

tonishment to hear that "They saddled him."

For us, in that grand old minster, famous for its great preachers, with the monuments of the illustrious dead above and around us, with its broad aisles filled with cultured men and women from many lands, such an announcement was quite startling and not a little ludicrous.

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For the Christian Messenger.  
Tabernacle Notes.

The teachers of the Third Baptist Sunday School would notify co-workers at a distance that on account of a mistake in ordering their supply, they have allowed to accumulate on their hands quite a stock of Sunday School papers. On examining the list, it was found that thirty different periodicals were taken monthly, at over a cost of one hundred dollars during the past year. The papers on hand are quite new and none the less useful, because a little out of date. On account of the urgent demand to replenish the library, they do not feel justified in quite giving the papers away, but are willing to make a liberal offer to any Sunday school, viz., to send at less than half the cost price a package of papers post free. Any Sabbath School district too poor to obtain papers even at a low price will please forward their name and post office, and we will try and spare them a few copies of *Buds & Blossoms* and other papers gratis. Send to Mr. Caleb Langille, Gottingen Street, Halifax.

The Editor of *Buds & Blossoms* offers to send two specimen copies to any one sending him a three cent stamp. And, moreover, being desirous and determined to increase its circulation, he offers to all new subscribers for 1879 a copy of Sacred Songs and Solos, revised and enlarged, the latest English edition with music, price 25 cents, and will send them as soon as names and subscriptions come in, allowing time to get them from England.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

RICHMOND, S. C.—A brief note from Rev. C. H. Corey of the Richmond Baptist Institute last week says:—"Our school is flourishing; never was in better condition; we have 80 students. One of our men has recently sailed as a missionary to Africa. Last winter 3000 persons were added to the colored churches of this city."

WENTWORTH, CUMBERLAND Co., Jan. 1st 1879.—Dear Bro.—The Lord is reviving His work in this place. Three young men were baptized last Sabbath. We expect to enjoy a like privilege on Sabbath the 12th Inst. Several more are anxious to be saved. Pray for us.

Yours rejoicingly,  
T. B. LAYTON.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Marquis of Lorne's levee on New Year's Day was attended by over one thousand gentlemen. It took place in the Council Chamber, Eastern Block. Presentations were made with overcoats on. His Excellency shook hands and spoke to each as presented. There was a pleasing absence of that formality and ceremoniousness which marked former similar occasions. He was attended by Major DeWinton, Col. Littleton and Lieut. Harbord, A. D. C., and the following members of the Privy Council:—Sir John A. McDonald, Hons. Dr. Tupper, S. L. Tilley, J. H. Pope and J. O'Connor. To many with whom he had had previous acquaintance he addressed appropriate remarks. All who attended were charmed with His Excellency's kindness and cordiality of manner.

The weather was the finest known at this season for years. Sleighing splendid and streets full of dashing equipages.

Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on Feb. 13th.

H. M. Jarvis, of the Post office Department at London Ont., was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, on the charge of robbing registered letters. He came from Ottawa about three months ago, one of his duties being the sorting of registered letters. For some time past money has been missed, and now a definite clue has been obtained. His arrest followed. The prisoner is married and the father of a family.

News by cable, received on Friday, gives the information that 3000 Cotswold and Leicester sheep, and 2500 Durham cattle were sold at the Smithfield Market, London, for the Toronto Ex-

port Co. The cattle realized \$132 per head. Their average live weight being 1400 lbs. The sheep weighed 150 lbs. each live weight in England, and sold for \$12 per head.

An accident happened to a freight train near Toronto on Thursday, throwing the train off the line and delaying traffic 30 hours. Snowing all last night and drifting terribly.

A telegram from Ottawa informs us that Her Royal Highness, though feeling keenly her recent bereavement, is in the best of health and spirits. She does not keep within doors but takes daily exercise on foot. She is entirely satisfied with her surroundings, and has communicated her satisfaction to the Queen in enthusiastic terms.

On Friday last a polar wave passed over the province of Quebec, sending the thermometer down to 20 below zero, accompanied by a storm of wind and snow. The trains in some places were deserted by the passengers, who took refuge in farmer's houses.

Jebin, a stone-mason, was murdered at Quebec on Sunday night by two brothers named Clavert, against whom a verdict of murder has been found by the coroner's jury.

A general scheme for the super-annuation of civil service employes is under consideration.

A petition is being largely signed in the Pacific province for presentation to the Dominion Government, praying that the immigration of Chinese into Canada may be in future prohibited, and that no Chinese labor be employed in the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway or any public works. This petition will be received at Ottawa in a few days and will be in charge of the British Columbia representatives. The prayer of the petition is to be formulated in a motion and presented to the House of Commons for adoption. The supporters of the motion expect a vigorous opposition but are confident of success.

A team crossing the ice between Richmond and Melbourne broke through and was carried under by the rapid current. The occupants, Messrs. Rowe and Kemp, of Kingsbury, and Mrs. Saddler, of Melbourne, were drowned.

There were no less than nine nominations for mayor of Toronto for 1879. Mr. James Beatty was elected Mayor by four or five hundred majority over Alderman Close, who was second. The Mayors elected for the cities are as follows:—Toronto, James Beatty, Q. C.; Ottawa, C. H. McIntosh; Kingston, C. F. Gildersleeve; Hamilton, J. E. O'Reilly; London, Robt. Lewis; St. Catharines, Henry Carlisle; Brantford, R. Henry; Belleville, Alex. Robertson.

There were 68 nominations for aldermen, 60 of whom went to the polls, and as only 27 were required, there were 33 disappointed aldermanic aspirants.

At Toronto on Friday last Joseph Murphy, aged 32, while intoxicated and staggering on the street, was knocked down by a hack sleigh—one of the horses kicked him, and both runners passed over his body, inflicting injuries which resulted in death.

James Larmour, a pensioner, and his wife were burned to death on Thursday night at Brockton, a western suburb of Toronto. The old man had drawn his pension during the day, and got drunk; in this his wife joined him. About 9 o'clock the neighbours saw the house on fire, but the flames had made too much headway to be easily quenched. After the fire had been extinguished their charred remains were found lying side by side burned to a crisp.

A petition will in a few days be presented to His Excellency the Governor General on behalf of the Cape Breton Board of Trade, praying "That the Dominion Government be requested to make such a subsidy appropriation as may be necessary to establish a weekly line of steamers between the Lake ports, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and other central points in the Maritime Provinces, at present not provided with railway accommodations."

A despatch from Winnipeg, on Saturday says:—The thermometer was 29 below zero here yesterday; 35 below zero at Fort Pelly, and 60 below zero at Battleford. The severe frost has prostrated the telegraph wires.

Over thirty children have died in Montebello from diphtheria in two months. The disease is prevalent all through Ottawa valley.

About a fortnight ago a lady came to Hull, Quebec on a visit, bringing her two children with her. A few days afterwards, one of the children took ill of diphtheria, and died. In three days more, the second child died of the same disease, and now the mother herself has fallen a victim. The mortality from diphtheria on the Quebec side of the river is everywhere reported increasing.

The Governor General and Princess Louise have been pleased to have the Ottawa troop of cavalry designated as the "Princess Louise Dragoon Guards."

The recent snows have blockaded the avenues to Montreal in some places, and many streets in the northern and western outskirts of the city itself are unbroken. This is said to be the heaviest fall of snow in this district for six years.

Thomas Dowd under sentence of death to be executed on the 14th inst., at St. Andrews is said to be reconciled to his doom. Mrs. Ward the wife of the murdered man also condemned for the same, resists all efforts to convey religious counsels and persists in her innocence.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The revenue collected at St. John from all sources during December, amounted to \$45,314. The duty on imports \$45,121. The revenue from all sources during 1878 was \$1,17,895, being \$77,526 less than in 1877.

A tramp named F. Buzzle stole a quantity of clothing from Charles Smith's store in Woodstock on New Year's eve. The Moncton skating rink opened on the evening of New Year's Day.

P. E. ISLAND.—Prince County, P. E. Island, voted on the Canada Temperance Act on Saturday last, and by a large majority adopted it.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Legislature of Newfoundland has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, the 6th of Feb.

Gold has been discovered at Bonavista Bay, and Isle of Mote. Licenses have already been taken out to commence operations at the latter named place.

UNITED STATES.—The New York Central Road Atlantic Express, started out of Rochester, on Friday afternoon, drawn by nine locomotives and preceded by a snow plow which kept some distance ahead. The plow reached the famous sand cut east of Fairport, where the passenger tracks are raised upon the embankment ten feet above the old tracks, now used for freight traffic, when it left the rail and stopped the way. The train following close behind dashed down upon it. A terrible collision ensued. Six engines were thrown off the track and ditched, while the passenger coaches were wrecked upon the rails. The engineer of the forward locomotive met instant death and the conductor was seriously injured. The road master sustained a broken leg and other injuries. Two firemen and five passengers were seriously injured. They were removed to neighboring farmhouses.

On Friday night a wrecking train drawn by eight engines was despatched from Rochester to the scene of the calamity, but was itself wrecked by the engines all leaving the track. Since that time an immense pile of rolling stock has blocked the road, it being impossible to reach the wreck from the west.

ENGLAND.—The *Times*' financial article says that industries have been disorganized during the year, credit is shaken, and failures have multiplied on every hand.

It is stated on good authority that the failures this year will be nearly five thousand in number more than last year, and it will be difficult to say where the distress will end. Not only have wages been reduced, and many thousands of citizens thrown out of employment, but many thousands, also, of those above the artisan class, are either in actual want or on the confines of it.

The business failures officially announced in the Kingdom (Great Britain and Ireland) during 1878 have been 15,059, of which 2643 were in financial and wholesale and manufacturing branches of trade, and 12,416 in retail trades, showing an increase of 4037 failures last year over the preceding year.

The Mayor of Manchester writes that £11,500 have been received for the relief fund. About 6,500 persons are receiving relief.

Two thousand nail makers in South Staffordshire have been discharged from the workshops and great destitution resulted.

Another heavy snow storm in Scotland, with extreme cold, stopped all outdoor labor.

The recent sudden thaw caused numerous floods in England and Scotland. At Nottingham the flood is the greatest known for 14 years. The country around Durlington and Lexington is flooded for miles, and much damage is reported at Berwick and Aberdeen.

The following telegram has been received from Admiral Hornby, commanding the British fleet in the Sea of Marmora:—"One of the thirty-eight ton guns of the turret ship Thunder burst on Monday January 2nd, killing Lieuts. Coker and Daniel, two petty officers, four seamen and a marine. The gun burst just in front of the trunnions, the muzzle blowing overboard. The gun had just been fired with battering charge, but when it burst it was loaded with full charge and empty shell. A boatswain and 32 men wounded, 12 badly. The turret was disabled, but ship otherwise uninjured."

Indications of the intention of employers in the west of Scotland to enforce a return to the aggregate of 54 hours labor a week are apparent. Two large establishments have posted notices to that effect.

General Grant arrived at Dublin on Friday, accompanied by General Neries. He has been presented with the freedom of the city.

FRANCE.—The coming elections do not endanger the Cabinet. The Ministry have agreed upon a programme which will be submitted at the opening of the session, and will insist that no reform be adopted without full discussion.

A Paris correspondent of the *Times* says a full pardon has been granted to 24 Communist exiles in New Caledonia, for services against the insurgents in that colony.

The rivers continue to rise in consequence of the rapid thaw, the Rhone, Saone and Loire being principally affected. The Aube overflowed its banks at Nogent.

SPAIN.—Senor Canovas del Castello on Tuesday 31st read in the Senate a decree closing the session of Congress. The new congress will probably meet in June.

GERMANY.—A Berlin despatch says the Federal Council has referred Bismarck's letter to the Tariff Commission, with, however, a special proviso that the Council does not thereby commit itself to approval of the proposals of the letter.

ITALY.—The *Times* Paris special denies that Italy is endeavoring to aggravate difficulties between France and Tunis. Such interference is improbable, as Italy has been distinctly informed that France would resist even by force of arms the attempt of any European power to establish itself in Tunis.

Nothing has occurred to disturb the relations between Austria and Italy. The former has no apprehension of Italy's designs on Albania.

RUSSIA.—A grand national exhibition is to be held in Moscow in 1880 and will probably be accompanied by great festivities, as it will be the 25th anniversary of the Emperor's accession.

A Berlin despatch says that many of the Russian students, arrested for participation in the recent disturbances, were banished to Siberia.

The Council of the Empire has approved new rates of taxation, proposed by the Minister of Finance, affecting stamps, liquors and cotton, other than Asiatic.

A Calcutta special says before leaving Cabul, Sher Ali wrote to the Viceroy of India, that he would return to Afghanistan after laying his case before a Congress at St. Petersburg.

The plague has appeared among the Cossacks of Astrachan. The sufferers are isolated and many doctors have been summoned to their relief. Of 195 persons attacked since the 1st inst. 143 have died.

At St. Petersburg it is said that nothing is known of the Amereers alleged intention to seek Russian protection.

TURKEY.—Ali Pasha, President of the Council of State, has been appointed second negotiator on behalf of Turkey, for a definitive treaty of peace with Russia.

A Vienna despatch says as the time for the election of a Prince of Bulgaria approaches fresh candidates make their appearance. Prince Volgorides, who, although belonging to a Greek family, claims Bulgarian descent, is put forward, but Daudokoff Korsakoff, the present Russian governor of Bulgaria, is, according to all accounts taken to be master in the Bulgarian Assembly, and will make it elect whom Russia pleases.

Four former leaders of the Macedonian insurgents, three of them Austrians, who are under arrest at Sophia, have been ordered to quit the country. The Porte has advised the Bey of Tunis to come to amicable arrangements with France.

A Vienna despatch says Prince Doudakoff Korsakoff has made a special report to the Czar, asking his intervention on behalf of Bulgarians in Macedonia, who declare that 120 of their villages were burned and 6,000 persons massacred during the suppression of the insurrection in Bulgaria. The fugitives petitioned the foreign ambassadors for deliverance from Turkish rule.

ITALY.—Ministers Depretis and Majorano, on seeking re-election in the new Cabinet, have been returned by large majorities.

INDIA.—The Viceroy of India reports that Major Cavignar received a friendly letter from Syad Mahomad, chief of Kainar Valley, announcing his intention of coming on.

The *Times*, in its article on the military situation, says this may be a forerunner of intelligence already hinted at, that the districts of Chitral Swat and Kunar will be incorporated into the Indian Empire by occupation of this tract of country and an easy and direct road be opened up from Punjab to Zarkand and Kashkar, presenting far fewer difficulties than that now followed by the Central Asian Trading Association, which traverses the high mountain ranges of Cashmere and Ladak.

A Hazer Pir despatch says: Gen. Roberts, with a large force, entered the district of Khost, which he intends to occupy to overawe the mountaineers. No opposition is expected.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent with the Quetta column says the artillery has safely passed the Khojakak Pass, Gulf of Peneral.

A Jellalabad despatch says that four regiments have deserted Yakoob Khan because of a dispute about pay.

A Lahore despatch says a strong force of mountaineers stopped all traffic through Khyber Pass and cut the telegraph wires.

The *Standard's* Bombay despatch says the Government of Candahar ordered a levy of the whole male population to resist the British. The people responded heartily.

The *Telegraph's* correspondent reports that the Afghans have flooded the country around Candahar, and all non-combatants are leaving that city.

The Halifax Typographical Union have presented R. T. Murray, Esq., Queen's Printer, with a handsome inkstand and address on his retirement from active membership with that body.

Local News.

James Thomson, Esq., formerly of the firm of Thomson & Esson, Cabinet-makers, celebrated his 83rd birthday and his golden wedding on New Year's night. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have long been active in every good work in the city.

Windsor has also recently had a similar celebration. Mr. Peter Shand, father of Mr. A. P. Shand, late of the firm of Curry & Shand.

These are rare events and may well occasion congratulations of friends of the families enjoying them.

Comparative statement of business failures in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island for the years 1877 and 1878:

NOVA SCOTIA.	
1877—Failures. 116; Liabilities. \$1,186,403.	
1878— " 168; " 2,077,663	

showing an increase on the latter year of 52 in the number of insolvents, with an increase of \$891,260 in the amount of liabilities.

P. E. ISLAND.	
1877—Failures. 23; Liabilities. \$240,975.	
1878— " 17; " 520,998	

showing a slight decrease in the number of insolvents, but more than doubling the liabilities.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society met on Thursday evening in the Legislative Council Chamber.

A number of donations in the shape of papers, books, etc., were received and ordered to be acknowledged.

The Secretary read a very interesting paper prepared by Miss Eliza Frame, of Shubenacadie, on "The early settlement of Shubenacadie." It contained a large amount of very valuable information.

The Secretary also read extracts from a voluminous journal prepared just before the rebellion of 1837-8, supposed to have been written by Rev. Thos. McCullough, D. D. It was in the form of a diary of travels in Canada up to that time.

His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne has accepted the office of Commodore of the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, vacated by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dufferin, who remains a member of the Squadron. Vice-Admiral Sir E. A. Ingfield, K.C.B., has accepted the honorary membership of the Squadron.

The customs receipts at Halifax the past month were \$71,516, being an increase of \$2,172 over the corresponding month of last year. For the quarter ending this date the customs receipts were \$216,685, and for the same quarter last year were \$245,274.

Dr. Farrell, ex-M. P. and member of the late Government, has resigned the office of Coroner for Halifax Co.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association was to be held at the Temperance Hall, Wolfville, yesterday. The members were to dine together, and hold an evening session, at which the subject for discussion was "Insects."

At Spring Hill on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, a lad about 14 years of age, son of Mr. Hall, resident Manager of the Spring Hill coal mines, met with a very painful accident by having his mitten caught in the cog gear of the rotary screen. Inch by inch his hand and arm were drawn between the cog wheels and literally chopped to bits. At length his face and side came in contact with the wheels and the bones of his shoulder were sufficient to stop the machinery. He was promptly relieved from his awful position and his wounds carefully dressed, the hanging shreds of the limb being amputated. Very slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.—*Chron.*

Two ounces of gold were, last week, brought in from the "Ovens," Lunenburg, and sold. The most favorable prospects to gold seekers are reported. It is stated that a company will be formed to work the mines in the Spring.

Mr. Dan Johnston, of North Sydney, last spring sown two and a quarter bushels of wheat, and a few days ago, on completing the process of thrashing and winnowing the harvest yield of this, found himself the possessor of fifty bushels of superior wheat, equal to a fraction over 11 bushels to one sowed. For the past two years the small quantities of wheat sown in Cape Breton have yielded most encouraging returns, and we hope that there will be a general effort among the farmers next session to return to the culture of this most valuable cereal, which at one time flourished so successfully throughout Cape Breton.

At Brookfield Diphtheria prevails to an alarming degree. Over thirty have died with itsince September. The young, old and middle aged have had the disease, but the children are the chief victims.

Export of produce is going on more actively than usual. The brig "Alice" sailed from Port Williams, Cornwallis, on Saturday for Demerara, laden with upwards of 1,300 barrels potatoes and a quantity of apples, &c.

The "George M. Dutcher" will sail from Digby, in a day or two, with a cargo of fish, potatoes, and apples, for Antigua, both vessel and cargo having been sold to parties at that place.