

CURED BY PRAYER.

Miraculous Healing of a Young Lady—Her Own Narrative of the Remarkable Affair.

(New York World.)

Enough people to fill the Methodist church at the corner of First place and Clinton street, in Brooklyn, assembled there last evening to listen to a narration of the miraculous cure of Miss Jennie Smith from the lips of that lady. Miss Smith is apparently of middle age, and wore last night a black dress with a pretty little bonnet to match. She was pale, her eyes were brimful of tears, and she declared in the course of her remarks that she was rather emotional. "I suppose," she began, "that people will think I do nothing but tell the story of my cure, but I am prepared to let the Lord take care of that. One day I was prostrated. It lasted six months and then I got better. Then I was taken down again, and it lasted eighteen months. The third time I was prostrated I was prostrated very bad. There would be times when I was unconscious and times when I would be speechless. There was an inclination in me to murmur, but my religious experience had been deep, and while I was sometimes in the valley, at other times I was on the mountain tops. Twenty-six persons are in their graves today who visited me while I was confined to my bed, and nine of the physicians who attended me have gone to their everlasting rest. And so it went on, and I was carried to a camp-meeting and a dear brother came to my couch and said I must consult a Philadelphia doctor. But there was small-pox there, so I couldn't go, and I went to the lake shore, not being able to go to the sea shore, which is better. So when I got there I met some people who, knowing that I had had wonderful answers to prayer—which I have—asked me why I didn't ask for complete restoration. But my faith was not then complete. I can't lead you up, my dear friends, to all that followed, but God made it very clear that He was trying me and testing me. So when I got to Philadelphia I went to a hospital, and I was very poorly. I couldn't raise my head and my right limb was bad. It was a struggle between faith and rebellion, but after a time I seemed to get a glimpse of heaven and won the victory. Every day had definite spiritual blessings. At last I wrote several notes to various ministers of the gospel asking them to be present on a certain Tuesday evening. After I had written them and given them to a messenger, I felt as if I had done something wicked, and stretched out my hand to strike the bell and recall the messenger, but God gave me a pain in the arm and prevented my doing so and the ministers came, and time went along till it came 11 o'clock and suddenly there came a baptism of strength. I felt it strike me on the top of my head and pass down to my feet. They were all godly men who surrounded me and they will bear witness that they saw the strength go into me. And then for the first time in sixteen years I rose to my feet and, walking ten or twelve paces, sank down into an arm-chair. After a time they picked me up and bore me to a bed and brought me a glass of milk and I steadily gained strength until I reached my present state of health, and this, too, after I had exhausted three schools of medicine."

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MOVEMENT.

Hon. Mr. Mowat Favors the Views of the Ladies. A deputation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union waited upon the Attorney-General at the Parliamentary buildings yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, in reference to the agitation to keep open the places for the sale of intoxicating liquors till 11 o'clock on Saturday evenings. The deputation was introduced to the Attorney-General by Dr. McLaughlin, of Bowmanville, M. P. P. Mrs. Harvey presented the following petitions, the signatures to which had been obtained by the Women's Christian Temperance Unions in the various towns in response to a request from the unions in Toronto in one month: From Hamilton, bearing 1,400 signatures; from London, 1,764; from Brantford, including the villages of Cainesville and Mount Vernon, 1,990; St. Catharines, 1,562; Chatham, 1,080; Collingwood, 461; Newmarket, 464; Belleville, 258; Welland, 528; Thorold, 811; Cooksville (south township) and the village of Irlington. Mrs. Judge Jones also presented a petition from the Council of Brantford, deprecating any change in the early closing law. Mrs. Harvey read a petition from Toronto, bearing 5,200 signatures, which also opposed the views of the licensed victuallers. She asked the Attorney-General to give them his hearty support. The Attorney-General replied that he would have great pleasure in acceding to their request. He did not know when he had a more agreeable duty to perform, as he entirely sympathized with the objects the deputation sought to attain in endeavoring to lessen the evils arising from drink. He had always been of opinion that the closing of bars on Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock was a valuable provision of law, and whilst it was his duty to listen to the supporters of each side of the question, he had never heard anything to induce him to alter his views, which were concurred in by his colleagues. There had been a great deal written and said to make them believe that the early closing of the bars was not the popular sentiment, but he was of a different opinion. He hoped the object of the petitioners would be attained, and that year by year they would see less intemperance in the land. He then thanked the deputation and withdrew. The ladies state that if they had had time they would have secured ten times the number of signatures to the petitions.

An Ottawa correspondent telegraphs: Sir Leonard Tilley's announcement of his intention of retiring from public life at the dissolution of the present Parliament is the subject of general conversation, as it is taken to hint first, that all hope of carrying his province has been abandoned, and secondly, that Sir Charles Tupper succeeds Sir John as leader. The London papers state that Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull, the American writer and lecturer, will shortly be married to the scion of a noble house. The ceremony will take place in London.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Canadian. THURSDAY, Jan. 20. William Jenkins, a brakeman on the Grand Junction, was seriously crushed while coupling cars at Belleville yesterday. The Irishmen of Ottawa are going to hold a meeting on Friday evening next in support of the Land League movement in Ireland. Joseph Wayper, of Arthur, has bought out the good-will and business of James Broderick, hotel-keeper at the Great Western station in Guelph, and takes possession next week. A man named G. Chaplin, a vagrant, was found yesterday morning in Montreal, in an unconscious state from frost bites and a severe beating. He had fallen or been thrown over the revetment wall, some five or six feet, and his arm was broken. The Dominion Government have purchased a seventy-acre farm on the Cole Harbor road, Dartmouth, N. S., from the estate of the late W. A. Johnson, for the use of the Indians in that district. Several families have already encamped there, and others will follow. On Tuesday afternoon smoke was seen issuing from Mr. Thomas Hayden's residence on Cavan street, Port Hope. The firemen were quickly on the spot, and soon extinguished the flames. Loss about \$400; no insurance. The fire was caused by children playing with matches. A poor old man about 77 years of age named John Beeberich, was found dead yesterday afternoon at Formosa, probably from apoplexy. He lived alone there in a little shanty, and was last seen alive on Tuesday night. He was found by a little boy who was taking him some food. On Tuesday night Mr. William Park, grocer, of Mount Hope, Richmond street, London, left his cutter outside, and sometime during the night some person unknown took the cutter away a short distance from the house and with an axe chopped it completely into kindling wood; nothing was left but the iron work. James Coyle, a farmer, while driving to his home at Frampton, a day or two ago, was accidentally killed on the Levis & Kennebec railway. He fell asleep in his vehicle and his horse took the track, falling into a culvert. While endeavoring to disengage him a train came suddenly upon him, the cow-catcher striking him in the abdomen and causing some of his intestines to protrude. He was placed on the cars and conveyed to St. Joseph's, living until arrived there and had received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and absolved the company's officials from all blame in the matter. FRIDAY, Jan. 21. It is said that there is little likelihood of the Provincial Exhibition being held at London this year. Their Lordships Justice Cameron and Justice Osler will preside at the trial of the Biddulph prisoners next week. The town hall of Langton, owned by John Steinhoff, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. Richmond Bookus, of Mystic, Que., a very respectable farmer of sober habits, hung himself in his barn on Wednesday night. The cause is as yet unknown. A London despatch says that Mr. R. A. Townsend, formerly of Petrolia, is returning with a staff of drillers and operators to prospect for oil in British Burmah. A row occurred at a wake on Buckers Flats, near London, the other night between two men named John Murphy and Matthew Shea, the former of whom was fined \$10. Miss Jennie Frazer, 14 years old, was rescued from the canal waters at Montreal on Wednesday by Mr. McMaras, of the Grand Trunk. She had broken through the ice, and her immersion has made her seriously ill. A man, 86 years old, was found lying on the country road near Longueuil, Que., late on Wednesday night, frozen badly, and was taken care of by a resident named F. Lepego. The old man had walked nearly twenty miles. A young man named Fraser, at St. George, N. B., was driving in a hay rack with a loaded gun, with its muzzle pointing towards him, when the gun went off and part of the contents lodged in his face and head. He was not killed. A smash-up occurred on the Grand Trunk railway at Granton yesterday morning. Five freight cars were badly damaged, four laden with grain and one with pork. The track was not cleared till 3.30 p. m. A broken wheel caused the accident. At the Carleton (N. B.) Municipal Council a resolution was passed directing the warden and secretary-treasurer to memorialize the Dominion Government to enact that fines collected under the Canada Temperance Act be paid into the county where collected, instead of being handed over to the Receiver-General. The plumbers of Montreal are forming an association to conform to the corporation by-laws and regulations as to the manner of doing work, and the corporation of Montreal on its part agrees to appoint them "authorized plumbers," and publish them as such. The public expects to be better served by this movement and the city's regulations. SATURDAY, Jan. 22. Joseph Stado, of Montreal, in a fit of despondency last night took a heavy dose of laudanum, and then made his way to the hospital to get cured. His recovery is doubtful. The family of Robert Clark, of London, were taken ill on Wednesday night, with symptoms of poisoning. Medical attendance was called, and they recovered next day. The poisoning is said to have resulted from some substance in a package of baking powder. Lauchlin Matheson, a farmer in the vicinity of Inverhuron, was found dead in the bush on Thursday morning. The deceased was subject to taking fits, and it is thought probable that he was suffocated in the snow during one of them, as when found he was almost entirely buried in the snow. At Colborne Harbor on Thursday a man named Thomas Maxwell was chopping a tree in the woods, when he was struck by a

falling branch which stunned him. After lying there for about sixteen hours he was found by his friends nearly dead. He died in a few hours afterwards. John Jones, a respectable looking stranger, fell and broke his leg last evening on St. Joseph street, Montreal. He was intoxicated and endeavored to stand on the broken member until it became so badly fractured as to render the necessity of amputation a strong probability. A man named Evlesby was taken by train on Wednesday night from Emerson to Winnipeg with both his feet badly frozen. It happened through exposure when driving out during the late cold spell beyond West Lynne. His feet were bandaged up, and it is thought they will have to be amputated. He was removed from the train to the hospital. A country dealer went to Montreal on Thursday for the purpose of compromising with his creditors, to whom he owed \$1,200. He offered 25c. on the dollar, but one of his creditors, who was rather wide awake, took out proceedings and had the debtor arrested, whereupon he pulled out \$1,400 and settled his liabilities in full. The country-man thought the insolvent law was still in force. European. THURSDAY, Jan. 20. Duncan McLaren, Liberal member of Parliament for Edinburgh city, has resigned. A company has been formed for the purpose of establishing a line of steamers for the transportation of cattle from America. Capital £500,000. Truth says the marriage of Baroness Burdett-Coutts with Mr. Ashmead Bartlett takes place next week at her own residence by special license. The Scottish Heritable Security Company, a land mortgage company, has suspended. The capital and assets are £1,000,000; its liabilities are not reported. The marriage of Leopold de Rothschild, youngest son of the late Baron Lionel de Rothschild, and Miss Perugia, of Trieste, took place yesterday at the Portland street Synagogue, London. The Prince of Wales, Lord and Lady Rosebery, and other persons of rank were present. The election for a member of the Commons for Wigan to fill the vacancy caused by Lord Lindsay's succession to the peerage upon the death of Earl Crawford resulted in the election of Mr. Powell (Conservative) by 3,005 votes. John Lancaster (Liberal) received 2,536 votes. This leaves the representation of the constituency politically unchanged. FRIDAY, Jan. 21. One of the mines at Red Ruth, Cornwall, was suddenly flooded yesterday. Eight persons were drowned. The Kurdish Chief Sheikh Sadyk has offered to furnish the Porte 5,000 cavalry in the event of war with Greece. Military preparations are still going on in Greece. The Minister of War has sent in his resignation, but it was not accepted. Six thousand and eighty-two persons signed Harting's address to the English people with regard to the independence of the Transvaal. A boiler exploded on Wednesday night at Graham's woolen factory, at Dewsbury, England. The building was levelled to the ground. Eleven persons were instantly killed and sixteen seriously injured. The 800,000,000 francs worth of redeemable 3 per cent. rentes, to complete the French military material and great public works, will not be issued until July next, and it may not be indispensable to issue them then even. It is reported at St. Petersburg that very disturbing news has been received from official sources, to the effect that great military preparations are being made in Chinese Manchuria, in the direction of the Siberian frontier. The Bolton cotton masters, who own nearly three-fourths of the spindles of that place, will close their mills if the demand of the operatives for an advance of wages is not withdrawn before the end of next week. The dispute affects 15,000 operatives. The Blackburn masters have also refused to grant an advance. American. THURSDAY, Jan. 20. Last Sunday the Rev. Wm. Gapp, late treasurer of Andrew county, Ill., left home unceremoniously. It is said that his accounts as treasurer are \$4,000 or more short. Mr. Gapp was a minister of the Methodist Church in Chicago, and no man in that vicinity stood higher as a minister and gentleman. Bessie, aged 22, daughter of Wm. Werts, living near Prosperity, S. C., was outraged and murdered on Monday evening, going from her brother's house to her home. Spearman and Fair (negroes) confessed to having murdered her. Last night a large crowd took them out of jail. Spearman was shot and killed. Fair escaped, but was recaptured and hanged by whites and blacks. Miss Werts was a beautiful and excellent woman. George Dussel, of New York, aged 24, fell madly in love with Mrs. Emily Rever, aged 25, who has been separated from her husband for sometime. Mrs. Rever repelled his advances. Last night Dussel entered the house and threw a quantity of vitriol in Mrs. Rever's face, and also into the faces of her brother and his wife, who came to her assistance. All three are disfigured for life. Mrs. Rever may lose her sight. Dussel escaped. The British steamer Nicosign is in New York from Newcastle after a voyage of twenty-four days. She encountered a terrific gale on January 3rd, which continued seven days. The seas broke in over the ship and swept everything before them. The crew suffered greatly. On the fourth day of the severe weather several heavy seas were shipped, which carried overboard two of the lifeboats, tore away the rails, and did other damage. The Renpor, from Gibraltar December 22nd, also had a terrible voyage. The seas broke over her with great fury. Everything movable was washed from the decks and two of the crew were seriously injured. FRIDAY, Jan. 21. W. H. Westewelt, sentenced at Philadelphia to seven years in penitentiary in 1875 for complicity in the abduction of Charlie Ross, was released yesterday under the operation of the commutation laws. Dr. Brown-Seward, jun., dentist, living at Cold Springs, N. Y., has been arrested on the charge of stealing a valuable Mal-

tese cat from Patrick Kelly. Kelly says the doctor took the cat away on Monday in a joke, but failed to return it. The doctor is a son of the noted physician of the same name. There have been great floods in Oregon and Washington territory. A very warm rain fell in torrents for over thirty hours, melting the large quantities of snow which had fallen early in the winter and swelling the rivers to an unusual height. The lowlands were inundated for miles, bridges were swept away, wharves and warehouses flooded and railroads washed out. The damage to property in Portland is very great. The lower stories of dwellings and several large docks were flooded, destroying a large quantity of grain which could not be removed in time. The loss is probably \$500,000. Miscellaneous. A telegram from Valparaiso reports that a great battle has been fought near Charillos, nine miles south of Lima. The Peruvians were defeated and driven from their position with a heavy loss. The Chilians hold Charillos. The United States Government recently landed 2,300 tons of coal at Pago-Pago, one of the Samoan Islands, for the use of the United States navy. No opposition was shown. THE CHILI-PERU WAR. Crushing Defeat of the Peruvians—Terrible Butchery on Both Sides—Lima Occupied by the Chilians. BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 21.—The Chilians attacked and completely defeated the Peruvian army at Miraflores. General Pierola, president of Peru and chief of the army, fled. The Chilians occupied Lima without resistance on the 17th inst. Pierola's brother and the Peruvian Minister of War were taken prisoners. The Peruvian loss in the battle at Charillas was 7,000 killed and 2,000 prisoners. Twenty-five thousand Peruvians were engaged in the battle of Miraflores. The Chilian loss in both battles was heavy. The diplomatic body in Lima urge an armistice, and ask that the person of Pierola be respected. Sothorn's Last Illness. LONDON, Jan. 22.—The sudden death of Mr. Sothorn was not generally known among his friends in London till yesterday afternoon, though his death occurred about 6 o'clock on Thursday. He had been living in London at the apartments of his sister, Mrs. Cowan, at the corner of Oxford and Vere streets. Two weeks ago he left London for Bournemouth, returning to town a few days ago. He had been under the care of Sir William Jenner and Sir James Paget since his first arrival in London, and was only able to see his most intimate friends. Mr. Edwin Booth called a few days ago and paid him a long visit. Mr. Dion Bouicault and other old friends were frequent visitors. His malady was of a very complicated nature. He had been a great sufferer from a cancerous affection for a year past. A month ago Sir James Paget called in the assistance of Sir William Jenner to discuss the chances of a delicate operation. Sir William Jenner, however, pronounced against it, saying that a cure was impossible and the operation would only give unnecessary torture. Since Mr. Sothorn's return to London the physicians have been in constant attendance. On Thursday morning the end was seen to be not far off. His entire system collapsed, and he gradually sank all day until just at twilight he quietly passed away, the only people present being his sister and a servant. It is estimated that his personal estate is not over forty thousand. New Method of Preventing Fraud in Cheques. Our English exchanges report that a new method of preventing the fraudulent alteration of cheques has been patented by a Mr. A. A. Nesbit. The method is favorably spoken of in the Chemical News. Mr. Nesbit points out that in order to remove writing ink either slightly acid or alkaline solutions must be used. He proposes, therefore, to tint cheques with a dye which is affected by both acids and alkalis, but which takes one color in the former and another in the latter. He would then print upon the document partly in an acid and partly in an alkaline ink, so that the characters, lines, designs, etc., would be apparent only in virtue of their respective alkalinity or acidity. If a forger moistened such a document with a dilute acid, in order to discharge any part of the writing, the color would take the acid tint, and the acid words, lines or design would disappear; and if the cheque was then placed in an alkaline solution the whole would become alkaline, and the lost words, lines or design would not be restored, as their visibility depended upon their distinct acidity. If an alkaline solution was first applied the printing would still disappear, and could not be restored by the subsequent application of an acid. Paupers Treated as Criminals. LONDON, Jan. 26.—Complaints are being made regarding the delays in transferring insane persons from the jail to the asylum near the city. Cases have been known where a patient has been detained in jail for nine months after the examination into his or her sanity had taken place, and sometimes a cure has, to all appearances, been affected before the removal takes place. The case of Mrs. Eliza Langton, of Strathroy, is mentioned as an example. She was pronounced insane and remanded to jail, but had recovered before the bailiff from Toronto came to remove her to the asylum. She had to go there all the same, and after a short time was discharged as cured. The delay is said to be caused in Toronto, as the regulations at present in force require a man to be sent from there to do all the moving of patients. Mr. Neale, potato merchant, Bristol, has received two letters threatening him with death if he does not discharge the Irishmen and women in his employ. Mr. Neale offers a reward of £20 for the conviction of the writer or sender, adding that a thousand such letters will not prevent him from employing whom he chooses. —An exchange says: "The only kind of cake children don't cry after is a cake of soap." Hew about stoma cake? There are five ministers in the Spurgeon family—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, his father, brother and two sons.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

A Farmer Kills His Wife and then Suicides.

Howell, Mich., Jan. 21.—A terrible tragedy happened here last night. Wm. Van Blaricom, a farmer in Genoa, five miles from here, has not lived happily with his wife, who left him and went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Sweet, near by. Blaricom visited her yesterday morning and persuaded her to return home, when hot words followed, and it is supposed that he first shot his wife and then himself. The deed was not discovered until about 4 p. m., when a neighbor called at the house. On finding it closed, her suspicions were aroused, and she proceeded to inform her husband, who, with a Mr. Rider, and a pedlar named Seymour, proceeded to Van Blaricom's house, and made a forcible entrance. Entering the house a sickening sight met their gaze. On the floor, in the front room, lay the body of Mrs. Van Blaricom, with a bullet hole in her breast, two inches below the right nipple; and beside her lay her unconscious husband gasping for breath, with a 32-calibre revolver near him, all five of the chambers empty. Her husband has been a passionate man, much addicted to drink, and has been known to threaten his wife. He was not, however, under the influence of liquor at the time of the tragedy.

A TERRIBLE WARNING.

Two Girls Killed in a Conning Accident in Ashland.

The Pottsville Chronicle says: On Sunday afternoon a party of young people were engaged in coasting at "the shanties," between Centralia and Ashland. Among them was a set composed of three or four girls and a young man, who had a large sled. Everything was jollity and pleasure for a while, but it ended very seriously at last, and the sport came to an end with the death of one of the girls and fatal injuries to another. The accident occurred in this way: The party had started down the hill, with the young man steering. Seeing a sleigh drawn by a horse coming up the hill, and fearing he could not pass it safely, the young man jumped off, expecting his fair companions to do likewise. They were so terrified as to be powerless to move, and the sled flew along over the ice and snow at a terrific speed, stopping only at a telegraph pole at the foot of the hill, which it struck with terrible force. One of the girls, Miss Carduff, was thrown so violently against the pole that the top of her skull was crushed in and her death caused instantly; another of the girls, Honora Doherty, was also hurled against the pole and sustained internal injuries, from which she died on Monday. Both were young ladies of excellent parentage, just blossoming into beautiful womanhood, and their sad deaths have thrown a pall of sorrow over the community in which they lived.

BEFORE GEOK-TEPE.

Another Engagement Between the Turcomans and Russians.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—Skobelev telegraphs that on the night of the 11th an immense force of Turcomans made a sortie upon the front and flanks in the siege works. Another body attacked the camp on both flanks and in the rear. A hand-to-hand fight ensued until after midnight. The Turcomans were ultimately repulsed from the camp and from the front and right flank of the siege works, but on the left flank they captured a redoubt from a company of Transcaspian troops, who lost their commander, 39 men killed and 41 wounded. The Turcomans here captured two mountain guns, all the gunners being killed at their posts. The Russian reserve recaptured the redoubt and one of the guns, but the Turcomans dragged away the other gun, which was, however, previously rendered useless. The enemy retreated with great loss to within a short distance of the fortress. The total Russian loss was one officer and 52 men killed, and five officers and 96 men wounded. The siege works were completed during the night, and the Russian mortars threw shells into the interior of the place. Next day the Russian camp was advanced to the first parallel. The siege is still proceeding.

STRANGE BREAK.

Attempt to Shoot a Bank Manager by a Lady.

Baltimore, Jan. 18.—Wesley Ricketts, a wealthy shipping merchant, made deposits at the Mechanics' National Bank subject to his own or daughter's cheque. On Monday Ricketts drew out so much that yesterday there was not sufficient to pay a large cheque presented by his daughter. When payment was refused she declared that her family had been disgraced, and fired a shot at the president of the bank. After a desperate struggle, in which her elegant costume was torn to shreds, she was placed in a carriage and taken home. It is alleged that she has become insane over the matter.

SAD DESTITUTION.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—A poor widow named Quintal and her family, consisting of five persons, were reported to-day to be in a pitiful state of destitution at No. 443 Montcalm street. Mr. Lauzon, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, found the family in a semi-nude condition, all suffering from cold and hunger, no food having been eaten by them for two days. There was no fire nor provisions in the house, and but little bed-clothing. The two youngest children, 8 and 10 years of age respectively, were removed to the Notre Dame hospital, and the two eldest were left with the mother, who was dying from inflammation of the lungs. She expired, and the children were removed to the Hotel Dieu. All were suffering from inflammation of the lungs, brought on by the cold, as they had no stockings on their feet. Their privations have almost made them crazy. Dr. Leblanc attended to the mother, and saw that the children were properly clothed and fed. The Scottish Liberation Society has resolved that now is the time to press the matter of disestablishment in Scotland, and that the subject should be introduced into the present Parliament. The Duke of Northumberland intends to introduce the electric light at Alnwick Castle, and if successful it will no doubt be used in other English houses.