

**The Modern Babylon, and the Sabbath.**

The growth of London in all directions continues marvellous. A number of towns have sprung up within the last three or four years. Not long ago North End Fulham was a rural district of fields and market gardens. The Underground Railway opened a new line to Hammersmith, with a station at the north end, and to-day the surrounding area is covered with streets of well-built houses at high rents. Similarly, at the other end of London, increased facilities of locomotion by railway or tram car have led to the erection of many hundreds of houses in South Bermondsey or Rotherhithe. The same progress goes on steadily at Edmonton, on the north, and at Sydenham, on the south of London. Talking of the populace, the London correspondent of the *Montreal Witness* makes some interesting statements. They are not very dry, and the digesting of them will do no harm. They relate to the question of the moral and religious instruction of the people. While a fresh Toronto, or some 80,000 souls, are being added to the city every year, there is no adequate increase being made in church accommodation. Dr. Kennedy spoke on a recent Sabbath, of visiting new districts at the east end of from 500 to 1,000 houses, where not one place of worship is being erected, or is known to be intended. So it comes to pass that the necessary provision for fifty-eight per cent. of the population is by no means to be found. It does not exceed thirty-two per cent. Even this is not the worst, for a very large proportion of this accommodation is in places where it is not accessible to the masses. Consequently a large portion of these seats are never filled. Some of them are in city churches, where the locality is deserted on Sundays. Others belong to denominations which are locally weak, or which are unduly crowding one another. Meanwhile the masses of the people seem more and more to be deserting the churches. In Walworth in a little district of 2,600 souls, an enquirer found only 100 attending public worship; 40 of these being communicants. Putting it at the very lowest, and allowing that nearly half a given population cannot attend public worship, there remains about a million persons in "smaller London" who might attend, but do not.

**WHERE ARE THEY?**

If your readers could traverse London with me, says the *Witness* correspondent the answer would soon be found. Come first into Houndsditch; where the "dogs of Jews," as our fathers uncharitably termed them, have resided from time immemorial, and where they still most do congregate. On Sunday they are especially in force in the great marts for second hand clothes, and all through the hours of the forenoon thousand of the lower working class crowd to them to make cheap purchases of cast-off garments. Coats costing from half a crown each, or trousers for a shilling a pair, may be purchased in Houndsditch, and a melancholy array of dilapidated women haggle for a sixpenny petticoat or a rumped-up pair of gaiter-boots. Many hundreds of the men of the lower ranks of laborers gather at the bird-fancier's shops in Shoreditch and Bethnal Green, where they discourse together learnedly and lovingly of piping bulfinches or pouter pigeons. Many of these rough naturalists spend a large portion of their earnings on these feathered pets. Could you go to their homes, you would find them squalid and bare, with slatternly wife and sharp, hungry-looking children passing the Sabbath in idle gossip or rough play. The afternoon comes, and another class, a little higher than these, will be found streaming along the highways and roads leading out of town. East, west, north and south they wend their way to grassy hill and breezy common. In the town itself myriads crowd the parks, many solacing conscience it may be, by standing for ten minutes to listen to the wayside preacher, who full of zeal—if not of knowledge—draws a crowd around him by the loudness of his tones and the extravagance of his gestures. And here and there amongst the out-door stream, the travelling photographer, sets up his camera and his dark tent, ready to "take" a pair of cockney sweathearts for threepence. The more fashionable streets have their crowds of saunterers, and Oxford street, Regent street and Piccadilly are occupied by jostling crowds, while the

**MYRIAD MEANS OF LOCOMOTION**

which London affords, are availed of by multitudes. When night comes on the great worshipping crowd of modern Babylon is seen at its worst. Then comes forth the army that has been lazily sleeping away the effects of last night's debauch; and once more the tavern and the gin palace are thronged; and—literally—a roaring trade. One need not ask "Where do the non-church-goers spend their Sunday?" One's only marvel is "Where do the church-goers come from?" Yet if you turn out of the stream into very many of the churches, chapels or halls of service you will find them crowded to overflowing. Hundreds were unable to get in at Mr. Spurgeon's last Sunday. It must not be forgotten that the long list of Sabbath-breakers is made longer by the great array of enforced Sunday workers. The pleasure of the people means a weary toiling day to thousands, some of whom, at least, are working unwillingly, in spite of extra pay.

Mr. J. W. Youmans' lecture, in the Athenaeum last evening, was exceedingly interesting and instructive. A large audience was present. Mr. Youmans' juvenile classes opened to-day.

CHARLOTTETOWN is about to lose another good citizen in the person of Mr. J. F. McKay, watchmaker, who leaves to-morrow morning for Colorado. We wish him good fortune.

EDITORIAL and other matter crowded out.

DO NOT FORGET Zion Church Tea and Fancy Sale this (Thursday) evening.

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At this most festive season, when every one is engaged in trying to please, when stores are ransacked for their prettiest treasures and their cheapest stock, in order to make Christmas as joyous as in *Olden Times*, we are offering our quota to this end. Our Christmas Cards are of the most varied character, and indicate, by the way in which they go off, that the 25th will soon be here.

We take this opportunity to place other goods of a more useful and not less pleasing nature, before our friends. Our reductions in Mantle Cloths, Dress Materials, Fur Goods, &c., must be very opportune when "everybody is presenting everybody else" with something—a sacque, a dress, or a muff. We have on hand a large and very attractive stock which will, we have no doubt, meet the requirements and the approbation of the Christmas loving public.

The good cheer which Christmas is said to bring is not to be found in the dregs of the wassail bowl, or in a pint of brandy punch, but in the good warm clothing which a benevolent public are bestowing on the poor. It is in trying to please others we enjoy the greatest pleasure, and any one engaged in the work of "giving to the poor" or to their own people, cannot do better than give a call at 83, where, in so large a stock, every one must find the very article they require, and that at a very low price.

Gentlemen will find it the best economy to come to us for Overcoats and Ulsters, of which we have a few left. In our attempt to place a good Overcoat at a small price, we have succeeded—every article sold having given complete satisfaction. We have just got in new Linders and Drawers at prices to suit the times.

The Ladies will find at 83, a good assortment of Fancy Wool Work, at very moderate prices. Yarns, &c., very low. Also, a splendid lot of Chenille in various shades, which is much admired an extensively worn.

Householders will find at 83, a Tea to suit any taste. Our prices will show the varied kinds. We can give an excellent Tea for 32c., 36c., 40c., and 48c. per lb. These prices are very low, when it is remembered that Tea has advanced 4d. and 5d. stg., per lb.

**TREMAINE & METCALF,**

SUCCESSORS TO

JAMES DESBRISAY,

83, Queen Street.

Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1879.

**NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.**

Special dispatch to Examiner.

CHATHAM, Dec. 17.

In view of the serious nature of the late intelligence from Afghanistan, the troops under orders for India will be despatched earlier than it was intended. The grave situation will delay the departure from India of some of the regiments which were about to return after their long service there.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

A Cabul despatch states that Daoud Shah, who was the Commander-in-Chief of the Afghan army, and who was sent by the Ameer to quiet the revolt during the massacre of the British at the Embassy, has been arrested.

The "Times" Cabul despatch, dated the 15th, says the most difficult position of the enemy was gallantly carried yesterday. A later one states that our troops lost a position they had taken.

KOHAT, Dec. 17.

Gen. Tylter attacked and captured Zaura, which was stored with grain of all of the Zailukht tribe. The enemy left a large number of dead on the field. The British loss was four wounded.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs to-day:—"Communications with Gen. Roberts are interrupted." Daoud Shah, formerly commander of the Afghan army, has been professing to co-operate with the British since the occupation of Cabul, and his arrest indicates recent treachery or the discovery of perfidy in the slaughter of the British Embassy at Cabul.

PANAMA, Dec. 16.

Advices from Lima to Nov. 25th say that telegraphic communication with the South is interrupted, but it is known that General Buendia attacked the Chilian army on the 19th ult., at a place called San Francisco, on the railway that stretches inland from Pisagua. The allies were forced to retire with very heavy loss.

**Financial.**

The following are the selling rates for Exchange at the Agency of the Merchants Bank of Halifax:—

London—sight	9 1/2 per cent. prem.
" 60 days	9 per cent. "
New York—cheque	1/2 per cent. "
Boston—cheque	1/2 per cent. "
Montreal, Toronto, etc.	1/2 per cent. "
Halifax	1/2 per cent. "
St. John, N. B.	1/2 per cent. "
St. John's, Nfld.	2 per cent. "

The *Ottawa Herald* says that it is the intention of the Government, some years hence, if not earlier, to erect a large and handsome building in the city for the Geological Museum. In the meantime it is necessary that accommodation should be provided for it, and hence the purchase, or intended purchase of the Clarendon Hotel. The opening of the Museum will add some forty families to the population, which must be regarded as an item of importance.

**Special Notices.**

For your Xmas Raisins, Currants, Citron, Lemon Peel, Spices, etc., call at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE. [dec 18.]

OYSTERS on half-shell at UNION HOUSE.

Get your Christmas supplies at BEER & GOFF'S. d17

CALL and see the Vases that are being sold at half-price. Vases marked \$2.60, selling at \$1.10, and Toilet Sets and Vases accordingly at the Agricultural Store.—ROBERT MAY. d13 3/4

The Best and Cheapest place to buy Cheese, wholesale or retail, is at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE. d15

MINCE MEAT, 20 cents per lb, at BEER & GOFF'S. d17

Get your Christmas and New Year's Toys at the Agricultural Store. They are the cheapest in the city.—ROBERT MAY. d16 6/4

NICE CURRANTS, 8 cents per lb at "The Confectionery." d16 3/4

SWEET ORANGES, Green Grapes, Choice Figs, Dates and Lemons, at "The Confectionery." d16 3/4

SANTA CLAUS—Call at Lewis', and buy your Toys and Dolls, cheap—dec 4, 17

A FEW permanent boarders wanted at the UNION HOUSE. First-class rooms. Terms moderate.

The cheapest place to get your mottoes framed is at G. H. Cook's, over Apothecaries Hall.—[dec 13, 17]

POUND & FRUIT CAKE at BEER & GOFF'S. d6, 2w

Nova Scotia Shad and Boston Hams, at FISH STORE.

DATES, Figs, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes and Nuts, at BEER & GOFF'S. d6, 2w

JUST RECEIVED, a large lot of Flower Pots, all sizes, very cheap, at the Agricultural Store.—ROBERT MAY. d13 3/4

CLARK'S DIAMOND DUST POLISH.—Unrivalled for cleaning Gold, Silver and Nickel ware. Enquire for it.

HONEY 20c. at Beer & Goff's.

**GAS FITTINGS.**

6 fancy Chandeliers, in gilt, 12 single and double Bracket Burners, 1 Gas Stand, with rubber tube attached. Lot of Gas Pipe, lot of 2 in. Lead Pipe, 1 Safe, lot of New Lamps to fit on gas burners. H. COOMBS.

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**SUNDRIES.**

Cross-cut Saws, Musical Boxes, Plaster Paris, Clapboards, Broadcloth, Hoop Iron, Oat Tubs, Meat Barrels, 1 Ship's Medicine Chest, 1 fancy Work Bench, 1 Gun Case, Lot Mahogany Doors, second-hand, Hose and Lead Pipe, 1 Wench, 1 Mahogany Desk, Lot of 7 inch Stovepipe, Stove Drums, 4 Chimney Tops, for smokey chimneys, at half price. H. COOMBS.

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**LONDON**

**HOUSE.**

**DECEMBER.**

**G. DAVIES & CO.,**

Desire to call special attention, during this month to the following low lines of Goods:

A Lot of ENGLISH BLANKETS, at \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.50

A Lot of QUILTED BED COVERS, \$1.25, \$1.75, and \$2.00

A Lot of BOYS' REEFERS at \$2.00

A Lot of Womens Grey Ribbed HOSE, at 22 cents.

A Special Line of Plain and Fancy

**WINCEYS,**

(Stripes and Tartans.)

A Large Assortment of Mens' Women's and Children's

**Fur Goods**

A choice lot of

**Wool Goods,**

Promenade Scarfs, Squares, BREAKFAST SHAWLS,

&c. &c., &c.

Also—Just Received by S. S. "Prince Edward,"

NEW FRILLINGS, FRINGES,

LACES,

RIBBONS,

SPOTTED NETTS, BERLIN WOOLS,

LADIES RIBBED

CASHMERE HOSE.

A Fresh Supply of Kerr's Celebrated

N. M. T. SEWING COTTON.

TERMS CASH.

**Geo. Davies & Co.**

Dec 2, 1879.

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

AND

Sale of Seasonable Articles.

THE LADIES in connection with ZION CHURCH will have a Christmas Tree and Sale of useful articles suitable for the season in aid of the funds of the Church, in the Basement, on

Thursday, the 18th December,

next, commencing at 3 o'clock

Tea on the tables at 5.30 p. m.

Oysters served in different styles.

MRS. A. STRONACH,

Dec. 15, 1879.—41 President.

**POLL TAX NOTICE.**

PERSONS liable to pay Poll Tax for Charlotetown and Common, and Assessment on Lands in Charlotetown Royalty, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, at the store of D. R. M. Hooper, Euston Street.

G. C. HOOPER.

Ch'town, Nov. 22, 79.

**Bones. Bones.**

THE undersigned will pay fifty cents Cash per cwt. for all bones delivered at the Bone Mill, in the Royalty. No quantity less than one cwt. (112 lbs) taken.

FRED. W. HYNDMAN,

Agent.

Ch'town, Dec. 1, 1879—pat 2w

**CHOICE LABRADOR HERRING.**

25 bbls. No 1 LABRADOR,

25 " HALIFAX SHORE,

Just received at the

FISH MARKET,

Grafton Street.

Dec. 1, 1879—

**BUFFALO ROBES,**

**WOLF ROBES,**

**Best & Cheapest**

In the Market, at

JOHN STUMBLER'S,

Great George Street.

Dec. 13, 1879—4i cod wkly li

**NOTICE.**

WE have on hand some lots of Fancy Goods, Silks, Ribbons and small wares, which we are offering to country traders and others in exchange for country Socks, Mitts, Homespun, &c. By calling early an advantageous exchange may be secured.

F. LePAGE & CO.

Glasgow House, Queen Street,

Dec. 6, 1879—2w 2aw

**SLEIGHS.**

2 Wood Sleighs, nearly new, in good order, 1 French Box Sleigh, 1 Light Sleigh, 1 Janting Box Sleigh, 1 Old Style Family Sleigh, (cheap), 2 Small Sleighs, and 1 set Cart Harness, (nearly new), 2 sets Driving Harness, price \$6 to \$8, in good repair. Apply to

H. COOMBS.

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**THE DAILY EXAMINER!**

"An abstract and brief chronicle of the time."—Shakespeare.

**Citizens Take Notice.**

FOUR DOLLARS will take "THE EXAMINER" to your door every day during the coming year,—if paid before the 1st of January next.

Immediate Payment of all amounts due THE EXAMINER Office, is required.

**Wants, Lost, Found, &c.**

LOST—By the subscriber, a letter addressed either to "Messrs. Hertz & Son," or "Richard Hertz, Esq." Any one leaving it at the ROCKLIN HOUSE will be suitably rewarded.—A. E. C. HOLLAND. d18 3/4

FOUND—About 2 months ago, a purse containing a Note of Hand, drawn in favor of John McKenna. The owner can have the same by applying at the EXAMINER office, and paying for this advertisement. d 16

NEW COTTAGE TO LET.—Kitchen and sitting-room below, and three bedrooms above stairs. A large piece of ground attached. Pleasant and healthy situation for a small family. Well suited for a Market Gardiner or Laundress. Enquire at the residence of Chief Justice PALMER.—d6 m & w

A Fine Cabinet Organ—(Smith maker) which cost \$130.00, will be sold for sixty dollars, less than half. Apply at this office. [n10]

TO LET—And immediate possession given, 2 tenement houses, 8 rooms in each, thoroughly fitted up, banked and outside windows on, all ready to occupy. Rent low to good and careful tenants; none other need apply. Apply to the owner, RICHARD WEEKS, Head Hillsborough Street, Ch'town. [n 14. cod

FOR SALE.—A first-class YOUNG F MARE, 3 years old, sired by Imported Blood Horse "Abel," stands 15 hands, good style and quite gentle in harness. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply at this office. [n. 1, tf

BOARDERS WANTED—A few permanent Boarders can be accommodated at very moderate rates at the Revere House, [oct 29, 1879]