of a home-spun Nova Scotia preacher with a good command of English. Greek and Latin had their use when there was no good English. But now standard works on every subject are found in that language. Elequence is not peculiar to any one nation. We find some beautiful specimens in the poems of Ossian. I know nothing in all antiquity equal to the speech of Logan, the Mingo Indian Chief. We have had some distinguished statesmen who knew no language but their own. I might mention Washington, Franklin, and Joseph Howe. I could mention good preachers such as William Jay and Andrew Fuller. A minister with a strong mind and a heart burning with love to the Saviour and the souls of men, may do much good with a small stock of dead languages. Many of the Nova Scotjans are naturally orators and fluent speakers. I have seen a mechanic with a leather apron start up like a musquitoe out of the bushes and catch an audience faster than the Bishop in his robes. We give the Presbyterians credit for a learned ministry. We would wish to see every pulpit a throne of light and every pew filled with devout worshippers. We think that both the pulpit and the people require a deeper sprinkling of earnest and spiritual christianity. A good man is the guardian angel of his country. Ten good men would have saved Sodom. The great empires of antiquity have passed away. What can save our nation but the care of Providence and the salt of christianity.

CHRISTOPHER NORTH.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mission in Annapolis Country.

Dear Brother,

I have just fulfilled the mission of six weeks, appointed me by the Domestic Missionary Board, at Greywood, Milford and Annapolis Royal. tound the little church at Greywood weak and somewhat scattered; but by the blessing of the Lord their spiritual state is now, I think, much better. The congregations were good, orderly. and attentive. I had services also at Birch Town and at Annapolis Cape. I preached once in Annapolis town to a large and attentive congregation in the Court House. The Baptist ministers in the county had just commenced to hold preaching services in this town, which are designed to be continued once a fortnight-Being on the ground and the way open, I had the privilege of preaching the second sermon. A more attentive and orderly congregation I could not derire. It is of importance to continue these services. Through the kindness of the High Sheriff, P. Bonnett, Esq., the Court House has been opened to accommodate us. The like courtesy has been extended, I believe, to other denominations in that town when needed, and we are glad that so ready and willing a response was given to our application for the house. It shows impartiality and an absence of bigotry. I hope and pray that the Divine blessing may attend those labours, and that the seed already sown may be productive of spiritual good to many. One person at least I have reason to believe has obtained hope in the Lord, through the mission, and more seem impressed with a sense of sin.

Yours respectfully,

A. STRONACH. Ay'esford, Oct. 20, 1863.

Colonial and Foreign News.

Prince Edward Island.

THE ORANGE LODGES' BILL-A despatch has been received from the Duke of Newcastle stating that this bill has been disallowed by Her Majesty. His Grace says:

I deeply regret that the Legislature of Prince Edward Island should have given its sanction to a class of institutions which all experience has shewn to be calculated (if not exactly intended) to embitter religious and political differences. and which must be detrimental to the best interasts of any colony in which they exist.

Holding these views respecting the measure, I have felt it impossible to advise Her Majesty the Queen to signify Her Royal approbation of it, without which, I am glad to observe, it will not take effect.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL-Religious animosity seems still to be in the ascendant in the press of Charlottetown. The Vindicator, supposed to represent the Roman Catholic body, in that island, asks a number of questions concerning the Normal School students. The following may be taken as a sample:

"How many of them have learned to frequent taverns, to gamble, to go home at a late hour to their lodgings, and retire to bed in a state of beastly intoxication?"

The Protestant pronounces these "dark questions, base and cowardly insinuations" having " no foundation in truth."

It is said to be fully an average one.

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT. - A young man, seif dead, on Monday the 19th ult., at Mrs. Lannan's, 10 Mile House. So far as we can learn, the deceased, while in the act of entering the &c. No other news received. house, stumbled over the step, and it is supposed that the hammer of the gun which he carried, struck the side of the door, discharging the contents of the gun through his brain.-R. Weekly.

To give an idea of the trade in Sheep Skins in Charlotetown, we may mention that one individual, Mr. Chas. Riley, purchases on the average 280 sheep skins every market day, and has expended the amount of £120 per week since the middle of August on this one article.

New Brunswick.

The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. W. A. Corey, at Springfield, last Sabbath. The meetings are still in progress with hopeful indications .- Visitor.

Rev. J. C. Blackney preaches his farewell sermon in Carleton next Sabbath evening. He has accepted the recent call of the church at Wood-

The Fisheries on the Gulf Shore have been remunerative this season. Large quantities of codfish and herrings have been taken.

Canada.

The Ottawa Citizen says-" A rumor is current at the " Canada Club" in London, that H R. H. the Prince of Wales will be prepared to they cannot be expected to perform. recross the Atlantic to inaugurate the Parliament buildings at Ottawa, of which he laid the corner stone, whenever it is desired by the Government of Canada."

A BOATING FRAT .- Captain Savary, of the 47th regiment, had the honor of performing one of the most hazardous feats in boating that could be devised. He has safely descended alone in a small punt the course of the river St. Lawrence, driving the turbulent rapids of the river in his frail craft with fearless intrepidity. Capt. Savary left Kingston in his punt one day last week, and returned on Friday from Mentreal .-Kingston News.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

Oct. 28 .-- Guerillas and bushwackers are very active in front of the Army of the Potomac, rendering it unsafe for soldiers to venture out of

The smoke of Confederate camps can be seen beyond the Rappahannock, indicating that they are in force and intend disputing the passage of

Tuesday, and forced back upon the infantry tion immediately after. hear Queenstown.

Oct. 29:- It is believed that the Confederates have not pushed any strong force north of the Rappahanock since their grand retreat. Small bodies remain at the various crossings.

McPherson's expedition has returned to Vicksburg, having scattered the Confederate forces

on the Big Black River. Three millions of five-twenties were sold yesterday.

George Mangham and Ethan Allen, cruising fortune of a contest between the Scandinavian among British Islands, was summarily ordered and Germanic populations. It is certainly true away from some of the ports in Prince Edward that neither of the parties for the moment dreams Island. At Charlottetown orders came from the of giving way. Armaments are preparing on Governor ordering both vessels to sea. A probeen issued, making the demand, which was promtly complied with.

Nearly three millions of five-twenties sold yesterday. One Boston house took over two mil. Hanover, who, as you know, are the states on lions; at this rate the amount unsold will be whom the execution falls, have respectively retaken up in six weeks.

arez Government was presented yesterday to coercive measures. President Lincoln. Richmond papers report that the Federal bat-

teries at Charleston were firing away on Tuesday last.

New York Times report that the Confeder ates have sent troops to co-operate against Burnside in East Tennessee. Whole division of Ewell's corps to left for Lynchburg last week.

Washington Republican announces that Gen. Meade is feeling the enemy, and will soon make an important movement. Richmond Examiner says the seizure of the

Rams in England will bitterly disappoint the high hopes formed of their efficiency and influerate minds.

Six boxes of torpedoes and field glasses were found upon parties arrested in New York yester- fully on Europe. The common action must

Confederates attacked Hooker at Chattaed at all points.

blockaded.

Ocr. 31 .- Hooker took Look Out Mountain on Wednesday without serious opposition.

A Charleston depatch reports a considerable increase in the Federal squadron off the Harbor and Hilton Head.

Richmond is again reported. Eight out of 180 and Lublin.
died of starvation whilst on board the flag of The news of the trial and execution of the in-

The potato crop has been got in in fine order. truce steamer proceeding from City Point to surgent chief Iskra by the National Government Annapolis.

Nov. 2nd .- A despatch from Morris Island named Edward Small, son of Wm. Small, Black- dated 27th ult., says that, three heavy guns smith, of St. Peter's Road, accidently shot him- opened on Charleston. One threw Greek fire, and two others were to open, and other batteries were in play on Forts Sumter, Johnston,

Six and a half millions of five-twenties were sold on Friday.

The Washington Star says that it is certainly known that the Federal prisoners at Richmond never fared so hard before. They are starving and dying of exposure to cold in their nakedness. The excuse given is, that the Con-

federate forces in the field fare scarcely worse, Evening .- Persons from Richmond report the Contederate Government seizing all boots and shoes there for Lee's army, which is almost bare-

Army of Potomac advancing slowly and cautiously. It is located in excellent position, and can be easily concentrated either to advance or repel attack.

The British Consuls have been dismissed from the Southern Confederacy. The letter from J. P. Benjamin, Secretary of State addressed to A. Fullerton of Savannah, Georgia says :-

"You inform this Government that, " under your instructions you have felt it to be your duty to advise British subjects that while they ought to acquiesce in the service required, so long as it is restricted to the maintenance of internal peace and order, whenever they shall be brought into actual conflict with the forces of the United States, whether under the State or Confederate Government, the service so required is such as

This assumption of jurisdiction by foreign officials within the territory of the Confederacy and this encroachment on its sovereignty, cannot be tolerated for a moment; and the President has had no hesitation in directing that all consuls and consular agents of the British Government be notified that they can no longer be permitted to exercise their functions, or even reside, within the limits of the Confederacy."

Latest from Europe!

FRANCE.

The Empress is tavelling through Spain .-

The Courrier du Dimanche believes that matters have assumed with regard to Poland a more reassuring, that is, a more pacific, aspect-and that nothing even diplomatic will be done for this month at least. The same journal says that the French Government has declined to accede to Prince Czartoryski's appeal for the recognition of the belligerent rights of Poland. The French Legislative Chambers will assemble on the river, or the construction of railroad bridges. | the 5th of next November, and the world is pro-Butord's Cavalry division was attacked on mised all the documents about the Polish ques-

GERMANY AND DENMARK.

The vote of the Germanic Diet gave to Denmark a delay of three weeks, dating from the 7th of October. The Federal execution, therefore, would seem to be imminent. A letter from Frankfort, after speaking of the excitement in that city, adds :- " Happily there are still sensible people left who have confidence in an intervention. European complications are serious Oct. 30 .- The United States armed vessels enough as it is, without adding to them the misboth sides, Denmark is provisioning her forts, ing new troops, and waiting for material assis- shire Journal. tance from Sweden. Germany on her side is not less active. Austria, Prussia, Saxony, and ceived official notification of the decision of the The Mexican Minister representing the Ju- 1st of October, as well as special instructions for

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

It is reported at Breslau that Mr. Evans, of Warsaw, whose factory was placed under interdict because one of his workmen was found with bombshells upon him, has been released from the fine imposed on him. The Dzenniek says the man was sentenced to be shot in the yard of the factory, on the 8th inst. in the presence of all the workmen Several Polish nobles have lately been shot, one of them on suspicion of being a spy.

Paris, Oct. 13 .- La France of this evening publishes an article demonstrating the necessity ence upon the facts of war by sanguine Confed- of a conclusion being arrived at on the Polish question. It says :- " We have nearly reached the end of the anxiety which weighs so paintake a more decided form or be dissolved. It is Confederates attacked Hooker at Chatta- necessary that, before the opening of the Cham- is spared to procure the best material that can nooga at midnight, on the 28th, and were repuls- bers, the Emperor should be able either to announce a great resolution on the part of the lishment is waranted. Insurrection is spreading in St. Domingo.— Three Powers, or justify and disengage the policy The rebels attacked and burnt Puerte Platta. of his Government. Whatever my happen New Spanish General declared whole coast France has nothing to fear. If she acts it will be in concert with Europe. If she remains passive she will be able to prove that she has done everything to fulfil her glorious mission as a liberal Power."

BRESLAU, Oct. 13 -Fresh detachments of insurgents have been formed near the Galician Barbarous treatment of Federal prisoners at frontier and in the palatinate of Warsaw

is confirmed.

THE SPANISH ELECTIONS.

MADRID, Oct. 13 .- The elections are passing off quietly, but few persons vote.

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The rumour of a compromise between Marshal Narvaez and some other political faction is unfounded.

The result of the elections in Madrid and the provinces has been favourable to the Govern-

JAPAN.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON THE BRITISH FLEET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28 .- The Russian war steamer Novich, last from Hakodadi, Japan, was wrecked on the north entrance of this harbour on the night of the 26th. The officers and crew were saved.

They report that according to Japanese accounts, received at Hakodadi August 39, the British fleet had been repulsed from Kagosinia, where it west to demand from Prince Satsuma the surrender of Richardson's murderers.

As the British fleet entered the inner harbour an armed Japanese decoy-boat drew towards the shore, which was pursued, attacked, and speedily sunk. Masked batteries opened on the fleet from the shore, riddling the advance vessels before they could get out of range.

The Japanese claim to have disabled the greater portion of the fleet, and the balance retired from the contest.

INDIA.

BOMBAY, Sept. 27 .- Disturbance have occurred upon the north west frontier, but nothing of a serious character has taken place.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A frightful railway accident is reported from Barcelona, in Spain. Whilst crossing a bridge, seven carriages and a locomotive were precipitated into the water, and many passengers were

THE STEAM RAMS IN THE MERSEY .- The Government has decided to seize the steam rame now in course of construction by Messrs. Laird, at Birkenhead, and on Friday Custom-house officers were placed on board of them. The tender Goshawk has gone into the low-water basin, and the frigate Liverpool has been anchor-Her Majesty has been invited by the Queen of ed off the entrance. The "broad arrow" (the official seal of detention) has been placed on both the rams. The Turkish Government has offered to buy the vessels, and it said that Earl Russell will be very glad to encourage the bargain, and so get rid of the difficulty.

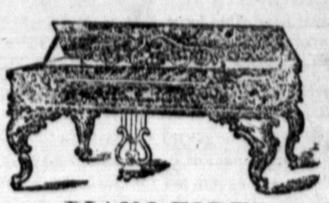
TYPOGRAPHICAL CURIOSITY.-The Popular Science Review for October gives a whole page of The Times newspaper, printed in perfectly legible tyle, size 4 1-8 by 5 3-8 inches. When it is considered that a page of The Times confains no less than 60,000 letters, the reduction into this space becomes very interesting. It is printed from stone by photo-lithography, and is accompanied by an article on the subject, written by W. Crookes, F.R.S.

There is said to be no truth in the report which has recently obtained currency, that her Royal Highness the Princess Helena has been betrothed to the Prince of Orange.

We understand that the late Attorney General, Sir W. Atherton, has been offered an appointment as Governor of one of the colionies .-Court Journal.

Mrs. Trollope, the famous novelist, has just died at Florence.

A LONG WALK .- Mr. Elihu Burrit, "the learned blacksmith," has actually walked all the clamation in the name of the Queen, having putting her fortresses in a state of defence, rais- way from Land's-end to John o'Groats .- Banff-



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