ber to have been scores, and possibly hundreds. They have been brought on litters or couches. Friends have aided friends in reaching the place, and parents have brought children in their arms. Then the Passover is at hand. Many on their way to Jerusalem would be attracted and would turn aside to see and hear. Mark speaks of this as being "sheep without a shepherd." What a picture! The Pharisees assumed to be leaders and defenders, but they were blind leading the blind"—devouring, not flock and sheltering them. In the sad case of this world as he was and he "had compassion on them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd." Like our Lord, let us be tender, compassionate, and turn away sorrowing. That was a case of hunger. They had followed Jesus without bothering their ignorance, and he fed them. These disciples had come home without food. Neither could they compass it. Jesus knew what they needed and started on its distribution. Men are God's instruments in blessing the world. God works through them, and by means of his children. It is the time, to-day. The church is the divine channel of the Bread of Life. Just as these disciples took, each his handful of bread, and began the work assigned him, so we must take what God gives us, and go forward. That bread was real bread; those fishes real fishes. They multiplied by being broken and distributed. Up and down among the ranks of that multitude these disciples go, breaking and giving, until the hunger of the whole five thousand is fully satisfied; when, lo! more remains than they started with. Our little with God's blessing shall be large. We lose by withholding. We gain by giving. Obedience never leaves us in defeat. Why this overplus—these twelve baskets remaining? It must be shown that the imagination of the multitude had not been wrought upon, and they deceived. A large quantity of substantial food must be left for its impression on these disciples and on this company. The wonder wrought must be so great and so convincing as to leave no doubt in the mind of any of the presence there of Infinite Power with various and boundless resources at command. The fragments are to be gathered up as an example of economy. What a lesson here regarding the "Bread of Life." Enough for all, and to spare! Jesus is for all the world. The race are encompassed in his love. The salvation is boundless. No soul ever need go hungry. Jesus fully satisfies. This is the miracle of all miracles—the one recorded by each of the evangelists. Its lessons are manifold and deeply impressive.

CONSIDER.

1. The demand for seasons of retirement and communion with God. 2. The attraction of Christ-likeness. 3. The infinite compassion of Jesus. 4. The regard of Jesus for man's temporal necessities. 5. Ability coming with obedience. 6. That God's blessing on our food and on our work is of supreme importance. 7. That increase comes of scattering what we have. That the resources of God are infinite and unfailing. 9. That nothing is to be wasted.

QUESTIONS.

Am I eating of the Bread of Life? Am I distributing the Bread of Life? Am I fearful, or do I live in faith?

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London Free Press.

...mount of Scott Act fines paid in Woodstock Police Court since ...t was $2,250. There was also ... to the Town Treasurer about ... the year, so that the annual ... of the Police Court is about ...

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Bruce Herald.

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Canadian Items.

The Woodstock by-law for Incorporation as a city has been defeated.

It is stated that Mr. Norquay will reach the Bar by a short cut through the Legislature.

The international bridge at the Sault is complete, and a train crossed over it on Saturday.

The petition against the return of Dr. Hickey for Dundas was dismissed with costs.

Mr. E. F. Clarke was elected Mayor of Toronto on Monday by over one thousand majority.

Mr. Doran was elected Mayor in Hamilton, Mr. Cowan in London, and Mr. McLeod Stewart in Ottawa.

The East Elgin election trial was brought to a close on Saturday. Only one charge was reserved for decision, which will be rendered to-day.

Senator Schultz is to be Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and Joseph Royal, M. P. of the Northwest. They will not take office until next spring.

The exports of lumber to the United States from the Ottawa consular district during November were valued at $33,531. The duty collected was $15,000.

The deaths in Winnipeg in 1887 were 515, an increase of 115 over 1886. Eighty Icelanders died during the year. There were about seven hundred births.

It is estimated that the late Owen Connolly's legacies for the education of poor Catholic children in Prince Edward Island will aggregate half a million dollars.

A young man named Thomas Cooley was walking along Notre Dame-street, Montreal the other day, when some icicles fell on him, inflicting injuries from which he died yesterday.

Judge Osler gave judgment in the Russell election case, unseating Wm. Edwards, M. P., for corrupt practices by agents. The personal charges on both sides were dropped.

Mr. Begg, who has been visiting the Scottish crofters in connection with the proposed colony in British Columbia, sailed for Canada. It is expected that no difficulty will be experienced in inducing some 5,000 persons to settle in the Pacific Province.

Counterfeit two dollar bills have made their appearance in large numbers at St. Catharines. The bills are excellent copies of the genuine, the chief fault being the defective coloring on the back, the genuine being a much darker green than the counterfeit. Bogus Bank of Commerce tens are also in circulation.

The "Woods is Full of Such 'Temperance' Men."

Globe.

The Napanee Express says that since the hotelkeepers of that place entered into an agreement to observe the Scott Act and to charge for the use of their sheds some of the man men in the community have come to light. All sorts of devices to secure free stabling are resorted to. One man has collected stay boards and fixed up a ricketty shed in which he stands his horses. The men who do these things, simply advertise the fact that they have never paid their legitimate travelling expenses. They would compel a liquor seller to close his bar and then force him to keep open a free shed. It is a wonder they are ever found in the Temperance party. They have nothing to fear from whiskey, for they are too mean to buy it. They are injured by Prohibition because it tends to restrict their facilities for sponging on the public. They should form a third party and camp out, and the farther they camp from the neigborhood of men who respect themselves and pay their way the better.

Vick's Floral Guide.

A silver lining to every cloud! With the short dull days of early winter come the cheery holidays and Vick's beautiful annual, and lo! spring already appears not far distant. We can almost see the greening grass and the blooming flowers. In the way of Catalogues Vick's Floral Guide is unequalled in artistic appearance, and the edition of each year that appears simply perfect, is surpassed the next. New and beautiful engravings, and three colored plates of flowers, vegetables, and grain, are features for the issue for 1888. Its lavender tinted cover, with original designs of most pleasing effects, will insure it a prominent place in the household and library. It is in itself a treatise on horticulture, and is adapted to the wants of all who are interested in the garden or house plants. It describes the rarest flowers and the choicest vegetables. If you want to know anything about the garden, Vick's Floral Guide, price only 10 cents, including a Certificate good for 10 cents worth of seeds. Published by James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y.

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MARRIED.

BROWNRIDGE—NEILSON—On Thursday, Dec. 29th, 1887, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Johnson, William Brownridge, to Louisa, youngest daughter of Abraham Neilson, both of Esquesing.

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