

KNITTING AND CROCHET.

LADY'S VEST. From the Weekly Tribune. As working, particularly in crochet, such articles as vests, children's jackets, and the like, it is always desirable to start with a simple pattern...

Begin one of the fronts by making a chain of the required length for the edge, and crochet up and down lengths in rows (turning the work every time), gradually increasing at the top for the throat...

S. J. R.'S LACES.—S. J. R., who with a pleasant letter, kindly sends three variations of Normandy lace, which we hope to print soon, says that she knitted some of No. 1 with No. 21 cotton, and trimmed with a green ribbon...

QUESTIONS FOR MRS. STOLBRAND.—S. T. B. writes to Mrs. Stolbrand, inquiring about the pattern for the vest, and asks if she can knit it with No. 21 cotton, and if she can knit it with No. 21 cotton...

CHARACTERISTICS OF DREAMS. From Illusions, a Psychological Study, by James Sully. I will give a simple illustration of this lyrical type of dream, the dream of a young girl...

KNITTED EDGING. Cast on 12 stitches, knit across plain. 1st row: Knit 2, over twice and narrow, knit 6, over twice and pur 2 together...

INFANTS' BANDS. Mrs. A. kindly sends these directions in response to an inquiry in the Scrap-Bag: They should be knit round and round, like the top of a stocking—knit two, pur 2, fine needles and fine cotton and wool yarn should be used...

WIDE LACE. For this beautiful knitted lace cast on thirty stitches. 1st row: Slip 1, knit 1, over, narrow, slip second and continue to do so in left hand over the first and knit 4, over, narrow, slip second on stitch on left hand over the first and so on till you have

SCIENCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

AMERICAN SARDINES. The transformation of the menhaden into American sardines, which at one time was carried on the shores of New-York Bay, does not seem to have proved a commercial success...

NOVEL FISHING LINES. From a privately issued report on silk cultivation in the Province of Kwangtung, we learn, says Nature, that in the district, on the southern seaboard, wild silkworms are found which feed on the camphor tree...

OUT WEST. Under the forest, it is snows unkind, And kisses me with nervous kiss of spring, I sit and dream of comely maidens...

MORE TANAGRA FIGURES. The latest excavations made by order of the Athens Archaeological Society at Tanagra, the well known place in Boeotia whence come the charming terra-cotta figures, have yielded important results...

COMETS VIEWED FROM BALLOONS. Recently a paper by M. W. de Fonville was read before the Balloon Society, in which the author described the appearance of comet B, 1881, as seen by him at midnight, from the car of a balloon...

THE RAINBOW. With regard to the rainbow, M. Bitter points out (in a note to the Paris Academy) that it is defined by two distinct systems of similar colors, with parallel rays, the apex of which are in the two eyes...

LOUIS, KING OF BAVARIA. His face, chivalrous and dignified, strange and mysterious, reminds one of that of the German prince painted by George Sapp in his famous novel of "Constance"...

ELECTRICITY ON SHIPBOARD. A patent has recently been taken out for a means of steering a ship by electricity. The apparatus is the invention of Mr. W. F. King, an Edinburgh electrician...

A CHEAP HELIOGRAPH. When serving with his regiment in Afghanistan, Major Sheffield, of the Engineers, constructed a small heliograph out of materials in the camp, and with which messages were easily read up to fourteen miles...

formed of the ordinary shaving mirrors used by troops; and being fitted with adjusting screws answer exactly to a tripod, were found to be of great use in the field...

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. A New Religious Sect.—Eaton County, Michigan, is the birthplace of a new religious sect which is mainly composed of dissenters from all other denominations...

THE LATE BISHOP HAVEN ON DEATH.—The late Bishop E. O. Haven in June last sent to The Christian Advocate the following letter: "Light and Darkness in the Land of the Living, accompanying it with a note in which he said: 'This will do as well at one time as another...'

ACTIVITY IN MISSIONARY WORK.—An interesting feature of a camp-meeting at Lakeside, as reported in The Milwaukee Sentinel, is the missionary conference at which representatives of four branches of the Protestant Church made reports as to what was being done by them...

CURRENT RELIGIOUS OPINION. Centrally, substantially, vitally, the Bible is my biography. I know it, cannot part with it. Other things I may not be able to prove as certainly true, but I never look into this book without seeing my own life and my own redemption...

THE REV. DR. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, Professor of Divinity at Yale College, in bringing to a close his series of papers on the Epistle to the Corinthians has, in his contribution to The Opinion (London) writes as follows: "We have thus passed in review the changes and improvements which the revision contains in the First Epistle to the Corinthians..."

He was cross and fretful at home. He was a terror to his wife, and a terror to his children. He was a pillar in the church, and a pillar in the world. He was a man of means, and a man of power. He was a man of letters, and a man of action...

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

all in their power to overthrow the institutions which sustain them." It is now a little more than five years since Mr. Spurgeon has been distributing gratuitously her husband's sermons and other religious works among the more needy clergymen of different denominations in England. In that time 34,332 volumes have been given to preachers who were too poor to buy them.

September 1 has been fixed as the date for the beginning of the trial of the Rev. Dr. Thomas at Chicago on the charge of heresy. The committee will not be to the evidence and the testimony of the witnesses. The trial will be arraigned for trial before the court on the 15th of September. The committee will not be to the evidence and the testimony of the witnesses.

According to the statistics presented at the Connecticut Conference, the Congregational churches of that State contain 25,202 members. There were 391 ministers and fifty-two churches at work during the year. The additions to the Church by letter and profession of faith were 1,095, of which 1,095 were by letter. The removals were as follows: by death, 957; by letter, 1,024; and by discipline, 177, making a total of 2,153. There were 1,133 baptisms. The total membership of the Sunday-school was 92,399. There were 33,263 families represented in the congregations. The donations amounted to \$257,322; the legacies to \$215,804.

Last Monday, when the news of the President's critical condition reached New York, where the Bible students are in conference under the direction of Mr. Moody and Dr. Bonar, the following dispatch, by a unanimous vote, was sent to Mrs. Garfield: "A conviction of the Christians at Northfield, Mass., would express the most heartfelt sorrow at the President's extreme affliction, and hereby conveying assurances of respect and sympathy to Mrs. Garfield, would anxiously but hopefully wait the great Physician here of the nation to renew faith and restore upon God in this hour of unprecedented trial."

A comparative summary of the Presbyterians Church, just issued, shows that there are 177,000 members in 1,770 Presbyteries, 622 candidates, against 600 last year. There are 5,086 churches, an increase of forty-two; 5,598 churches, a gain of 109; 581,401 communicants, a gain of only 2,730. The aggregate of contributions the past year was \$1,074,291. For foreign missions, \$458,626 was contributed; for foreign missions, \$475,626; for education, \$190,799; and for church erection, \$157,281.

The New-England Sunday-school Assembly, founded at the Lakeside, Conn., on 24th of South Framingham, Mass., last year by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Vincent, of Chautauque fame, has been in session the past week. The meeting began Tuesday, and the attendance from the beginning was the greatest ever. The charge of the meeting, the sessions were given up to the discussion of Sunday-school work in all of its phases. The meeting will come to an end Thursday.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church will hold a general missionary conference in Albany, October 12 and 13, to celebrate the fiftieth year of the Reformed Church in foreign missions. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Vincent, of Chautauque, and others will deliver addresses.

It is stated upon good authority that there are now eighteen Protestant missionary societies now working in Japan, besides three Bible societies. The number of native preachers and helpers, 2,912 communicants, 31 schools and 1,525 scholars.

In 1787 the first bishop consecrated for a Colonial Diocese, Charles Inglis, was made Bishop of Nova Scotia. The greatest anniversary will occur the one hundredth anniversary of this event.

The Presbyterian Church within the last six years has organized in the Territory of Utah eight churches and twenty-three schools, all of which are supported by churches in the East.

According to the Glasgow Herald the Rev. Dr. Edmund has accepted an invitation to visit America, and has received a letter of leave of absence from the London Presbytery.

The total number of English Wesleyans is reported at 380,956—a gain of 4,378 in the past year.

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At the recent session of the British Wesleyan Conference a committee presented a revision of the revised baptismal service. A debate was had, in which the members of the conference were divided. The body were rather sharply accentuated. The object of the revision was to get rid of phrases that sounded strongly toward baptismal regeneration. But it would appear from the report that about half the members of the Conference were anxious to hold on to the notion that grace is conferred in baptism, or, more correctly, that the Holy Spirit is given in baptism. The revision of the baptismal service was recommended, and will come up next year. The incident sheds light upon the exacting of Methodism from the whole compass of human life. It is a sign of the times. The Methodist is a man of letters, and a man of action. He is a man of letters, and a man of action. He is a man of letters, and a man of action. He is a man of letters, and a man of action. He is a man of letters, and a man of action...

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