

were waiting for pledges to be paid. We still wait in hope.

From Mrs. Graham, Antigonish... \$20.00  
 " Mrs. Davis, St. John... 5.00  
 " Dr. Page, Truro... 4.00

If there are any more large hearted friends willing to assist us please send on the dollars and they will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Yours fraternally,  
 M. C. OLDING.

**In Memoriam.**

**DEACON ISAAC LARKIN.**

At Pubnico, on the 13th inst., in the 56th year of his age. Deceased has left a widow and nine children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. In his death the Baptist Church in Pubnico sustains a heavy loss. He was ever at his post in the house of God, where his memory will long be fragrant, and always ready to aid every good work. Last winter he was filled with joy at seeing several of his children and neighbours brought to Christ. Like Simeon he seemed then to say "Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." Throughout a lingering illness he was sustained by grace, and in prospect of death he was enabled to rejoice even to the end. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man in peace."—*Com. by W. H. R.*

**DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.**

**DOMINION.**—It is expected that the Dominion Parliament will be called together for the despatch of business on the 8th of February.

The Department of Public Works is negotiating for the purchase of the Bartholdi's fountain, now on exhibition at Philadelphia, to adorn the grounds in front of the Parliament building.

The Montreal City Council propose to present the new City Hall to the Quebec Local Government, provided they move the seat of Government to that city.

A large number of people in Montreal are being daily fined for wasting water.

A road across the river on the ice was made on Wednesday last.

W. Barber, the assistant accountant of the Bank of Montreal at Toronto has embezzled between eighty and a hundred thousand dollars. He was arrested on Tuesday and has confessed that he had been operating extensively in stocks.

The Quebec Government, on Wednesday night, carried their railway resolutions by a large majority.

The English mail-train arrived at Montreal on Friday at 5.45 p. m., but the Sarmatian, which brought the mails to Halifax on Thursday did not arrive at Portland till several hours later.

A large number of photographs, the property of Notman, of different classes in American colleges, in course of transmission through the post, have been seized for contravention of the United States revenue law, and proceedings against himself threatened. Notman writes to the papers that they have been sent by book post in the ordinary way as for five years, with the knowledge of the U. S. authorities.

The St. Lawrence has closed in at Kingston, Ontario, and teams are passing over the ice to Wolfe Island and Cape Vincent.

On Saturday last R. W. Cameron & Co., despatched the barque *Escoffier* from New York for Sydney, New South Wales, with 341 tons of Canadian products for the Australian exhibition.

**UNITED STATES.**—President Orton's refusal to produce telegrams on demand of the Congressional Committee has been referred to the special committee to define the powers of Congress in that direction.

A majority of the House Judiciary Committee declare Congress has full power to call for telegrams without restriction. On Friday the House passed a resolution arrogating to itself supreme power over telegraph messages. President Orton will contest the right of Congress or its committee to confidential telegrams.

The Democratic Legislature of South Carolina has elected M. B. Butler United States Senator. Wade Hampton made a formal demand for the State House, and met with a courteous refusal from Gov. Chamberlain.

Little Rock, Ark., has been visited by another conflagration; loss \$150,000.

The address of the Irish people, which President Grant, some months ago, declined to receive, except through the English Legation, was considered in Committee, on Foreign Affairs, and its acceptance recommended. J. O'Connor Power, M. P., bearer of the address, explained the object of the Irish people in sending their congratulations to the American people.

A special from St. Petersburg to New York says Grand Duke Alexis is now en route for the United States with the Russian fleet. The object of the fleet in coming is to secure a favorable base of operations, such as cannot be found in Europe, in case the Conference breaks down.

A tug-boat blew up in New York harbor on Friday, killing three men.

The Supreme Court has ordered a recount of votes in Florida.

The rival legislatures of South Carolina have adjourned sine die.

Portland has again suffered from fire. It broke out on Saturday morning and burned the Savings Bank building, including express and other offices. Fluent block also took fire and was badly damaged, together with the Museum.

Brent, the Louisville forger, having been surrendered, the Department of State has notified the British Minister that the President is prepared to respond, and to make a regulation for the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

**CUBA.**—A Havana letter says the Spanish army 15,000 strong was recently defeated by ten thousand Cuban insurgents, losing three thousand dead, wounded and prisoners.

**MEXICO.**—The civil war in Mexico, for the presidency, is assuming large proportions. Sixty thousand men are reported under arms, most of them supporting Diaz in opposition to Iglesias.

It is reported that the Mexican revolutionists captured an American banker at Chihuahua, and demand \$8,000 gold for his release. U. S. troops have gone to his rescue.

**ENGLAND.**—It is announced that the Queen will open the next session of Parliament in person.

Small-pox is largely on the increase in London.

Charles Brent, the Louisville forger, has been delivered up under the extradition treaty, and left in custody for the United States.

A colliery explosion occurred on Monday, the 18th, at South Wales, in a company's pit near Newport; seventeen bodies have been recovered. The miners taken out alive are all seriously, and some fatally injured.

A severe gale, accompanied by torrents of rain, prevailed in the United Kingdom on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the gale was particularly violent on the Scotch coast.

The steamer *City of Bristol*, from Liverpool Dec. 6 for Philadelphia (?) put back to Queenstown. She lost her foremast, bowsprit and all attached, during a gale. The second officer, and four seamen were washed overboard and drowned.

In view of the Brooklyn fire the Lord Chamberlain has issued a memorandum to prosecute theatrical managers who violate the rules concerning facilities of exit for their audiences. The maximum penalty under the Act is twenty-five hundred dollars.

The London *Post* publishes in official form a summary of the results of the preliminary Conference at Constantinople. According to this account, when Russia forebore insisting on occupying Bulgaria herself, the idea was put forward of employing a force which should not partake of the character of an army, but merely an escort to a European commission which may have to watch the execution of reforms. This force need not exceed six thousand men, obtained from a neutral country like Belgium, not as soldiers but as volunteers. The plenipotentiaries ultimately agreed on this outline project. The Marquis of Salisbury assented to it to avoid war, which would instantly have ensued if he had withdrawn from the Conference. The proposal insures the peace of Europe, for the moment, and may admit of further adjustment in full conference.

It is estimated that fully one hundred and fifty lives were lost in the recent gale on the east coast of Scotland and England. The *Times*'s despatch from Shields says the shores of the Tyne are strewn for three or four miles with wrecks. Similar accounts come from all points along the east coast.

**TURKEY.**—Midhat Pasha has been appointed Grand Vizier of the Turkish Empire in place of Mahomed Ruschdi Pasha, who is dismissed.

The plenipotentiaries at Constantinople have received despatches from their respective Governments approving of the decisions arrived at; the preliminary conference is therefore concluded.

The Turkish Government concludes a notification to its representatives abroad of the appointment of Midhat Pasha as Grand Vizier as follows: "The policy of progress, firmness and conciliation of the Government remain the same."

The preliminary Conference held its last sitting on Wednesday. The plenipotentiaries have agreed to formulate their proposals in terms acceptable to all parties.

The nomination of Midhat Pasha to the Grand Vizier is very well received, and it is believed it will hasten the solution of all difficulties.

The new Turkish constitution declares the Sultan to be the Caliph of Mussulmans and Sovereign of Ottomans. Freedom of all creeds is guaranteed; liberty of the press and freedom of education are granted; primary education is made compulsory, and all subjects are eligible to hold public office, and the rights of property and domicile are declared inviolable. A senate and Chamber of Deputies to be established, which will receive messages from the Sultan and have the privilege of voting. The imperative mandate is prohibited. The initiative in framing laws belongs to the responsible ministry and the deputies.

**RUSSIA.**—The Government loan of one

hundred million roubles is a great success. People are everywhere accepting 92 per cent.

Among the things which are tending to check the war enthusiasm, is the discovery of great deficiency in military stores.

**GERMANY.**—The Emperor William, in closing the session of the German Parliament, made a pacific speech. He said the negotiations upon the Eastern question, as far as they had proceeded with, justify the hope of peacefully solving pending questions without prejudice to good relations now existing.

**BATAVIA.**—A railway collision occurred on Monday; eight persons were killed and a fifteen wounded.

**GREECE.**—The Chamber of Deputies have unanimously passed a bill raising the strength of the military forces to 200,000 men.

**INDIA.**—Preparations on a magnificent scale are making for the proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India at Delhi on the 1st of January. Native princes and chiefs are arriving daily.

A review of the troops took place on Friday last before the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian forces.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—To be members of the Senate of the University of Halifax—Rev. Alexander McGregor, of Yarmouth; and Judge J. W. Johnston, of Halifax.

To be Examiners for the Pharmaceutical Society—A. P. Reid, Esq., M. D., and W. H. Waddell, Esq., M. D.

**Cumberland Co.**—To be a Commissioner of Schools—Job Seaman, Esq., of Barronsfield.

A society called the South Baptist Institute has been established in connection with the Granville Street Baptist Church, for the purpose of developing musical and literary talent among the young. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings at the new Vestry in Spring Garden Road. The following officers have been elected:—

President—E. G. W. Greenwood.  
 Vice-Presidents—W. C. Delaney and B. H. Eaton.

Secretary—John Burgoyne.  
 Treasurer—Miss Flora Taint.  
 Committee—Miss Flora Taint, Miss B. Robinson and C. H. Whistman.

A bad accident occurred on Thursday last at the North Street Railway Depot. A workman named White was preparing a dynamite cartridge in a tin can, and was just about removing it from the can when it exploded. The window of the freight shed, close by, was shattered, and a piece of the can struck a horse owned by Messrs. Moir & Co., which was attached to an express wagon receiving freight from a train. The poor beast's stomach was ripped open badly. It was removed to the owners' stables where it died shortly after. The man in whose hand the cartridge exploded was, strange to say, very little hurt. His clothes were torn and he received a slight bruise on one leg.

A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was formed on Saturday last at a meeting called for the purpose held in Freemason's Hall.

The chair was taken by Dr. Woodill, and Mr. Robert Murray was appointed Secretary. A committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Woodill, Alderman Brookfield, J. C. Mackintosh, B. G. Gray, J. H. Frith, John Macdonald and Robert Murray, to be the Executive Committee of the Society, to frame the constitution and bye-laws, and prepare an Act of Incorporation, as well as a special Act for the prevention of cruelty to animals—the whole of which is to be submitted at a future meeting. The annual fee of \$1 was agreed upon and paid by all present to Mr. Headley the provisional Treasurer. This is an excellent movement and deserves the cordial support of the public.

The University of Halifax will meet in Convocation this morning at 11 o'clock in the Legislative Council Chamber.

We had a fine fall of snow on Friday last making excellent sleighing which was enjoyed by a large number of people on Christmas Day.

There were several accidents with sleighs last week, the icy streets made it quite dangerous turning the corners of the streets. In two or three cases ladies were pretty severely hurt.

The members of the Grafton Street Methodist Church gave an entertainment in the School Room to the soldiers of their denomination on Wednesday evening. Near a hundred persons were present and a very happy time was spent. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hearts, Pope, and Purvis, and Messrs. T. Angwin, and E. Lloyd. Music was furnished by the choir of the church under the leadership of Mr. S. M. Brookfield.

Messrs. F. D. Corbett & Co. are lengthening and widening their now extensive wharf property, with the view of accommodating the Dominion line of steamers, which will discharge the Halifax freight at their wharf.

The Hon. James Cochran was taken with sudden illness last week and lies in a very precarious condition.

At the closing of the Public Schools, on Friday last the principals of several of the schools and many of the teachers were the recipients of handsome Christmas presents from their pupils. Such presentations show a feeling of good will and affection existing between pupils and teacher which is very pleasing.

Judge McCully is still very ill.

**DARTMOUTH.**—The public schools closed on Friday for their usual Christmas vacation. The principal of the High School Department, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Metzler, received handsome Christmas presents from their pupils. The new schoolhouse on the Common will be opened after the vacation, with Messrs. Carter, Johnson, Meagher and McKenna as teachers.

At the recent Quarter Sessions for Halifax County, the matter of double school assessment in Dartmouth for the county fund as well as for the municipality was discussed at length. An effort was made to have it as a case before the Supreme Court. This was objected to by the Dartmouth people but a committee, one from the Sessions, and one from Dartmouth present, the case before the Legislature next session so as to obtain an Act declaratory to provide for the case.

Rev. Mr. Falconer, of the Dartmouth Presbyterian Church, being about to leave Dartmouth, has been presented by the young men of his congregation with a handsome gold watch. Mr. Falconer was presented with a gold watch by the ladies of the congregation.

**TRADE IN GYPSUM.**—The following statistics show that notwithstanding the heavy pressure brought to bear upon the plaster dealers by the financial difficulties they have had to bear through the failures of some of the New York traders, the export of gypsum is increasing. Halifax County shipped from her various ports in the year 1874-75, ending June 30th, 1875, 83,410 tons of gypsum representing a value of \$83,410. In 1875-76 ending June 30th, 1876, this County shipped 85,065 tons gypsum representing a value of \$85,065.—*Windsor Mail.*

**MINOR.**—A destructive fire occurred here on Friday, destroying Kempton's grocery store, S. L. Freeman's dry goods store, and a carpenter's shop occupied by B. W. Wain.

**EASTERN RAILWAY EXTENSION.**—The Antigonish *Observer* says the route has been definitely selected. It lies through the valley of Bailey's Brook, passes Trotter's Mills to the Eastern side of the river, follows along the same side, and crosses the main road between the bridge at the East end of the town, and Grant's Mills. It is stated that the deepest cut in a distance of fourteen miles west from Antigonish does not exceed five feet.

On Thursday last, three cars of the Truro freight train ran off the track on a siding between Bedford and the Four Mile House. A part of the track was torn up, the cars slightly damaged, and an ox in one of the cars was hurt. If the train had been on the outside track instead of the inside one it would probably have been precipitated into the Basin, as the embankment is steep there. The trains were delayed several hours.

**CANNING.**—Mr. Samuel B. North, a farmer, 70 years of age, was attacked by his bull on Tuesday evening, and only lived a three hours. He was an inestimable man and his sudden death has cast a gloom over the neighborhood. He leaves a large family.

The Fishery Overseer for Kings Co. estimates the coast fishery of that county this season to have been worth \$50,000.

The unfinished Baptist church at Little Glouce Bay, was blown down on Tuesday.

It is reported that the steamer Northern Light, which was built for winter service between P. E. Island and Nova Scotia, is frozen up in Charlottetown harbor and the Albert had to go from Pictou to take the passengers off.

A despatch from Sydney on Sunday says: The barque J. Walter Scammell, of St. John, N. B., from New York for Queenstown, G. B., was abandoned, waterlogged, on the 18th, forty miles off Scatterie. The captain and crew were brought into Louisburg by an American fishing schooner. One man's leg was broken. Several others were frost-bitten. The Scammell was towed into St. Pierre this morning.

The Christmas dinner usually given to the prisoners at Rockhead seems to be an attraction to some of the roughs. Two cases of drunkenness on Saturday were dismissed from the Police Court, evidently disappointing the expectant parties. The police were busily engaged on Saturday night with the number of persons drunk and fighting.

On Saturday last an alarm of fire came from an office on Corbett's wharf where the floor had caught from an overheated stove. In running the reels two boys were run over and somewhat injured—one had his ankle broken.

FRANK MILLER'S LEATHER PRESERVATIVE and Water Proof Blacking received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition.

Oct. 18. 13 ins.

The Truro *Sun* gives a glowing account of a Baptist Sociable held in the Church of that town. An excellent tea was prepared in the vestry by the ladies, after which the large company present adjourned to the spacious auditorium. T. J. Walker, Esq., nominated John King, Esq., to the chair, which was unanimously adopted. Cyrus Eaton, Esq., explained the object of the meeting, and then directed his remarks to the Rev. J. E. Goucher, whom he commended for his christian zeal and diligence as pastor, and presented him with \$140.00 as a gift from the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Goucher replied in his usual pleasing manner, suitably acknowledging the kindness of his people in providing for his temporal wants, and telling his hearers that the sum just received was in addition to his regularly paid stipend. Then followed speeches by Wm. Cummings, Esq., Rev. Wm. McCulloch, D. D., A. Burrows, B. A., J. B. Rogers, J. McMillan, B. D., and others, interspersed by the singing of Anthems by the choir of the church, which were well rendered. The meeting was a most interesting occasion to all present.

**CONSUMPTION CURED.**—An old Physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple Vegetable Remedy, for the speedy and permanent Cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a Positive and Radical Cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a conscientious desire to relieve human suffering, he will send (free of charge) to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Sent by return mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, Dr. W. C. Stevens, 126 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Dec. 13. 1m.

**READ CAREFULLY.**—Samuel Osborne, Sôphisburg, says: "I was affected with Dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the 'Shoshonee Remedy.' After using three or four bottles, I felt much better, and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, and when I had taken three or four bottles more, I was quite restored to health and strength, and have experienced better health than for forty years before. I have been under the treatment of a number of physicians before, but never received any material aid until I used your remedy."

A McKAY, Truro, N. S., says: "I was very bad with Liver Complaint, but used the 'Shoshonee Remedy,' and in a month was as well as he had ever been in his life. I am now in business and wish you to send me three dozen by steamer."

A Wood, Concession, says: "That he has tried the 'Remedy' for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia with great success. I have also used the 'Shoshonee Pills,' and find that they are as good as ever I tried."

Rev. JOHN SCOTT says: "Mr. McKenzie Botting suffered from an attack of rheumatism, and was unable to move without help; but after taking a few bottles of the 'Shoshonee' was able to walk as well as ever." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills 25 cents a box. Nov. 29.

**TO CONSUMPTIVES.**

The advertiser, a retired physician, having providentially discovered, while a Medical Missionary in Southern Asia, a very simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical specific for Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all Nervous Complaints, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the recipe for preparing and successfully using, this providentially discovered remedy. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this discovery without cost, can do so by return mail, by addressing with stamp, and naming this paper.

Dr. CHARLES P. MARSHALL,  
 33 Niagara Street,  
 Buffalo, N. Y.

Oct. 25. 3m.

FRANK MILLER'S HARNES OIL received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**ANECDOTE OF DR. JOHNSON.**—NOT TO BE FOUND IN BOSWELL.—"Is it wrong Doctor, to believe in ghosts?" "No, sir; no more wrong than believing in you. It may be foolish; but there being no substance or foundation for the belief, the folly, sir, is quite immaterial."

The gipsies have bought the freehold of a field in Lordship-lane, Dulwich, and at least 150 of the race have encamped there for the winter.

An Irishman having been told that the price of bread had been lowered, exclaimed, "This is the first time I ever rejoiced at the fall of my best friend!"