

THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA.

Seventy English farmers arrived in Winnipeg on Monday to settle in Manitoba.

The hay crop in New Brunswick is magnificent and is being secured in prime condition.

It is stated that the Quebec Legislature will be summoned to meet on the 28th September.

Canadian eggs properly packed bring the highest price in the English market, viz. 8s. per 10 dozen.

The apple crop in Prince Edward county is abundant, and it is estimated that 250,000 barrels will be marketed this year.

The Minister of Agriculture for Ontario has purchased a number of Dorset horn sheep in England to bring to this country.

Another party of Jewish refugees from Russia, numbering one hundred, arrived in Montreal on Tuesday by the steamship Sarnia.

The Immigration Department of Manitoba are sending out agents to various parts of the province to obtain agricultural exhibits for Eastern fairs.

The first train from Calgary to Edmonton under the Canadian Pacific railway management left Tuesday morning. The McLeod extension is now being graded.

A cablegram from London says that the slaughtering of United States cattle at Three Rivers is likely to cause Canadian cattle in Great Britain to be less highly thought of.

An application has been made to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for several thousand copies of their new pamphlet, entitled "The New Highway to the Orient," for use in the public schools of Great Britain and Ireland.

Dr. McEachern, Dominion veterinary officer, was married on Monday in Montreal to Miss Margaret, daughter of the late Sir Hugh Allan.

It is reported that four white men, while returning to Victoria, B. C., from the gold mines, were drowned by the capsizing of their canoe in the River Skena.

The late Lieut. Col. Bedson had endorsed a note for Hon. Thomas Howard, and at Winnipeg the other day his effects were sold to satisfy the debt thus contracted.

The Victoria (B.C.) Telegram says that a party of observation will be sent out this season to obtain information as to the Alaska boundary, with the view to an adjustment of the question.

There was a loss of 121 head of cattle on the tramp steamer Loch Lomond, from Montreal to Aberdeen, the largest loss of cattle on any one ship from Montreal that has ever occurred.

A. F. Moore of Moore's Station, Que., died in the Montreal General Hospital on Friday from a wound caused by the accidental discharge of his gun while he was driving along a rough road.

The Macdonald Memorial Committee of Kingston, will require one hundred thousand dollars to carry out their scheme. The monument is intended to resemble the Albert memorial in London, England.

Sir Donald Smith, who returned to Montreal on Monday from England, speaking of the rumours regarding the amalgamation of the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific railways, said that such a thing had never been even thought of.

A letter has been received at Victoria, B. C., from Sir George Baden Powell, British sealing commissioner. Writing from Pribiloff islands, under date 5th August, he says: "We have inspected all the rookeries on the Pribiloff islands. Fifty schooners have been warned and several arrested."

The Moncton, N. B., Times gives the following:—In 1887 Nova Scotia built 87 vessels, 12,300 tons. In 1888 Nova Scotia built 116 vessels, 12,900 tons. In 1889 Nova Scotia built 106 vessels, 16,645 tons. In 1890 Nova Scotia built 148 vessels, 33,746 tons. Some of the vessels lately turned out of Nova Scotia yards are among the largest and finest wooden ships afloat.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Messrs. Dillon and Parnell are having a bitter newspaper war.

Right Hon. John Inglis, LL. D., Lord Justice General, died in England last week.

If Prince Albert had lived until Tuesday he would have been 72 years old, the same age as the Queen.

Crop prospects in England are poor. From Westmoreland and Leeds reports of grain destroyed have been received.

The Pall Mall Gazette says the Prince of Wales is taking great interest in the case of the persecuted Jews in Russia, and in the condition of the emigrants who are coming to England. He has given much assistance to the Anglo-Jewish committees.

Mr. Gladstone averages about a thousand dollars pay for every newspaper or magazine article he writes.

Right Hon. Henry Cecil Raikes, the English Postmaster-General, died last week. He was 53 years of age.

Patrick Galley, a noted character of Belfast, has been fined 40 shillings for hailing a constable as "Balfour's minion."

In a Welsh coal mine a frightful explosion took place on Monday. Many miners were killed.

Over two thousand persons attended the ball given on Friday by the English naval officers at Portsmouth to the officers of the visiting French fleet.

Liverpool is to have the first elevated railroad in England. It is to be run parallel with the road along the docks for 6½ miles, with a station at every half mile or less. Electricity will be the motive power.

The British Government has signed an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company providing for the transportation of troops via Halifax and Vancouver Island in the event of war in India should the Suez Canal become blocked.

UNITED STATES.

Fifteen thousand acres of grain were laid low by a hailstorm in Minnesota on Monday.

A mountain of coal in Wild Horse Valley, Wyo., has been burning for more than thirty years.

"Old Hutch" is credited with having made \$600,000 on the recent rise in wheat at Chicago.

The convention of the Irish National League of America will be held in Chicago next month, instead of in Baltimore, as at first arranged.

Frederick K. Rindge, of Cambridge, Mass., has within the last three years given to charitable, religious, and municipal institutions more than \$3,000,000. He inherited his money.

Miss Susan M. Dunklee has just resigned the trusteeship of the Newton (Mass.) Bank, a position which she has filled for seventeen years without once having to justify herself before the board for errors.

Mrs. Anna Gosowski and Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, of Buffalo, suicided in Buffalo jail on Sunday within an hour. Hanging was the method, and bed sheets torn into ropes and tied to overhead water pipes furnished the facilities.

A bulletin issued by the census department at Washington gives the assessed value of all property in the United States as \$24,249,589,804 in 1890, an increase since 1880 of \$7,346,596,261. The absolute wealth of the United States is computed to be \$62,610,000,000, or \$1,000 per capita.

IN GENERAL.

The Empress Frederick of Germany is colonel of the Second Guard Hussars of Berlin.

Latest advices from Martinique say that 340 persons perished in the recent hurricane.

The steamship Teutonic has beaten the ocean record. Time—5 days 16 hours 31 minutes.

The fight between President Balmaceda's forces and the insurgents in Chili has lasted three days. The killed and injured on both sides are said to number 3,000.

Owing to the support the Pope has given to Cardinal Lavigierie in his democratic propaganda of sympathy with the French Republic, the Comte de Paris has stopped the payment of his regular contribution to the Papal treasury.

The Berlin Tagblatt says England's interest lies on the side of Germany, as should France and Russia defeat the Dreibund, the immediate consequence would be the expulsion of England from Egypt.

The Teachings of Christ.

BY EMMA CURTIS HOPKINS.

There is always, amid the formal sectarianism of the most formal and sectarian body of people, one who is "a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus." That is, by reason of his being called upon to teach and being in some way a leader among his colleagues, he has found himself unconsciously concluding that there are finer meanings and deeper intentions in religious precepts than he has been taught.

Mind always puts out tendrils and lays hold on new meanings if it is not willfully set to prejudice. The mind that makes God its theme will sooner or later meditate much on Jesus Christ, unless it is the mind of one determined to gratify bodily passions. Jesus Christ draws the mind that thinks on God as a magnet draws a steel filing. "No man cometh unto me save the father that is in me draw him." We are drawn to those who have a quality akin to something within ourselves. So Nicodemus was drawn to Jesus.

There is some great idea that your mind has been meditating upon, some principle not definitely understood by you, but which it is possible for you to understand perfectly. You ought to get acquainted with that idea. You notice, don't you, that in all the pauses of the business or conversations of the day the vague but great idea comes up? So Nicodemus had for days been looking toward the idea of the power of faith as the prophets of the past had demonstrated it, and as the young man traveling about the country was demonstrating his principles. How did it happen that Elijah raised to life the Zarephath child, was fed by ravens, had such prophetic powers? How did Elisha raise the boy to life, heal the waters, cure leprosy? Was it not by the presence and working of the same God that he, Nicodemus, worshipped? Why should not this God work miracles now as in the old days? Surely God had never departed as the health of His people, the strength of their life, and the answer of their prayers, yet nothing was done as in days past. Why not?

May be the young Jesus was right. He would go and see. He had been a moralist, Nicodemus had, and taken pride in his morality. So he came to Jesus. High moral conduct, coupled with thoughts of God, is liable to strike the heat of goodness as Christ quality. Jesus Christ preached his most stupendous doctrines to audiences of one and two. He taught over and again not to despise the smallest circumstance or opportunity. "The situation that hath not its duty, its ideal, was never yet occupied by man. James Holmes found at Castlebar an audience of three to hear him where he had been publicly announced to preach. Instead of shutting his mouth, he opened it and preached so earnestly that one of the there, a young man, was converted, and was afterward called the "tongue of fire," because he was so fervent in spirit.

Jesus Christ waived the personal praise. He never received it from anybody who regarded His being among them as another man with just a few points of ability, perhaps, above the usual rabbi. Praise of His teaching He received. Praise principle, not person. Do right because it is right, not through fear of somebody or love of somebody. So He drove straight to the need of Nicodemus. "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." "Nicodemus, except a man look into the spirit only, utterly refusing to call any man of flesh, or any earthly circumstances, his environment as help or hindrance, he cannot set his home life, his health, his affairs, or his neighbor's health affairs into harmony."

How coarsely Nicodemus answered him. The mathematician responded to the entranced musician concerning the marvelous music. "Yes, it was wonderful to see the violinist move his elbow so many times in a minute." So "the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit, for they are foolishness unto him, and he can not know them, because they are spiritually discerned." But Jesus Christ understood the law of mind. He knew how to hold the concentrated attention of His hearer till he should understand that "Never the spirit was born, the spirit shall cease to be never; end and beginning are dreams." He knew that it must be by the recognition that all power whatsoever is of the spirit and not of intellect or physical force. "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit," The Rosetta stone to all miracle-working is that lesson on the

increase of loaves and fishes. The Rosetta Stone to this birth of water and spirit is the statement, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself."

Now, He never taught that we should deny the good in ourselves; certainly He meant that we should deny the evil. He told His hearers that it was His words of which He was speaking and the power of His words, so we know that the baptism of water of which He spoke to Nicodemus was the use of the washing words of denial, whereby the mind that has thought things not true is cleansed of its errors, as a body is cleansed by water.

There were certain errors or mistakes called profitless and nothingness and uselessness by Him, serving to hide the power of the spirit. To deny these errors is to call them by name and reject them. This is the water baptism this great metaphysician meant. Now Naaman's seven washings in Jordan were typical of the seven denials every mind must make to be cleansed of error. By looking them over we know exactly what errors to reject, what to eschew. The first washing we do must be the rejection of the belief in another power operating in the universe besides omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient goodness. There is no power of evil. This denial is the washing away of evil imaginations, so that we do not any more believe in the possibility of any cruelty or greed or crime coming nigh us forevermore. According to the law of mind action, we find that it sets the world free from evil also.

The second washing we must do is the speaking of the positive word of rejecting the belief in another substance than spirit. If God is omnipresent spirit, then indeed spirit is the only substance present anywhere; so the rejection of the supposition of the reality of matter is a necessary process. Matter has no reality, or, there is no matter. This word of denial has the effect of cleansing us from as much experience of the hindrance or burden of matter as the law of the word bring, spoken as an experiment or in faith. You certainly do find the hard tumor, the stiffened joint, or the heavy indolence grow less. This second washing is very, very efficient in making hard ways easy and heavy burdens light, exactly as the personified word of truth promised that it should.

The third washing word (remember that Jesus Christ was always teaching words and thoughts and states of mind by material terms), is the denial of our false notion that there is any life substance of intelligence in matter, for if there is no matter surely God is the only life, spirit the only substance, omniscience the only intelligence. An enchanting freedom comes with the third washing enjoined by Jesus Christ. The mind throws off the ugly nightmare of its third delusion by boldly announcing that there is no life, substance, or intelligence in matter. The heart rises with quickened hope. The friendship and beauty and goodness of living we see. The mind is clear to understand what is reasonable and right. Knowledge of truth is freedom. Gautama Buddha and Jesus Christ both said so and proved it.

Take the fourth washing boldly. Naaman hesitated and was petulant. We will press boldly forward for the mark of the high calling of regeneration which is the subject of this lesson. By this time you see that regeneration means giving your spirit perfect freedom. The fourth word of self-denial states that as matter is not a reality its sensations are fallacious. There are no sensations in matter. This word will cause pain to falter and fail; will cause sensual appetites to fall away. We have no taste, sight, or hearing but for spirit. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." "Feel after him."

The fifth washing is a severe one for some of us to take, but there is no escaping the metaphysical meanings of Jesus Christ. Sin, sickness, and death are delusions. This does not make a stealing or a slaying good, but announces that they are delusions, without power to hurt or hinder. The temptation to falsehood, the inclination to transgression, are unreal. To know this sets us free from them. Sickness and death are a myth.

Can spirit be diseased or die? Since God is spirit, the only substance, the speaking of this washing word of denial is the sure setting free from sin, sickness, and death. These five cleansing waters are suitable and essential for all the world. There are two special ones applying to each man, woman, and child, besides the five for all the world. You can easily find out what two you ought to make for yourself.

There was once a woman who loved money so much that she saw everybody through her thought of money. If she looked at you she thought first of how much you were worth, or how much she could make out of you. You see by her looking at everybody and everything through money eyes, she got blind—quite blind. Money is blinding. If she wanted to see clearly she should deny herself of looking through money. It would be well for her to say much, "There is no money spirit."

There are many who look at their acquaintances and friends and all circumstances, through jealous ideas of some sort. They unconsciously or consciously wonder how much of their own rights, or position, or possessions, the other will get away from them. So they have lost one or more of their faculties, for jealousy is cruel and lops off from us our fondest hopes. Such should deny themselves of looking and judging through jealousy. Let them say, "There is no jealousy in spirit." Notice that this lesson reads that we must be cleansed by water and clothed by spirit. Jesus gave the idea that we should take the house, swept and garnished, and fill it with good "spirits." "Spirits" are words, as "My words are spirit."

There are seven words of affirmation that are the hot glory of God over and through all who make them. Ye came forth from God. "No man upon earth is your father." Thus these words are the shining forth of your own nature with which you were endowed from the great forever without beginning of years or end of days.

None of the miracle-working power Nicodemus wished to be master of is ours till we have boldly announced the spiritual nature and office we are endowed with.

This is the first affirmation of spirit: Life, Truth, Love, is God. Then we recognize all life as God and all truth and all love as God. We hail and welcome and praise all the living beauty, all the living strength, all the living kindness; we recognize, knowing that it is God. This recognition of good is the shining forth of our own goodness. Once it was thought that we were able and capable if we recognized vanity or deceitful-

ness in a neighbor, but now we know that since vanity and deceitfulness are nothingness and profitless that it is a waste of time on the insubstantial. That which we see of good is our own thinking or our own shining forth of our own spirit. We learned by last Sunday's lesson that everything has the potentiality of good ready to increase itself by our praise and blessing. The second word of spirit is: "I am the idea of God and in God I live and move and have my being." As God is omnipresent, we move safely and boldly on. This "spirit" or word of the I Am makes us bold and joyous. All is joyous in spirit. The third is: "I am spirit, I am mind; I shed abroad wisdom, strength, holiness." Such a fire baptism as this word radiates or reflects from us over the world to make people wiser, stronger, holier where we are is only brought to pass by this affirmation, or "yea, yea," of Christ. The fourth baptism from above is our announcement that God the Spirit works through us to will and to do all things well. This is our word from above, or birth from spirit, that makes us efficient in healing and helping all with whom we come in contact. The old ways of depreciating our words and our works are done away with. We now rejoice in our efficiency, since we know it as God the Good doing all things.

There is the fifth word from above that secures our immunity from sin, sickness, and death, and that makes all the people secure when we come near them. Like the fifth denial, the fifth affirmation takes strong rising "to do the will to prove the doctrine." I am governed by the law of God, and can not sin, nor suffer for sin, nor fear sin, sickness, or death. As spirit we cannot swerve from our orbit any more than a star in its course. To swerve and falter would be sin, but spirit cannot sin, for God is spirit. "He'll surely guide our steps aright." There is the safe walking of all who speak these words through all the thorny ways of delusion. Then the two "other spirits" or words of affirmation which belong to each of you, you must find out for yourselves. Notice that Paul says that in his greatest weakness is his strength. So you can see that if you have believed yourself inefficient or ignorant you must let the spirit of truth drop down over you with the bold affirmation: "I am strong and efficient. I praise the spirit that now works with me and through me and by me and for me to do all my work faithfully and well. I am wise with the wisdom of spirit." This is the full potency of the treatment Jesus gave Nicodemus. "Marvel not." Only the carnal intellect marvels, wonders, asks questions. Spirit knows.

So Nicodemus rallied his faith. He had entered the presence of Jesus with hope. Hope is only the left hand; faith is the right hand. "Hope thou in God." Have faith in the good. Your faith will show forth; your works of good faith will be good when you have learned how to be born of water and of spirit according to this meaning of Jesus.

BURNING THE PACIFIC FORESTS.

An Immense Quantity of the Finest Timber Now Being Destroyed.

A melancholy sight in British Columbia and Washington is the enormous areas of forests through which fires have swept, leaving only blackened trunks. The forests of the Pacific slope are going a good deal like the bison of the plains. The people of this continent do not realize how many hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of fine timber in that region is being annually destroyed. Through the Rocky Mountains, along the Canadian Pacific Railroad one may travel for many miles and see hardly a bit of live timber, though the blackened trunks standing quite thickly together show that only a few years ago the mountain sides were covered with spruces and hemlocks. A good deal of this devastation is wrought by hunters and locomotives, and the fires are accidental. In some parts of British Columbia, however, and in Washington the farmers are destroying a great deal of timber to clear land for agricultural purposes.

In the last days of July the atmosphere was beautifully clear, and for many miles the grand pyramids of Mount Baker and Mount Ranier could be seen, rearing their splendid cones high above all their surroundings, and showing their great sides covered with the snow that never seems to melt. Three days later a gentleman was within ten miles of Mount Baker, and he could not distinguish the grand mountain, for the air was oppressively heavy with smoke. It did not take long to find out who started these fires. Here and there in the timber through which the train sped across Washington were little clearings, and farmers and their men could be seen felling trees and setting fire to the branches. It is the only way they have of removing timber, so that they may plough the land. They have no means of getting the wood to market, and the only thing they can do is to reduce the enormous growths to ashes and then pull out the stump, and thus add a little to their tillable area. They are fortunate men if they are able to clear more than an acre or two a year, for the work is enormous; but when an acre is finally freed of its heavy burden of timber it is found to be magnificent farming land.

But it seems a terrible waste to see these mighty forests reduced to nothing but smoke and ashes. Now and then one sees a more cheerful picture in these woods. At a side track he will find a large number of flat cars, loaded with big logs all ready to be taken to a sawmill. This is a lumber camp, and through the timber may be seen the little pine or canvas huts of the lumbermen, who are felling the trees and trimming the logs ready for shipment. Then again the traveler sees a sawmill, where lumber is being turned out in great quantities; but probably fifty times as much timber is destroyed without profit to a living soul as is now being utilized in the forests of British Columbia and Washington. It is a terrible waste, but there is no present prospect that it will be stopped.

Woman's Rights in Australia.

"The revolt of woman," as lately exemplified in our law courts, has now spread to the Antipodes, where a wife has just admitted to the magistrate of Goulburn that she had thrashed her husband with a whip. Her action was commended by the magistrate, especially as the whipped husband was of drunken disposition, and, continued his worship: "It would have an excellent effect if all wives of drunken husbands did the same, instead of appealing to the court for protection." He said he knew several instances where the commended course of treatment had resulted beneficially, though the whip should only be used when the recognized head of the house had abrogated his right to rule by flagrant misconduct.

TIT-BITS.

Sure Enough.

Mrs. Doleful (mournfully): "I'm saddest when I sing."
Mr. Doleful: "So are the neighbours."

He Knew His Father.

Tommy: "Did you do much fighting in the Egyptian war, pa?"
Pa: "I did my share of it, Tommy."
Tommy: "Did you make the enemy run?"
Pa: "Ay, indeed, my boy."
Tommy: "Did they catch you, pa?"

A Society Note.

Mrs. Snobblerly, a very aristocratic lady, received a visit from a friend, who, among other gossip, said:
"Do you know that your son has been seen several times in company with a seamstress? Every body is talking about it."
"Oh, that doesn't amount to anything," replied Mrs. Snobblerly, smiling.
"But I am told that the young lady is perfectly respectable."
"Horrible! Horrible!" exclaimed the agonized mother. "He may bring disgrace upon our family by marrying her."

The Baby Next Door.

My neighbor's babe is fair and sweet,
With dimpled hands and soft, pink feet,
With all the Summer in his eyes,
While in his lips what honey lies!

My neighbor's baby loves me so,
His glances follow where I go,
And when his clinging touch I feel,
No words my pleasure can reveal.

My neighbor's babe brings back the joy
That stirred my pulses when a boy:
His breath, more sweet than flowers rare,
Blows from my brain the webs of care.

Ah, yes, a treasure rare is he,
A jewel without flaw to me;
For, I adopt this custom wise—
I bear him homeward when he cries!

Extreme Old Age.

"How is your father coming on?" asked Col. Percy Yerger of a darkey.
"He am dead."
"Dead, is he! He must have reached an advanced age?"
"He did dat, for a fac'. He was libin' up ter de day ob his deff."

Wait for the End of the Sentence.

The Rev. Dr. Hanson recently lectured, his subject being, "Fools."
The Rev. Dr. Vincent, who is somewhat of a wag, introduced him thus:
"We are now to have a lecture on fools by one—long pause and loud laughter—"of the wisest men of the country."
The lecturer advanced to the desk and responded as follows:
"I am not half so big a fool as Dr. Vincent"—long pause and loud laughter—"would have you suppose."

An Adventurer.

A beggar woman, who was in rags, met Mrs. Lordly Pompons and holding out her hand, said to the lady in an imploring tone:
"I am in great distress; I've lost my husband and my only child."
"I don't believe a word of it. If that is so why ain't you in mourning? Where are your jet ornaments?" casting a scornful glance at the supposed impostor. "I believe you are an adventurer."

Sawing Out the Last Act.

A story is told of Byron's wretchedness when his play, "Dearer Than Life," was produced. At the end of the second act there was a long delay and the audience grew very impatient.
"What in the name of goodness are they doing?" asked a critic of the author.
"I don't know," moaned Byron.
At this moment the sound of a saw at work behind the curtain could be distinctly heard.
"What are they doing now, my dear Byron?" said the critic.
Here the author's keen sense of humor came to the rescue. "I think," he said, "they must be cutting out the last act!"

Fashion Item.

Smoking jackets should always be worn with puffs.

The Right Arm and Left Foot.

The right arm is always a little larger than the left, but the left foot is almost always larger than the right, presumably because, while nearly every man uses his right arm to lift a weight or strike a blow, he almost invariably kicks with his left foot, while the longer stands on his left leg and lets his right fall easily, because he has learned by experience that this is the best attitude he can assume to prevent lassitude and fatigue. This constant bearing of the weight on the left foot makes it wider than the right, and it often happens that a man who tries on a shoe on the right foot and gets a close fit has to discard the shoes altogether because he can not endure the pain caused by the tightness of the left. If when riding on a street car you will take the trouble to notice, you will see that in laced shoes the gap is much smaller on the right foot than on the left, while with button shoes the buttons have to be set back ten times on the left shoe to once on the right.

The Road to Take.

There is a story told of an unregenerate old sinner in Hamilton who doesn't go to church as often as he should and thus prevent the possibility of stories. On the occasion in question he was snoozing comfortably in the corner of the pew and the minister, somewhat of a sensationalist, was making a touching appeal to those who were still out of the fold.
"Which road will you take?" he almost shouted. "Which road will you take?"
The old sinner stirred uneasily, half sat up and responded:
"It don't make a bit of difference to me; but be sure you get tickets for the sleeper." His wife had him awake before he could go further and it embarrassed the poor woman so she left the church.—[Free Press.