded the fistic bully with as much admiration and respect as they the intellectual gladiator of to-day. It was about the middle of the century that total abstinence became an advanced principle.

The previous fifty years had been spent in debauching the population. In the last fifty years have been spent making Canadians the most sober people under the rule of heaven. So great was the work to be done, that it was not completed by a century of the way. The Templar.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The additions to the Disciples of Christ in the United States for the last year exceed an average of seventy than a virtuous each preacher.

Gen. Wm. Booth is to visit the United States next year to take charge of the work of the Salvation Army here for a time.

The Czar of Russia is said to be a careful student of the work done by the M. C. Associations for railway emigration. He sent a special representative to the last convention held in Philadelphia, to investigate the methods of the work.

It is often said that Christian missions to the Jews are unproductive. The facts show the contrary. About one hundred and fifty pass from Judaism to Christianity every year. The power among converts are quickly absorbed in and the larger body. Considering the bitter memories all Jews have of medieval persecution, not wholly ceased in our own day in Russia, Germany or France, the wonder is not at the fewness but at the number of the conversions.

The Rev. P. H. Mell is publishing in "The Christian Index," Atlanta, a series of articles on the Baptists in the United States—what they have accomplished in one hundred years. The statistics of Baptist growth command attention. He shows that during the first half of the century the number of Baptist churches increased from 885 to 9,552, and of members from 65,708 to 770,839, showing an increase of 979 per cent in churches and 1,073 per cent in members. During the latter half of the century the percentage of growth in churches, has been 355, and of members 443. Other Baptists than the "regular"—including the Six Principles, Seventh-day, Free, Separatist, and Primitive Baptists—number together about 7,500 churches and 750,000 members.

This Week.

Your renewal this week will be thankfully received. Send it, if at all possible.

There are six grades of Red Rose Tea viz., 60c. 50c. 40c. 35c. 30c. 25c. per lb. all packed in one pound and half pound lead packets.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

VICTORIA ST., ST. JOHN.—An entertainment given in the school room of the Victoria Street Free Baptist church, under the auspices of the Mission Band, was largely attended last Wednesday evening. The programme was lengthy and included recitations by Douglas Thorne, Edith Hutchison, Bena Keith, Mabel Starkey, Hiram Perry, Lily Holder, Alta Camp, Greta Parlee, Gertie Seely, Ruth Phipps, Belle Douglas, Jennie Watters and Vena Vanwart, also choruses and dialogues by members of the band. The programme was arranged by Miss Ethel Sprague and the entertainment was a grand success. —Telegraph.

SOUTHAMPTON, YORK CO.—The Free Baptists of this and adjoining places have purchased the lot formerly occupied by W. R. Lenentine and are having some extensive repairs in fitting it up for a parsonage. The Rev. J. J. Barnes will be the first to occupy the new Parsonage.—The Dispatch.

KEMPTVILLE, N. S. We are very comfortably settled at this place. Are all well and contented. The people are kind and thoughtful. I am still convinced that, under the circumstances, it was the Master's planning that I should come to this pastorate. I do not say but what he had work for me in N. B.; but after that, his resources brought me hence. Christ is not limited, and, if we follow him, he has still a place for the humblest of his servants.

The work in the various departments is being carried on over this pastorate. This is quite a large field, with considerable work, but that is nothing to its detriment. Work is life. It was only the privilege of work that brought Adam and Eve out of Eden with even a lease of life. Idleness is sure death. There are many indications of spiritual life on this pastorate. The people are interested in the services of the sanctuary, and a good degree of seriousness is among them. Our week night prayer meetings are in most cases good in quality and show an increase in attendance. The C. E. is doing work for the Master. The S. S. is progressing and doing faithful work. Our teachers' meetings are, so far, well attended, and are blessed seasons of spiritual Bible study for instruction and edification. We are praying that the work of the Master will prosper in the hands of his servants.

DAVID PATTERSON.

Dec. 17th. MINISTERS.—Rev. Joseph Noble spent Sunday, 16th inst., at Lower Prince William, and last Sunday at Lower Canterbury. He is in good health.

Rev. F. S. Hartley, Fredericton Junction, called at the INTELLIGENCER office Friday. He reports the work moving encouragingly.

Rev. W. C. Keirstead is home from the Chicago University for the Christmas holidays. He spent last Sabbath at McAdam.

FROM REV. G. W. FOSTER.—I remember promising, at Conference, to write at least two letters for the INTELLIGENCER this year. It is about time I wrote the first; yet I seem to have so little to write of encouragement or interest, that it appears almost useless to attempt it. I will, however, try to tell the state of affairs in connection with the churches on this pastorate. The preaching services are fairly well attended for this season of the year, and are encouraging; but the attendance at prayer meetings is very small; and it seems almost impossible to sustain our regular monthly conference on Saturday afternoon, as we used to do. The brethren and sisters seem to have forgotten their covenant promises to God and one another. They have either forgotten, or they are wilfully disregarding their word. When we make promises to God or man we should try to fulfil them, if in our power to do so. We have about decided to hold our monthly conference meetings in the evening, instead of Saturday afternoon. I do not think the change is better for the spiritual life of the brethren and sisters, as we all know the more sacrifice we make the greater the blessing. It does not appear that we are doing anything wonderful when we give to the service of the Lord one-half day out of each month, by way of meeting in His house for His worship. What we need and must attain to in many of our churches if we do not wish to see those churches become extinct, is greater loyalty to God, and earnest consecration to His service on the part of the members of the churches. Much is said in these days of loyalty, to the Sovereign and constitution, but, as I see it, if a man's loyalty to God is right all other loyalties will be in harmony. Oh that even church members could see that good as loyalty to Queen and country is, loyalty to the King of kings, and to truth and righteousness is vastly more important.

About the last of November, learning that Bear Island church was with

out a pastor and not likely, as I then thought to have any, I decided to pay them a visit and hold a few meetings through the week, filling my own regular services on the Sabbath. We held meetings for about two weeks. They were not as well attended as they might have been. The old excuse was given, "too busy." Yet the meetings resulted in good. We tried as faithfully as we could to preach the Word and exhort the people in "Christ's stead to be reconciled to God." One young man publicly confessed his Saviour, and declared his intention to live a Christian life. Others were, we believe, deeply impressed, but would not yield to publicly confess their Lord before men. We trust that ere long many in that community will, in humble submission, bow their wills to God's, and experience the sweet peace with which Christ will surely fill their hearts.

The people asked me to try and help them in a more permanent way for the rest of the year, and my churches gave me permission to give them one service, on one Sabbath in each month. I have arranged to do that, and will at the same time, if the people at Queensbury and Prince William desire it, give them also, one service on the same Sabbath. I expect to spend Sunday Dec. 30th (D. V.) at Bear Island, 10.30; Queensbury, 2.30; and, if agreeable, at Prince William 7 p. m.

G. W. FOSTER.

Mouth Keswick, Dec. 20th, 1900.

HOME RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—Rev. Mr. Parsley is retiring from the pastorate of the Moncton Baptist church.

—Union watch night services are to be held in the Centenary Church (Methodist) St. John, Rev. Dr. Gates and the Germain St. Baptist Church uniting with the Centenary congregation.

—Rev. B. N. Nobles, the new pastor of the Baptist church, St. John, west, is holding special meetings.

—Rev. Dr. McKenzie has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in St. Stephen.

—The Moncton Baptist church has called Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of Brantford, Ont.

JOURNALISTIC.—Two new Free Baptist papers have entered the field—one in Nova Scotia and one in this province. We have received the initial number of each. The "Free Baptist Banner" is the name of the new monthly issued "in the interest of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia." It is published by a committee appointed by the Executive of the Nova Scotia Conference—the committee being Revs. E. Crowell, J. E. Gosline, T. H. Siddall and D. T. Porter. The price is 50cts., a year, or 5 cents a copy. Rev. E. Crowell is the manager. It is in pamphlet form. Including the cover, it has twenty pages, one of which has the name of the paper and the table of contents, ten pages are devoted to advertisements and nine to contributions by the publishing committee.

"The Church Chronicle" is a monthly "devoted to the interests of the Free Baptist church at Wilson's Beach, Campo Bello, as well as the general religious welfare of the community." Rev. A. J. Prosser is the editor. It is not so large as the "Banner," but less of its space is given to advertisements. Its price is 50 cts., a year, or 5 cts., a copy.

While we cannot but question whether these provinces can afford room for the multiplication of Free Baptist papers, we wish the brethren who are making the ventures, the realization of their best desires.

Many hundreds of subscriptions should reach us before New Year. Kindly make yours one of them.

"Duly Feed Man and Steed."

Feed your nerves, also, on pure blood if you would have them strong. Men and women who are nervous are so because their nerves are starved. When they make their blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla their nervousness disappears.

Dyspepsia—"For six months my system was out of order with dyspepsia and impure blood. Spent lots of money in vain, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cured." F. S. Zaubra, Genoa, Neb.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Hood's Pills cure liver ill; non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

POLITICAL NEWS.—A statistical statement just made declares that the new Parliament contains sixty lawyers, thirty-three merchants, twenty-nine farmers, eighteen doctors, eleven newspaper men, eleven manufacturers, nine lumbermen, seven gentlemen, five notaries, three grain dealers, two bankers, two traders, two distillers, two ministers of the Gospel, one printer, one rancher, one real estate agent, one oil operator, one miners' agent, one mill-owner, one cheese dealer, one contractor and farmer, one financier, one ship-owner, one fruit-grower, one cattle exporter, one accountant, and one surveyor.

A banquet in honour of Sir Charles Tupper was given in Winnipeg last Wednesday.

Besides the election protests in New Brunswick mentioned last week, there were protests in Nova Scotia against Messrs Fielding, Wade, Logan, Mathe-

son, Kaulbach, R. L. Borden, Bell, Tupper, Gourley and Roche; and in P. E. Island against all the members. In Ontario there were only nine protests—five against Conservatives and four against Liberals.

The New Brunswick legislature will be called for the despatch of business in February, probably on the third Thursday, the 20th.

George Wilson of Narrows, Queens county, has been appointed to a position in the Postal department at Ottawa.

Red Rose Tea is a household word in the Maritime province.

"GET BETTER" SAYS DR. SLOCUM

Get Rid of the Cough, the Hacking, the Spitting, the Wheezing.

Special Advantages

Are Offered by Dr. Slocum to all Those Who Desire a Positive and Permanent Cure of Consumption in any Form.

Good advice you say, but how can we do it when one remedy after another has been tried without improvement or hope of a cure. Quite true. Scores of sufferers from all kinds of lung troubles have been made the cure of Consumption and Lung Troubles the study of his life, and thousands of men and women in all parts of Canada are ready to testify to the marvelous curative properties of the Slocum system. Dr. Slocum is ready and willing to prove the efficacy of his treatment, and has no hesitation in offering it to you or your sick friends ABSOLUTELY FREE. This, in order that you may test the Slocum system and judge for yourself regarding its merits.

FREE TREATMENT

You or your sick friends can have a FREE course of treatment. Simply write to THE T. A. SLOCUM CHEMICAL CO., Limited, 179 King St. West, Toronto, giving post office and express office address, and the free medicine (The Slocum Cure) will be promptly sent.

When writing for them always mention this paper.

Persons in Canada, seeing Slocum's free offer in American papers will please read for samples to the Toronto laboratories.

Good Things to eat are still better when made with COTTOLENE

for they are FREE from GREASE and are easily digested. For frying, shortening, and all cooking purposes COTTOLENE is better and purer than lard.

Made only by The N. K. Fairbank Company, Wellington and Ann Sts. MONTREAL.

THE SERMONS OF THE REV. DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS (Plymouth Church, Brooklyn). Successor to HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Are published in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle every Monday, together with full reports of the sermons of Pastors of Prominent Churches in Greater New York.

The Monday Eagle contains more articles on homiletics than any other daily paper in the United States. SAMPLES SENT ON REQUEST. Subscription price per year, \$1.50. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, BROOKLYN N. Y.

Dec. 26th.

We thank you very heartily for the patronage of the last year and wish one and all

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

JOHN J. WEDDALL

son, Kaulbach, R. L. Borden, Bell, Tupper, Gourley and Roche; and in P. E. Island against all the members. In Ontario there were only nine protests—five against Conservatives and four against Liberals.

The New Brunswick legislature will be called for the despatch of business in February, probably on the third Thursday, the 20th.

George Wilson of Narrows, Queens county, has been appointed to a position in the Postal department at Ottawa.

Red Rose Tea is a household word in the Maritime province.

"GET BETTER" SAYS DR. SLOCUM

Get Rid of the Cough, the Hacking, the Spitting, the Wheezing.

Special Advantages

Are Offered by Dr. Slocum to all Those Who Desire a Positive and Permanent Cure of Consumption in any Form.

Good advice you say, but how can we do it when one remedy after another has been tried without improvement or hope of a cure. Quite true. Scores of sufferers from all kinds of lung troubles have been made the cure of Consumption and Lung Troubles the study of his life, and thousands of men and women in all parts of Canada are ready to testify to the marvelous curative properties of the Slocum system. Dr. Slocum is ready and willing to prove the efficacy of his treatment, and has no hesitation in offering it to you or your sick friends ABSOLUTELY FREE. This, in order that you may test the Slocum system and judge for yourself regarding its merits.

FREE TREATMENT

You or your sick friends can have a FREE course of treatment. Simply write to THE T. A. SLOCUM CHEMICAL CO., Limited, 179 King St. West, Toronto, giving post office and express office address, and the free medicine (The Slocum Cure) will be promptly sent.

When writing for them always mention this paper.

Persons in Canada, seeing Slocum's free offer in American papers will please read for samples to the Toronto laboratories.

Good Things to eat are still better when made with COTTOLENE

for they are FREE from GREASE and are easily digested. For frying, shortening, and all cooking purposes COTTOLENE is better and purer than lard.

Made only by The N. K. Fairbank Company, Wellington and Ann Sts. MONTREAL.

THE SERMONS OF THE REV. DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS (Plymouth Church, Brooklyn). Successor to HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Are published in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle every Monday, together with full reports of the sermons of Pastors of Prominent Churches in Greater New York.

The Monday Eagle contains more articles on homiletics than any other daily paper in the United States. SAMPLES SENT ON REQUEST. Subscription price per year, \$1.50. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, BROOKLYN N. Y.

Dec. 26th.

We thank you very heartily for the patronage of the last year and wish one and all

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

JOHN J. WEDDALL



Many people have had fads for covering their walls in various ways; postage stamps, telegrams and so forth have been utilized. Christine Nilsson has found even a more eccentric idea. Her dining room has its walls covered with many and various receipted bills from shops, hotels and so on. They really form quite interesting reading, and convincingly show that though great singers can command high salaries, on the other hand their expenses are immense.

The best advertising that Red Rose Tea gets is from the people who drink it. If you are not using it, ask the opinion of some friend, or better still buy a half pound packet and prove it for yourself.

The new King of Italy is an enthusiastic collector of coins, and he has no fewer than twenty thousand rare specimens—a collection which is considered by those who understand to be the finest in Europe. His Majesty has written an account of his own collection and the history of each coin, as well as a guide for those who are interested in such matters.

In the morning when you order your groceries just include a package of Red Rose Tea. It is a Tea which has suited a good many people who previously and difficulty in getting a good Tea.

What nice people there must be in Luxembourg! Fruit trees, principally apples, pears, plums, and cherries, are allowed to grow, flourish and bear fruit along the public roads. This year the crop, when sold by auction, fetched \$10,000. The number of trees is over thirteen thousand. The Luxembourg plan might well be adopted in Canada.

Tennant, Davies & Clarke.

Dress Goods Department.

Black Lustres, Black Serges, Black Crepons, Navy, Brown and Grey Serges. A large variety of Colored and Fancy Dress Goods for skirting and Costumes.

Ready-made Costumes, and Ready-made Jackets, with material to make skirts.

TENNANT DAVIES CLARKE

Agents for New Idea Patterns, 15cts Each.

IF you want the news of the world written and pictured, the finest art and the best literature, then you must read

COLLIER'S WEEKLY

America's Foremost Illustrated Journal

Hall Caine's latest and greatest novel 'The Eternal City' begins soon. Send for free copy of the opening chapters.

COLLIER'S WEEKLY, 555 West Thirteenth Street New York City.

WINTER FOOTWEAR

We have an excellent variety of footwear for this season in Overboots, Moccasins, Wool Lined Rubbers, Gaiters, Leggings, Skating Boots, Etc.

Gents' Fancy Slippers, Ladies' Kid Slippers, Misses' and Children's Shoes and Slippers.

These articles would make a very substantial Christmas gift to your friends. Call and see them.

A. LOTTIMER.