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Perhaps there is no country in the world
that presents a more interesting aspect in
regard to its future prospects, and probable developements, than the Russian Empire. Almost whoily shut out hitherto as to the great mass of its inhabitants, by its institutions and the character of its populations,
from the civilization of Europe, it still in a large measure retains the barbarian peculiarities of the old Roman Empire, and intro-
duced a new era into the history of the hu
man race. The Qwnership of its soil
man race. The ownership of its soil
founded wholly upon the principles of the
founded wholly upon the principles of the
old feudal system, is yet almost entirely petteprietors, possessing almost despotic power over its tens of millions of peasantry,
who are bought and sold with the soil on which they first drew breath. The form of professed Cltristianity, trammelled and superstitions of the Greek faith, almost as corrupt and void of vital energy as that o
Rome, has been admirably adapted to per-
petuate the reign of ignorance and slavery
The sole redeeming quality in the Greek
church is that the Bible in its integrity is
considered as an inherent part of its
ritual, and is not, in name at least, prohibi-
ritual, and is not, in name at least, prohibi-
ted to the people. The power of the
Priesthood however, and the besotted igno-
rance of the masses, have almost com-
pletely nullified this inestimable privilege.
Still, the "little-leaven" is here, which
may eventually "leaven the whole lump."
Many among the bigher classes, from their
inevitable contact with other countries
have, during the past century, acquired a
high degree of polish and civilization, and
within our own times, not a few have bee
pious and devoted Christians.
pious and devoted Christians. It was
no means devoid of probability, that the
late Emperor Alexander the First, the fa
ther of the present and of the last Emperor,
was one of these. At the very origin of
the British and Foreign Bible Society he
cordially welcomed it, and gave his warm
sanction to introduce and establish it in
Russia. Priestly power and traditional
supersition were however too strong even
for the autocrat of all the Russias. He iwas
for the autocrat of all the Russias. He ivas
compelled against his better feelings and
judgment to withdraw his patronage from
the obnoxious Society, and it was accord-
ingly suppressed. He was soon after sud-
ingly suppressed. He wa
denly removed by death.
The present Empergr, Alexander the Se -
cond, influenced probably by the advanced light of the age, seems inclined to follow
the good example of his sire. He has since the conclusion of the Crimean war,
determined on emancipating the num determined on emancipating the numerous
body of crown serfs or peasants, body of crown serfs or peasants, probably
with very considerable modifications as regards the perfect enjoyment of an equal the substantial benefits of this inestimable boon. We also observe in some of the the introduction of Bible societies into his realm. Should this really be the case, we cannot but hope that the set time is approaching when God is about to pour out
more abundantiy the blebsings of his Divine word on the sixty millions of immortal souls that people Russia, and that they, with various other tribes of earth, still lying in darkness and under the shadow of death, waill join in the great millennial shout of glo
wards men.

We were pleased to receive the letter from our esteemed friend, Rev. J. M. Harris, in another column. Our only regret con-
cerning it, is, that it is too brief, and that cerning it, is, that it is too brief, and that
we do not more frequently receive like
avors.
His re
His remark that "Editors need an abunwe feel for ourselves daily encouragement from knowing that we have Christian readers. prayers of our numerous in the effleacy of intercessory prayer, and therefore in recognizing this necessity adopt the Apostle's request, "Brethren pray for us.?
Some anonymous writer in the Presbyterian
Witness, who pretends Witness, who pretends to be "One of the the majority," tries to deny the statement 'discord' and 'misconduct' at St , Anard to "the over the signature of four respectable men.
His 'misconduct' at St, Ann's C.B." ance of truth if would have more the appearance of truth if he had affixed his proper
name. It might, however, be inconvenient

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Ministrerial Temperance Deciaration.-We are pleased to learn that others besides the original subseribers are sending in their adherence to the above named document, "The Abstainer gives the names of five Methodist
and seven Baptist Ministers, who have done so.
To Correspondents.-The well written communication of "A well wisher to practical religion" would be published by us, but we
think the originator of the scandal has think the originator of the scandal has, for the present, received as much notoriety as
good for him. It will not be difficult for his neighbours to estimate his statements and the spirit in which they are made in future.
The extract from a Canada paper sent us oy "A Baptist" appeared in our columns
some time ago.

The Superintendant of Education is making tour through the Eastern counties and Cape Breton, for the purpose of holding Teacher Institutes.
Our foreign news for the past week is quite a blank. Our expected English mails may, however, furnish us with something rumoured treaty with China.
A rumour is afloat, we cannot vouch for Homerrectness, that a delegation to the Home Government, on the subject of the
reat Intercolonial Railway to Canada from all the British N. A. Provinces is in agitation, and intended to be proposed to the lower Colonies. We think such to measure by no means improbable, after the requent intimations, both in the English such an undertaking.

ME obstruction appears to urred in the progress of the Atlantic Teleraphic communication. We sincerely hope hat it may prove but of a temporary nature A few days will doubtless afford us more ertain information,
Have you sern the Comet? has been ask-
d by thousands during the past few days. Alhough souse uncertaingty seems to rest upon the yet none exists as to the fact of ishappearing being most distinct and beautiful to the naked -rising about $\frac{d}{}$ past 2 in the morning a little east of north and passing over about the zenith
during the day and setting a little west of north about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 in the evening. It west of north y visible from its rising, till daylight and from
dusk till its setiong, and is below the northem horizon, about 5 hours. The tail is turned towards "the pointers" in Ursa Major.
It is supposed to be the same as appeared in astronomers, according to the calculations of depths of Soundless space its next appearance to
this world by the same calculation would be about the year $2150 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{D}$. "How great are thy
works O Lord! and thy thoughts are very deep",

## Gieneral Infelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.
It is said that the earmings of the Windsor housand pounds.
Mr. Gush, a celebrated English Portrait PAMNER has had for a few days some fine spe-
cimens of his workmanglip Mason Hall. One of CHARLEs F. Allison E-q., the founder of the Sackville Academy, N.
B, and of Judgk Botspord, B/and of JUDGE Botspord, at present un-
年ished, are indications of a high order of talent.
The Royal Artillery at the Eastern
Battery, and the Naval parties in have been practising round shot firing during the

The Police Officers of the city succeeded last week in capturing two persons named
Raycroft and Stapleton, who a. short time pre viously had robbed Mr. J. Bennet's store. Inland Navigation Company.- At the
djourned Special Meeting of the Slareholder adjourned Special Meeting of the Stareholders of the Inland Navigation Company held last
week a Subscription List was submitted for the signa ure of Shareholders whereby they agreed cent. upou the aumpant of their shares in order 10 per
co the to raise a sum sufficient to pay off the most pres sing claims against the Company, and to sustain and keep the works in sefety until the Compan
should be in a position to finish the works Duld be in a position to finish the works.
Dismisala or Mr. Forman.
Dismisial or Mr. Forman.-The Royal
Gazette of last week contains a number of docunents relating to the dismissal of Mr. Forman
from the office of chief Railway En ${ }^{\text {Mineer. They }}$ consist of a long letter from, the Hon. Attorney General and copies of correspondence between Ge Provincial Secretary, the Railway Commis
sioners, Mr. Forman and others. They are published, by the permission of his Excellene
be Lieutenant Governor. The remainder wi ppear in the next issue of the Gazette.
A Temperance Aid Society has been forme
in this City-R. M. Burratt, President; E. Morr
son, Secretary; John Lanningan, Treasurer.
 ed to the Gran- Gille Street Chapel took place or
Wed Wednesday last. This interestang reuniou pes to the children of more that usual interest, owing Baptist Churches having been invited to participate in common. The site chosen on the pre-
sent occasion was Farrel's Woods, Dartmouth, a from the Ferry-slip. At 11 A. M, the distance from the Ferry-s
and their teachers over in the steamers were joined by their Dartscene of festivity. There every thing that could conduce to the comfort and tilarity of the juver-
iles was provided. Swings and amusement were numerous at different points on cake and other creature tables groaned under only can cater and childhood craves. The comyoung, inctuding not a few of the parents of the The day was one of the finest of our own early autumn,-clear sunshine, cloudless siky, and a cooling zephyr. The hoiday was spent in inno-
cent recreation. Shortly before sunset the children gathered on the green, under the spreading branches of a noble tree, where they were mos
affectionately addressed by R. McLearn, Esq., o this city. After some pleasing recitations and singing by the little folks, the tables were remov ed, baskets repacked, and the happy party retirDay sinking behind the western horizon she solden rays aslant on the spires and house top little ones form one of the most interesting featares of the present generation. They had no
existence in the youthful days of those now in istence in the youthful days of those now in
meridian of life. To the ladies alone is th rising generation-comprising the future inen portant improvement,-Journal.

## Letters Received.

Rev. D. Freeman, 8th. Fev. Jas. Spencer, 13th, 20
G. Gabel, Esq., 1th-It was sent as usual. W. W.

did appear in Nos 30 and 31 . . Shall attend to your
equest. Rev. W. Burton, 17 th. Rev. J. C. Morse
Sth, 1 sub. Dr. W. Wedbury 17 .
10 th, 1 sub. Dr. Woodbury, 17th.-The paper has
fitherto been sent via Kentvilte P. $0 .-\mathrm{It}$ is no
changed to via Rridge
changed to via Bridgetown P, 0.-Hope it may b
nore successful. Rev. Geo. Armstrong, 17 th. Rev
J. M. Harris, 8th, 10th. Rev. J. H. Sanders, 16 Rh.
Errata.-Our compositor, in our issue
efore last, made "A Friend" say the spir Meetinghouse at Windsor was say feet high, shonld have been 100 feet. In last week's issu
siso, in the "Tour in Cape Breton" Rev. James
tubbert was We are annoyed by these inacecaracies, and should. be
more es were it not that we often find our neighbours ypos equally erring in tices.
The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western
The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western
Association will hold a Meeting at Bridgetown on
Friday, the list day of Ootober, at one oclock, w. M.
Horrox A capeary.-The next Quarter for the Classes
this Institelion will commennee on the 5 th of Oetober.
There will be a meeting of the Governors of Acadia College in the Gollege Library on Wed nesday, the 29 th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Stephen W. DeBlors, Secretary.


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 On Saturday morning, Catherine, infant daughter Thomas Leahy, Ijed 14 months.
At the Poor's A sylum, or the 16 th inst., Anestatia
Calahan, aged $\ddagger 3$ yeurs, a nattive of Ireland. At Dartmout), on the 14th instant, Mr. Alexander
At aged 64 yartars. At Antigonish, on the 5th instant, Mary E. Boomer, aged Year and nine months.
At Windsor, on the 12th inst., Mrs, Leonard Maxner,
daughter of the late Honorable John Clark daughter of the late Honorable John Clark,
At Windzor, on the 12 h inst., Mr. James Irons, senr Barracok SSorgeant, in his 77 th y year.
At At Digby, on the 17th inst., James Annand, Esq.,
Controller of Customs, aged 48 years.
At Liverpol, At Liverpool, July 21 st, Margaret, wife of Mr.
Dandiel Shiels, aged 2 y years. Her sweet resignation
 CoLest resteth in hope," for she "sleeps in Jesus." Colsg' AldA Marisa.-A Concentrated Essence of
the Sea Weed.-A preparation exercising a wonderful Gout, Lumbago, and over all cases of Weakness of the Limbs and Joints, Deformities of the Spine and Chest,
Enlargement of the Glands, Swellings, Tumors, \&c., Enlargement of the Glands, Swellings, Tumors, dc.,
often curing these distressing maladies after a few aplieations.
Smith's Essence of Coffee instantly produces the most Jelicious coffee, combining the richness and flavor of
Mocha, with thie strength and fullness of Jamaiea y to single a particle of sediment, a very great convenien cy to single gentlemen, travellers by land and sea, ship
officers, hotel leepers, dc. It will be found to be
equally economical with, Agents in Halifax, $G$. Mo
ALprse Hark BaLu should be used by persons re-
overing from fovers, if they wish to save their hair
alling off. It will make the hair soft and beautiful. overing from fevers, if they wish to save their hair
alling off. It wil make the hair sof and beautiful,
Use it upon your children's head, it will keenp their
hair in good shape. Where this Balm 1s used it is not anir in good shape. Where this Balm 18 us
neessarts to use any oil or pomadifax, G. E. Morrox \& Co.
Hair Dye-Hair Dre-Hair Dyk.-Gray. Red, or
esty Hair dyed instantly to a beautiful and natural Brown or Black, without the a least injury and to Hatairal or
Skin, by Bush's Argentine Hair Dye. The packages are put in a neat, compact manner
and contain a larger quantity of Dyee than any other
preparation in the market. Erush, Sponge, and every,
thing complete for application will be found with each









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