

Christmas Gifts.

The editor, who is also pastor of the Brussels St. Baptist Church, desires to mention the kindness of the members of his flock who visited his home on the 14th inst., and left him Christmas gifts amounting to some \$150. The ladies provided a splendid supper to all who came, and Deacon H. D. Mott read an appreciative address to the pastor and his wife. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and adds another link to the chain binding us together in Christian work. For months a quiet work of grace has been in progress, and the baptismal waters have been often visited.

Notes.

The Religious Intelligencer, which has from its first number been published in St. John, is to be removed at the beginning of the year to Fredericton. We wish our contemporary success in the proposed change. The Intelligencer is a wide awake paper, and especially vigilant in moral reform, and every family it visits finds it a helper in every good work.

A very pleasant feature of the closing exercises in the Public schools in this city was the awarding of prizes for essays on "The Nature of Alcohol, and its effects on the human brain and system," presented by the ladies of the W. C. T. Union. A large number competed, and the papers were of considerable merit. Our temperance friends are beginning right in this matter. Create such a sentiment in the young that the next generation will not have to be won from intemperate habits.

Rev. F. Tucker, B. A., of London, England, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Charles Spurgeon, of Fredericton, died on the 3rd instant. He was a man of lovable spirit, and many years the pastor of Camden Road chapel, in a fashionable London suburb.

Rev. Dr. Trestrail, our grand old Baptist Father in England, who knows about as much about Ireland as any man, is so impressed with the idea of her wrongs that he does not hesitate to speak at political meetings and cast all the weight of his great influence as well as his vote for Gladstone.

Personals.

Rev. G. E. Good, A. M., reports progress at St. George. Has baptized two recently, and has settled down to hard work for the Master.

Rev. J. A. Cahill has returned to his pastorate at Carleton much improved in health, a result in which a host of friends will be interested.

Literary Notes.

Pocket Lessons for Sunday Schools; being the full text of the International Lessons for 1887—Scripture only, with Maps, Memory Verses and Golden Texts. Chicago: H. R. Clissold. P. O. Address—Morgan Park. Price—cloth covers, 10 cts.; Tough Card, 5 cts. 68 pp. 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches.—This little book is a handy arrangement of the next year's Sunday school Lessons—designed to be a pocket-companion all the year round.

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As an exponent of what is freshest and of most importance in matters pertaining to the Old Testament, we commend The Old Testament Student. The December number is just at hand, and will be especially welcome to students of the Bible who are looking for aids to the study of Genesis.

We have just received from the Grip Printing and Publishing Co., of Toronto, a copy of their celebrated Canadian Comic Almanac for 1887. It more than keeps up the reputation of this Annual, which has now reached its eighth year,—the great variety of the illustrations, and the first class character of the humorous matter

making it a decidedly attractive book. Everybody will want it; and its price will not be an obstacle. Though eight pages of matter have been added, it still sells at 10 cents, and may be had from the publishers or at the bookstores.

Now is the time to subscribe for Sunday school papers. The Youth's Visitor and Gem may be ordered of the publisher, Rev. J. E. Hopper, St. John, or the Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

Girard College

By the terms of Girard's will, no clergyman or missionary is permitted to enter the gates of the college enclosure, yet the moral and religious training of the boys is carefully looked after. Each morning and afternoon, they meet in their elegant and spacious chapel to hear the Scriptures read, and to sing the hymns sung everywhere by the Christian Church. The Sunday services are conducted by Christian laymen, chosen from the different denominations, and eminent for their zeal for the Master. Baptists were ably represented last Sunday by Mr. B. F. Dennison, who is frequently called upon to address the boys.

The speakers are always sure of a good audience, for the weather hinders very few of the eleven hundred lads from attending chapel services. The many bright young faces are a real inspiration.

The discipline of the college is almost perfect, as shown in the military precision with which the boys enter the chapel, and in the perfect order maintained throughout the exercises. During prayer, every head is reverently bowed.

Eleven hundred boys have an immense reserve of fun, to say nothing of natural imperfections, yet, the strictest discipline is maintained through moral suasion and deprivation of privileges. In extreme cases only corporal punishment is inflicted.

Two of the graduates of Girard College have this year applied to the Pennsylvania Baptist Education Society for aid. Others have been previously aided and are now actively engaged as pastors. While we are praying that God will raise up more workers in the kingdom, let us remember the eleven hundred bright boys who are now enjoying the benevolence of Stephen Girard.—National Baptist.

One Who Loves Little Girls.

A little Mohammedan girl said, "I like you Jesus because he loves little girls, our Mohammed did not love little girls."

As the heathen woman thought that the author of the New Testament must have been a woman, because it said so many kind things of those who were only mentioned with scorn in the heathen Shasters, so this little girl had seen enough to show her the difference between the religion of Mohammed and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Consider what Christ has done for the children. Every Christmas bell that rings, every Christmas gift that gladden, is but the manifestation of the Spirit of peace on earth and good will to men which the Lord Jesus brought into this world. What has heathenism to take the place of the Gospel of Christ? Hideous rites, horrible ceremonies, blood and cruel observances, but little of peace, of joy, or of blessing.

In India there are thousands of little child-widows, not more than ten or twelve years old, whose life is to be a scene of misery, suffering, privation and abuse, which only ends in the grave. Thank God, the Gospel of Christ, who loves little girls, has gone into the dark corners of the earth, and wherever it goes it carries brightness and blessing on its wings. Let us pray that it may run and be glorified, and that many souls may be saved, and that all little girls may learn to know the Christ who loves them, and who died to save them.—Little Christians.

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