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A PERVERSION OF HISTORY.

It is not of frequent occurrence that the Boston Herald is caught tripping, but it must have excited some surprise among its Puritanical readers to find therein the following inaccurate reference to a story in Genesis.

"That they will be treated with every mark of the same unwavering oriental respect for woman Isaac showed to Rebecca when he relieved her of the water pail and drew it up full for her out of the sixty-foot-deep well, chivalrously remarking 'that that was not woman's work.'"

Now it is of record that Rebecca was at the well, but she did not meet Isaac there, and consequently Isaac did not gallantly volunteer to draw water for her. On the contrary she met Isaac's servant. "And she went down to the well and filled

her pitcher and came up . . . And she hastened and emptied her pitcher into the trough and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels."

Now this is an altogether different story from that of The Herald, and it may seem in one sense a pity to break the force of the lesson of gallantry which that excellent journal would teach—"all so different from the way many New England farmers treat their wives on washing day!"—but a due regard for historical accuracy compels us to make the correction. The point we wish to make is this, that many persons well educated in the Greek and Roman classics are less informed in regard to that older and nobler literature left on record by Moses and the prophets. He who is thoroughly familiar with the Scriptures can never be justly reproached with illiteracy, while on the other hand the man who is ignorant of the Old and New Testaments, however extensive his erudition otherwise, is sadly wanting in a prime element of a good education. And yet, it is painfully true that no book is so frequently misquoted as the Bible.

After the first of July next there will be a rearrangement of departments at Ottawa and the canals and the control of the ship channel of the St. Lawrence below Montreal will be transferred to the department of Marine. Minister Prefontaine will thus have his department greatly enlarged by taking away an important share of the work from the Minister of Railways and Canals, and something from the Minister of Public Works.

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A BIBLE CENTENARY.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, now nearing the completion of its first century, was not the first organization for the special object to which it is devoted and in which it has been so greatly useful. An association for providing the poor with copies of the Scripture was founded in Germany in 1710, and in 1834 nearly five million copies of the Old or New Testament had been distributed in this way. In 1792 a society was formed in London for distributing Bibles in French with the object of counteracting the infidelity which became rampant at the time of the revolution. The British and Foreign Bible Society was projected in 1802 and finally organized March 7, 1804. Its centenary will be celebrated by a Bible Sunday on March 6th of this year in many churches throughout the Christian world.

The organization owes its origin, it is said, to an incident observed by the Rev. Thomas Charles of Bala, in Wales. A little girl who had been saving up her small earnings for some years to buy a Bible, walked twenty-five miles to make her purchase, and found the stock all sold. She wept so bitterly that Mr. Charles procured a Bible for her, and brought the matter under the notice of the Religious Tract Society. The Bible Society was then formed, and its work grew to tremendous proportions. The Scriptures, in whole or in part, have been translated into 370 languages and dialects, and the number of copies distributed runs into 180,000,000. In one year, 1898-00, the society circulated more than five million copies of the Bible or of its separate books.

It is about three centuries since England, in the words Green, became the people of a book and that book the Bible. When the first six Bibles were set up in St. Paul's Cathedral "many well disposed people used much to resort to the hearing thereof, especially when they could get any that had an audible voice to read to them. One John Porter used sometimes to be occupied in that godly exercise, to the edifying of himself as well as others. This Porter was a fresh young man and of a big stature; and great multitudes would resort thither to hear him, because he could read well and had an audible voice." Green points out that there was little other literature available for the masses of the people at this time. "Legend and annal, warsong and psalm, state-roll and biography, the mighty voice of prophets, the parables of evangelists, stories of mission journeys, of perils by the sea and among the heathen philosophic arguments, apocalyptic visions, all were fung broadcast over minds unoccupied for the most part by any rival learning."

The open Bible and the Sunday school, which, at first with paid teachers, antedated the Bible Society, have given a tremendous impetus to the religious knowledge of the century past. The Bible has been from the first one of the great sources of English thought and literature. "From Bunyan to Carlyle, from Milton to Tennyson great English writers have been saturated with the scriptural thought and language." It is no longer the one book of the people as it once was, and yet it was never so widely and generally read or perhaps so carefully studied as it is today. Critical inquiry has been in recent years directed toward it, but it has not proved destructive. The anniversary now soon to be celebrated is a great and notable one, well worthy to be signalled and honored with thanksgiving in all the churches and by all the many millions of people who rejoice in the priceless boon of an open Bible.

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TO BE CONTESTED.

The local Opposition has decided to contest the by-election in this city brought on by the appointment of Mr. Wheat to the Postmastership. Ex-Mayor Dr. Warburton has been put in nomination by the Government party and is generally believed to be a strong and popular candidate. The Opposition appear to have in their minds a man who in their belief can cope with the late Mayor with fairly even chances. It will be the duty of the party convention to formally name him but so far as The Guardian has been able to learn the choice is likely to fall upon S. W. Crabbe, the well known chairman of the Water and Sewerage Board. Be that as it may there is to be a contest, and the time for the polling is not now far distant.

At the general election of December 12, 1900 the city gave a strong support to the Provincial Government, returning Mr. Hughes by a majority of 161 over Mr. Paton and giving Mr. Wheat the large majority of 492 over Dr. S. R. Jenkins. This is a big majority to overcome, but cities are proverbially capricious in their choice and St. John only the other day wiped out a Liberal majority of 697 and recorded a Conservative majority of 300 in its stead. The Japs are in no way intimidated by the superior number of the Russian people, but that is another story. The question here will be the merits and demerits of the Provincial Administration. We hope to see the issue fairly tried out. There has been some surprise expressed over the announcement that the election is to be contested, but one party has the same right as the other to put a candidate in the field, and the energetic leader of the Opposition no doubt desires to keep his forces in fighting trim.

OUR COAST DEFENCES.

We have felt so secure of the might of the British navy and the willingness of the Mother Country to defend us that we have done little or nothing in preparation for an attack upon our ports by sea. But should a combination of naval powers against Great Britain occur, such as is possible to grow out of the present war, this would become a very vital question indeed. Our principal cities on the Pacific coast Victoria and Vancouver, the latter the western terminus of our transcontinental railway, are wholly defenceless. So also is St. John, the eastern terminus of the same line, and equally so are Charlottetown and Sydney, the latter of great importance from its contiguity to our principal coal supply.

The Canadian militia force, if thoroughly armed and drilled, would no doubt prove a very effective force against any attack on land, but if once Britain should lose control of the sea, or even partially lose it, the ports we have named would be wholly at the mercy of any marauding cruiser, or even a gunboat or a torpedo destroyer of the enemy. We might have an army of 25 or 50,000 at hand at or near the point of attack, but without forts and guns of long range they would be powerless to do more than see our cities demolished or held to ransom and our commerce destroyed under their eyes. This is a matter worth thinking over.

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Hon. A. G. Blair was in St. John a few days ago, but very properly declined to talk about the late by-election there. He said to The Telegraph that he is out of politics, not merely in words but in fact so long as he holds his present position. "Naturally I have views on the matter," he added with a smile.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

—Curling in Hillsboro Skating Rink this afternoon.

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—The Ladies Aid Society of Central Christian Church assisted by some of the best City talent intend holding a concert in Marshfield Hall on Monday evening next, 29th inst. A good program. Excellent home made candy for sale.

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