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special mark you seek to impress on the Christian worship of this day. The circumstances that you judge to have called for this celebration may be not uncommon in their character, but

must be allowed to have in them; in

common with all like occasions, ele-

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ments of peculiar value. A gathering of sincere souls formed into a church of Jesus Christ, has in it a spiritual worth which words are unable to express. It is the recognized testimony given by each soul composing such community that he has received at God's hand the greatest gift heaven ever bestowed on earth. It declares to the world that Christ is with His people as He will be "with them even to the end of the world." It rebukes, meekly but firmly, the opposition of worldly men to the kingdom of Christ-or their sinful indifference or neglect. Satan does not love such scenes as the founding of Christian churches; and no doubt he will, if possible, so mar or intercept the work that fifty years, or a much much less period, may shew more of God and in the study of His word. decay than growth; and, if he can only effect it, will utterly wipe out the early planting of the right hand of cause of ill health. The last Sabbath God. Whether this dark work, aim- her Heavenly Father permitted her to" ing fiendish war against the work of God, shall have been discerned by yourselves or others from year to year of the fifty years you celebrate, or any part of them, be assured the war has been waged; and you meet to-day to raise high to heaven your hallelujahs of joy and praise for the deliverances experienced. Your rejoicing is that as the fathers, fifty years ago, under God's hand planted this vine, and therein she fell "asleep in Jesus." gave to the world their testimony of faith in Christ, and in Him only, for salvation and spiritual life; so you, this day, as constituting the same community, are enabled by God's good hand to utter forth, despite all Satan's power and wiles, the same testimony, the same Christian confession. Time forbids that I should dwell long on the memories of the past; but there are those now crowding my thoughts, over the recollection of whose names one might well be par doned for shedding mingled tears of sorrow and of joy. Sorrow that we see them not among us, but greater joy in the assurance that they fought the good fight, that they kept the faith, and found laid up for them the crown of glory which God, the righteous Judge, shall give them in that day. I have now imperfectly set forth a few select grounds of the duty of Christian joy; I have glanced at the uses of such joy, and have noticed the special duty of joy and praise on such anniversaries as this fiftieth year of God's preserving care, experienced by this church. However much I have striven to be brief, the subject has swelled beyond my utmost power of compression; so that waiving some points that might have given greater completeness to these remarks as a whole, I hasten to offer, in conclusion, a few words of earnest exhortation. It is no light thing to compose an integral portion of the great Christian army. Nor is it a small matter to be permitted to review the past providences that have for fifty years been forming, preserving, guiding, a portion of God's martialled host, in their struggle against the kingdom of darkness, and in their efforts to attain Christian increase. Under the wholesome pressure of these weighty considerations, my brethren, let all your Christian vows be renewed. Resolve in the fear of God, and in dependance on His strength, that so much of the next fifty years that you may be permitted to see, shall be equal in Christian growth to the past fifty, and yet more abundant. Allow no thought of feebleness to remain in your minds, other than shall bring you to rest more entirely on Omnipotence for help and strength. For while it is true that Christians are fellow-workers with God, it is no less true that all their springs of life and strength are treasured in Him. All needful help then issues from the same source whence comes the claim for the service of your labor, and it issues with the same certainty; as comes the claim for service, so surely comes, if we seek it, the needful strength. Failure, then, to the true and faithful heart is a thing impossible. Work for God depending on God, according to His

rendered to God in acknowledgement word in the Gospel, and while increase of some special mercy. The found- and Christian prosperity are thus asing of a Christian Church follow- sured, our God and Father shall, ed by fifty years of that preserv- doubtless, more and more fulfil in you ing care that has continued to give it the wonderful arrangement in the life and increase, may be an occasion of kingdom of His grace that makes His this sort. This, we all know, is the people/find their highest duty in their highest joy.

In Memoriam.

MRS. SARAH CORNING.

beloved wife of Deacon Nelson Corning, of Chegoggin, departed this life September 19th, aged 73 years. For some time previous to her death her health seemed to be slowly declining. When about eighteen years of age, she was converted; from that time forward until her death she manifested a deep interest in the Redeemer's kingdom. In March, 1834, she was baptized, and united with the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, where she remained a member until April, 1853, at which time she united with the West Yarmouth Baptist Church, organized at that time. Sister Corning's death is much felt : y the community, where she lived a married life about forty-nine years, and a follower of Jesus fifty-eight years. She delighted in the public-worship of was not her privilege to visit the House of God often during the past year bespend on the earth, she went to church, where she had taken much pleasure for many long years in the praise and worship of God. It was her last visit to the place of prayer, for before the sermon closed she was seized with an attack of palsy, and was carried to her home, where she remained in an unconscious state until Wednesday morning, when

officials have been assessed in Toronto. This year the total assessment of that city has been increased from \$29,000,-000, in 1871, to \$50,000,000 this year. Grand Trunk traffic receipts show an increase of ninety-seven thousand dollars odd

On Tuesday night last a committee was appointed to take steps to organize a Reformed Episcopal Church at Montreal.

Frauds on the banks seem scarcely as extensive as was at first supposed.

The Dominion Government has 30 or 40 carpenters at work making cases for the Paris Exhibition.

The Telephone has reached Quebec, and worked over a short line successfully-songs being carried over the wires, the music and air being distinctly heard and even the voices could be recognized by those familiar with them

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The corner stone of the Germain Street Baptist Church was laid on Tuesday last.

A TERRIBLE OCCURRENCE.-Musquash last week was the scene of a dreadtul occurrence, the particulars, as near as can be ascertained, being as follows : Mr Dunn, butcher, of Fairville, visited Musquash with a view of purchasing a bull from Mr. Michael Leonard. They agreed upon the price and the animal was tied to the butcher's wagon. Becoming alarmed the bull upset the wagon, broke loose and caught Mr. Leonard on its horns, letting out a portion of his bowels. Dr. Macfarlane, of Fairville, was summoned as quickly as possible, and he did everything in his power to relieve the sufferings of Leonard, who died a day or two afterwards. The bull soon after the occurrence, took to the woods, but was followed and shot by Mr. Dunn's brother.

800 were saved. Loss, half a million dollars.

John A. Bryant and A. W. Adams, correspondents of Chicago papers, quarrelled over the possession of a mining claim, on Thursday afternoon, when they met on the grounds. Adams shot Bry ant through the body, then turned and fled. Bryant then, drawing his navy revolver, fired three shots at Adams. The first shot missed him. At the second shot Adams fell; Bryant, still advancing, placed his pistol at Adams' head and sent the bullet through his brain, killing him instantly. Bryant is not expected to recover.

A heavy rain storm on Wednesday and Thursday did considerable damage. The Patent office, was flooded and variwere transferred to dry places on the lower floors. A large force is employed carrying the water from the building, but it is rapidly gaining headway. The of this hall to warn persons of the imme- grins. diate danger. Business in the Land office is suspended. The Land records are suffering considerable damage, and it is feared some will be destroyed.

ENGLAND.-Sir John Bennett, twice elected aldermen and each time reject. ed by the court of alderman as unfit to discharge the duties of the position, is again elected.

The Liverpool Stock Board resolved to apply to Parliament for leave to construct an elevated railway along two of the docks.

The Sheffield Independent says an investigation is proceeding into gigantic and astonishing frauds perpetrated upon the Great Railway of Kingston. Before ions of one of the most startling plots ever known in the history of railway enterprise.

, camp at Kurabel. Fighting was proceeding when telegram was despatched Thursday, but Mukhtar concludes as follows : We have every confirmation of our success

The Sultan has conferred the title of Ghozi, "conqueror," on Osman Pasha and Mukhtar Pasha.

It is stated that the Prince of Monte. negro will not push operations any further in the direction of Herzegovinia as he has gained as much Herzegovinian territory as he can hope to retain when peace is concluded.

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Mehemet Ali's recall from his command is ascribed to the influence of Mahmoud Damod, the Sultan's brotherin law. Suleiman Pasha, Fazer Pasha. Mehemet Ali, and Achmet Eyob, have ous offices are being vacated. The clerks | arrived at Shumla; last two are on their

Two thousand Bashi Bazouks and two thousand cavalry arrived at Mostar. Herzegovina, where a force of ten thouceiling of the North Hall is expected to | sand are concentrating to recover the fall. Guards are placed at either end territory conquered by the Montene-

> Particulars of the battle before Kars make it evident that the Russians attacked the Turkish positions along the whole line and were repulsed with heavy loss. The successes gained on Tuesday by the capture of Great Yagni Hill, claimed by the Russians and conceded by the Turks, did not compensate for the failure at other points of the line, and the positions carried have been since abandoned. The Russians were reinforced both by new troops and those lately employed against them.

A general attack was made on Mukhtar Pasha's whole line on Tuesday morning. General Melikoff was in command. The key of Mukhtar's position, which was defended by only a single many days may be expected full revela- battalion, was attacked on three sides and captured. The battalion was annihilated. The Turks tried to recapture this point, but were repulsed. FRANCE.-A letter is published for- Hopes are entertained of cutting off Mukhtar from Kars. The Russians filled by M. Thiers as head of the French | bivouacked on the conquered position. The Turks estimate the Russian force against their left at 35 battalions of infantry, 9 regiments of cavalry. They say Little Yagni was assaulted five times and taken and retaken. The movement against the Turkish right flank was so near succeeding that Mukhtar Pasha's communication with Kars at one time was actually intercepted. Eventually repulse was complete along the whole line, and the situation is one of the most serious | Turks remained in possession of the field of battle, which was covered with Russian dead. Grand Duke Michael commanded in person. Russian bulletin says lodgment was effected on Turkish ences, or whether the nation intends to right flank, and Turkish attack on next day brilliantly repulsed and the enemy driven as far as outer line of their camp. The Russian loss here was 3000 killed and wounded. The Turkish bulletin says, we have gained a brilliant victory, and inflicted a loss of over 5,000 on the enemy. Mukhtar Pasha telegraphs a long account of Wednesday's battle, which appears to have been indecisive. He says his outposts withdrew from Great Kanilar. On the right the Turks being threatened by six battalions, assumed the offensive. They stormed Gladi Gagh, and after five hours fighting pursued the Russians to Arpartchai. Night stopped the conflict and both sides maintained their positions. Fazli Pasha was wounded. There was no fighting on Thursday except near Karajaloff, of which the despatch gives no details. The rumor that two Russian generals were killed is unfounded. The Porte She will condemn dictatorial policy and in a despatch to its representatives claims that Mukhtar gained an overwhetming victory. Ali Said, commanding the Turkish forces on the Southern frontier of Montenegro, telegraphs that the Montenegrins on Friday attacked Podegoritza Spuz and the small ports of Avnie, Ismaile and Derwisch. The attack was repulsed.

J. W. WEEKS. Chegoggin, N. S., Oct. 3rd, 1877. **RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE**

HANTSPORT. - Dear Messsenger,-We had a very pleasant and profitable Conference Meeting on Saturday last, during which two candidates were received, who were baptized and taken into the church yesterday (Sabbath). God is still blessing us, and adding to His church those whom we believe have experienced His saving grace. Last evening was our communion season, and we felt a good measure of the divine presence. Our dear Brethren R. R. Philp and J. Nealy were with us, the former having spent a week here visiting his brethren and old friends, and the latter came on Saturday to take leave of his relatives and friends previous to his departure to Colorado, where he goes hoping by the blessing of God to recruit his health.

Brother Philp preached with power both morning and evening, and we were greatly comforted by the presence and assistance of both our brethren. I take the liberty to say that I believe that it would be for the glory of God, and the benefit of brother Philip if some brother minister who needs an assistant, could secure his services.

Our denomination and the cause of God in this province will sustain a loss in the removal of brother Nealy from our midst, but we hope and pray that, if it can be for the glory of the Master, his precious life my be spared to the cause yet for years. May the Great Head of the church go with and bless our dear brother. As ever &c., J. C. BLEAKNEY October 8. 1877.

A medical gentleman belonging to St. John city who is not inclined to exaggerate, states that there are at present from 500 to 600 cases of typhoid feaver in the city and Portland, and half as many cases of diphtheria! Bad drainage, over-crowded and poorly ventilated houses(the over-crowding being occasioned by the fire) are said to be the cause of so much sickness.-News.

A JAIL-BREAKER SHOT .--- On Monday of last week. Thomas Shovlin and John Martin escaped from the Penitentiary in St. John, N. B., during the temporary absence of the guard. They were pursued and fired at, but managed to reach the woods in safety. Late in the evening, Chief Keeper Keefe with a party while searching the woods near Torry burne, came upon Shovlin, who at tempted to escape when he saw the officers, but was shot through the body by Keefe. He died from the effects o the wound in a few hours. No traces of the other man have been discovered. Shovlin belonged to Portland, were some of his friends reside.

There are supposed to be nearly thousand buildings in course of erection in St. John.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in St. John is to cost \$44,350, to be completed about Oct. 1, 1878.

P. E. ISLAND-Oysters are selling in Summerside for less than a dollar barrel.

The Summerside Journal says the Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamers have taken from that port in the last four France will declare for the Republic. trips about three thousand barrels of oysters.

UNITED STATES .- The steamer Magnol ia, from Savannah for New York, foundered off Cape Hatteras previous to the 2nd inst. All hands were saved.

The British barque Evangeline;O'Hara master, loaded at St. John with deals for an English port, went on the Seguin reefs, near Jonesport on Monday night. She has been towed to Jonesport and is discharging.

The disease at Port Royal is believed to be yellow fever. The City Council have established a quarantine against Port Royal.

The Mayor of Port Royal has telegraphed for nurses. Physicians and intimates that Germany does not intend nurses have been sent from Savannah. At midnight the Western abutment of the great iron bridge spanning the Missouri caved into the river, carrying the entire 15 foot wall and about 75 feet of the embankment; gradual sliding signs. work has been noticed for the 48 hours, and men were employed day and night

mally nominating M. Grevy to the place Democratic party.

Gambetta on Tuesday formally lodged an appeal against the sentence passed upon him by the correctional tribunal. The appeal will probably be heard at the beginning of next week.

The hearing of Gambetta's appeal against the sentence of the correctional tribunal is fixed for October 10th.

A manifesto has been issued by the Bureau of the of Left the Senate. It says ever experienced. The electors are called upon to decide whether government is to be one of personal power directed by clerical and absolutist influcontinue to rule itself.

The radical newspaper Mot d'Ordre, thrice sentenced for publishing Rochefort's articles, closed publication and will be succeeded by a radical organ named LaReviel.

Gambetta has issued a manifesto to the electors of the Twentieth Arrondissement of Paris. He says: "France will say in a few days what she thinks of the men of the sixteenth of May, the allies and protectors of the men of the 2nd December, the servants of Henry 5th, and the agents of the Syllabus and Popes who are all sheltered under the patronage of the President. She will say that she intends to make an end of anarchy and dictatorships, withdraw the nation as well as individuals indefinitely from clerical rule, and ensure that public force shall never be employed except in the service of law. leave the chief of the Executive power who is transformed into a plebiscitary candidate, no alternate but to submit or resign.

GERMANY.-Last Tuesday night's reports from Berlin states that by the Emperor William's special order a note has been sent to Constantinople very earnestly urging that the principles of humanity be no longer violated. The note silently and indifferently to look on. GREECE.-It is reported that there is active interchange of communication between Servia and Greece, despatch of cannon to the frontier and other warlike Austkin.-Many arrests have been made in Transylvania and much sensation has been caused in Pesth by Mr. Helfy, member of the Diet, being placed under police surveillance for connection with the recently discovered plot.

From Mukhtar Pasha's latest despatch it seems the Russians have withdrawn from the right and centre of his line and concentrated their entire army at Aktschaka on Carstcha, fifteen miles northeast of Kars. The object of the Russian attack is either to cut Mukhtar off from Kars or drive him under its walls and shut him up there. If they fail, the second Russian campaign in Asia will be over. Within ten days 2,500 sick from Bulgaria reached Odessa hospital. The Porte seized a Greek vessel entering the Gulf of Arta with arms and ammunition. Greece demanded her restoration. There are two feet of snow in Shipka Pass and the troops are obliged to sit in frozen trenches ankle deep in mud.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS

DOMINION OF CANADA -- On Saturday Lord and Lady Dufferin drove the first two spikes of the Pacific Railway at St. Boniface, with appropriate ceremonies. A dejeuner at the City Hall, Winnipeg, followed, nearly 150 persons being pres- \$247,000 of the Atlantic Mutual Insu ent. Lord Dufferin delivered an eloquent speech and a farewell reception | York on Tuesday last. William C. Gilfollowed

The Governor-General and Lady Duf- | rance scrip has confessed that he is the ferin arrived at Ottawa on Saturday forger. evening, and were enthusiastically received.

The first locomotive for Manitoba has 16 miles below Wheeling, Va. Several been shipped.

The Ladies' Educational Lecture term opened on Friday by a lecture from Rev. Mr. McVicar, on the true aim and ob- | alleged that the treasurer of Hoboken, ject of eduction.

Little Plume, Chief of the Canadian Piegan Indians, is dead.

Richards, the salaries of all Dominion number, were burned. All the horses, communication of Russians with their

to avert the disaster. The Pennsylvania Coal Co. miners unanimously resumed work on Monday upon Company's terms.

Sir Allen Young will have the steamer Pandora refitted for the Arctic regions next Spring.

The Apaches in New Mexico last week murdered 25 whites and stole a number of horses.

Forged stock certificates amounting to rance Company, were discovered in New man, the William Street broker in insu-

Steamer "Comfort" exploded her boiler on the 2nd Inst., at Pipe Creek, lives were lost.

George Waterman, a clerk in the Pacific Mills, and Lawrence Moss are N. J., is a defaulter for \$80,000.

The corner shops and stables of the

ITALY .- The sacred congregation of the Vatican has pronounced against the canonization of Columbus.

The Italie (Rome) says it is authorized to declare that Italy has concluded no alliance whatever with Germany.

SPAIN. A Madrid special says the Spanish Government has promised Minister Lowell to pay the second instalment decisive success is achieved. of the Virginius' award this week .--Whether any other Cuban claims will be paid at that time is not known.

TURKEY.-Mukhtar Pasha telegraphs from Plevna that on Thursday the Turks occupied the heights of Great Yushilar Yagni, which had been evacuated by the Russians during the night. The Turkish columns are now attacking the Russians who are concentrated on the bank of Kars to Kaback Heights, whilst Turkish Dry Dock Railway, on 14th Street, were cavalry from Soblan and corps from Following the ruling of Chief Justice burned last week. All the cars, 180 in Higillipe has been sent to threaten

Russia.-The Czar has written to the Empress declaring his determination not to return to the capital until an

Owing to the unhealthy state of Gorny Studen, the Russian headquarters will be transferred to Sistova.

A telegram from Moscow, on Friday, states that intelligence is received that the Russians repulsed two attacks by Mukhtar Pasha with heavy loss.

The Russian grain harvest is disappointing both in quality and quantity. The wet weather in August and scarcity of laborers is assigned as the cause of the short yield.

The Porte has consented to allow passage of timber across the Danube for