

members sufficient to render us very effective as a church. We hope to have a change for the better soon. This continued depression and "down reading" is grievous. We desire to have the prayers and sympathies of our brethren, that God may be honored and we comforted by a genuine revival of religion.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y., Jan. 12th, 1878. The weather is very cold, with a hard crust now about knee deep. Good health generally prevails. The annual meeting of the three churches was held with us yesterday, and I attended, considering the extreme cold.

There is more than usual interest in religious things, and we hope and trust that it may be greatly extended. Our Sabbath School held a concert on New Year's eve. The exercises were of a high order, the singing, recitations, declamations, essays, &c. Presents distributed were very numerous, and some of them were very valuable.

Bro. J. Bailey writes: "I am slowly improving in health, and hope to be in the lecture field soon."

WORDS. (Composed by a sister on the death of an only daughter, who died at the age of fifteen years, seven months, and fifteen days.) Sweet, loved child, you have left us here To mourn, your loss we feel severe; We breathe a lonely and sad prayer For you that's resting with our Saviour there.

Where you can rest, we're more to part; Yes, though we're parted, we're not far; For a rose just in full bloom; And taken from our fond embrace, And carried safely home.

Where we shall part no more, Where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death, Is felt and feared no more.

Following report of the Holiday Sessions of the Literary Societies of this Institution, is taken from a recent number of the Janesville Gazette.

On Seventh-day evening, Dec. 21st, occurred the old, long established Orphanical Lyceum. The audience was not as large as it should have been, yet a goodly number of its friends were present to listen to the exercises presented by its members.

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theories of Copernicus, of Newton, and the geological theory of the age of the earth. But these are no longer doubted by men of intelligence. We have a right to know the truth about the origin of creation. Admitting the unity of the human race, the space of 6,000 years is insufficient to account for the present great variation. There is good evidence that the present age began at least 70,000 years ago.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st, the Idema Society held their session. A goodly number of ladies, and was evidently pleased with the entertainment afforded. After prayer by President Whitford, and the roll call, Miss R. G. Maxson spoke of the pangs assigned to woman since the fall of Adam.

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In the House, a large number of bills were introduced. Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution, which was passed, instructing the Judiciary Committee to report to the Senate on the bill to amend the act of June 1866, relating to the United States Judge Durrel, of Louisiana, whether he has usurped jurisdiction for the purpose of overthrowing the government of Louisiana.

In the Senate, Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, made a report, accompanied by a resolution declaring that the Secretary of the Treasury has not the power, under existing laws, to issue United States notes for any portion of the forty-four million dollars in legal tender notes cancelled under the act of June 1866.

In the House, the pending question was on Mr. Randall's amendment prohibiting the payment for transportation of mails or troops to the Pacific railroads, while in default of their capital.

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BARNUM'S GORILLA.—According to a writer in the St. Louis Democrat, the gorilla, destroyed in so tragic a manner in the recent Barnum fire, was a most exemplary young man named Briggs, who supported, by his versatile industry, an aged father and mother in Jersey City. His sister avers that Barnum became acquainted with young Briggs many years ago, and soon saw that he possessed positive talents. He first employed him as a merrmaid, but the wig and codfish skin never became him properly.

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SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—Five weeks ago, the little son, five years old, of Mr. E. Barr, residing at Troy, Pa., accidentally struck the point of a pen-knife in his left wrist. The wound was small, but little, and was painless, so that his parents considered it a trivial matter.

Next day, however, the wrist began to swell, and continued to do so until the physician was summoned, who pronounced the tumor at the wrist, from which coagulated blood was passing. Soon after copious bleeding ensued, which could not be readily controlled.

Subsequently the patient was sent to the city, assisted by Drs. R. and B. W. Morse, out the arm open, removed the coagulated blood, and tied the ulnar artery, which proved to be the vessel injured.

His recovery was rapid, and he was discharged in a few days. The patient is now well, and is able to do his usual work.

Among the items of news from China and Japan, is the announcement that Dr. Heppburn, a well-known American Japanese scholar, recently received permission to present the Mikado a copy of the Bible in English, with the last edition of the Doctor's Japanese and English dictionary.

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A newspaper of Iowa City gives rather a discouraging account of what the farmers on those "diggings" are doing, or rather not doing. Here is the Price Current: A pair of Winter boots costs two loads of oats; the wife wears five acres of wheat; the children each ten acres of corn; the price of an overcoat is a good four-year-old steer; the price of a Sunday suit, twenty fat hogs.

The farm, too, wears a mortgage that is worse than hard-pans on the soil, and the annual tax rots the roof faster than rain.

Cases of singular and fatal disease have occurred at Logan, in Cache Co., Utah. The patient is attacked by a pain in the left knee; the leg becomes much swollen, hardened, and red; the pain then abates; the swelling recommences above the knee, and extends up to the body, when inflammation seizes the bowels, and the patient soon dies.

Dr. Harvey Prindle Peet, Emeritus Principal of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, died in that city on New Year's day. He was born in New York in 1794. He became an instructor in the Hartford Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in 1822, and devoted his life to the improvement of the system of instruction and the education of the deaf.

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It is reported that on the arrival of the Hudson River freight train in Albany, on the afternoon of Jan. 16th, it was found that a car had been broken open, and was valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000 carried off. The weight of the boxes was 634 pounds.

The Mechanics' Bank of Lancaster, Penn., was robbed Jan. 15th, of \$46,000 in convertible and registered bonds and securities. The robber entered the rear of the bank, and the cashier was engaged by two confederates in front buying gold and silver coin.

The Canadian way of measuring a tree is said to be as certain as it is grotesque. You walk from the tree, looking at it from time to time between your knees. When you reach the top of the tree in this way, your distance from the roots of the tree equals its height.

The trustees of the Boston University have issued an appeal for help for the theological department against the losses occasioned by the Boston fire. They need \$20,000 for the restoration of buildings, and \$5,000 for current expenses.

A Protestant church was consecrated in Rome, Italy, on Jan. 8th. The Swiss Federal Council has threatened to use active measures against the Canton of Valais, since Jesuit teachers had been tolerated in the schools.

Three sisters, Mrs. Smiley, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Ranger, who have long lived together in Brattleboro, Vt., where they were socially much esteemed, all died within one month. The first on Nov. 21st and the last on Dec. 20th.

A boiler in a factory at Charleroi, Belgium, exploded on the morning of Jan. 15th, with the most fatal results. Eleven persons were instantly killed, and a large number wounded, some of them in a very serious manner.

A freight train on the Hudson River Railroad, ran off the track on the night of Jan. 14th, near Basking, N. Y., and four cars went down the embankment. A brakeman named Mulcare was killed. The accident was caused by a car on the main line jumping the Albany Valley Railroad, jumped the track near Scrub Grass station, Friday morning, Jan. 17th, and was precipitated into the river. One man was killed, and six slightly injured.

A girl named Tucks, aged seven years, was nearly scalded to death on the night of Jan. 17th, when she was scalded by her little brother, who poured scalding water into her ear for sport.

The valuable law library of the late Jonathan Barnes, Esq., of Middlebury, Conn., has been presented to the library of the Wesleyan University by Mr. Barnes' son, Dr. J. H. Barnes.

LETTERS. D. Bailey, V. Hull, W. C. Whitford, J. D. Bailey, J. Greene, J. M. Todd, J. P. Huntington, H. B. Lewis, Oscar Babcock, H. B. Lewis, J. H. Green, W. H. Donnell, Stephen Burdick, C. S. Tyler (received), see RECORDER of Dec. 19th, 1877. J. H. Green, W. H. Donnell, Stephen Burdick, C. S. Tyler (received), see RECORDER of Dec. 19th, 1877.

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