

FREDERICTON, N. B., DEC. 10, 1892.

DR. TALMAGE ON RUSSIA.

An exchange of recent date contained the following, dated St. Petersburg, Dec[.] 4.—

"The trial by court martial of the persons concerned in the cholera riots in Saratoff, in July last, ended yesterday. Twenty-three of the prisoners were sentenced to be hanged and 56 to be imprisoned in Siberia."

In Dr Talmage's sermon on the civil and political state of Russia, occupying four columns of a newspaper, we were told that there was no such thing as capital punishment throughout the Czar's vast dominions, except for high treason. therefore, the above extract is true, the veracity of the great preacher in all he says about Russia, becomes very questionable; and we believe in the truth of the hanging business as described above, for there are so many improbable statements in that sermon about Russia that it is not possible for anybody to give credit to even what may be true. Is it to be supposed that the whole world for ages has been in darkness with regard to the despotism of Russia, and its treatment of individuals, and that for the time we are to be told by one man that we have always been hugely mistaken, and that everything is "just lovely" in that country? At the same time it is presumed that Dr. Talmage is satisfied himself that what he puts forth is all true, or rather knowingly telling untruths We believe that the preacher is honest but awfully humbugged. We read in the good book that our Saviour was taken up by the devil to an exceeding high moun-

tain and shown all the Kingdoms of the A rumor has been going the rounds world which should be presented to him the past few days to the effect that the if he would fall down and worship Satan. Hon. Justice Fraser has been appointed We all know the reply and rebuke that governor. What truth there is in the fellow received. Dr. Talmage was taken report, or whether there is any ground

W. TABOR HAS IN STOCK Tea. Tea. Flour.

THE GAME OF FOOTBALL with him he handed him over to his courtiers to show him about in all the

Many who have read the accounts of good places-to put the best foot forward the recent football matches between Yale and being wise men, to disabuse the and Harvard, and Yale and Princeton, Preacher's mind of the false reports that will wonder whether to call football as a had been going through the world about present played in the United States the l'mperor and his government. Ay ! "game" is not a misnomer. We are told,

and they held on to him until they were for instance, that at one point in the ready to hand him his passport, in order game the men were piled as high as a he might not fall into evil hands two storey house, locked and twisted that and hear the other (truthful) side of the together like a den of snakes, and that story. For example, they, or the right when they were untangled one player

person for them, told the Preacher all was laid out with no visible sign of life, about Siberia, and that it was a "lovely" while several others were reeling from country-the greater portion of it resting the effects of the awful crush. At another in a climate equal to that of New York. stage of the game a player was laid out Instead of terrible frost and snow [vide as limp as a rag; and all through the Harper's Magazine for May (?) 1891] it game, says the account, it was an excepwas all sunshine and flowers, and that tional scrimmage that did not leave political prisoners really liked to be sent somebody on the ground.

there. And what is more curious still And yet we cannot refuse to believe Dr. Talmage seems to believe it all. that all this, which to the uninitiated Then they had trial by jury in Russia must have looked very much like a free and it was hard to convict a man, they fight, was amusement to those engaged were all so tender-hearted. The govern- in it and diversion to the spectators. ment in short was paternal-a sort of There was nothing which compelled patriarchial institution. The Nihilists those college students to charge upon were few and far between, the same sort each other like so many yelling, shriekof malcontents as are to be found in all ing demons, and the mere possession of countries. But in his fulsome encomiums the football was not enough to account and advocacy of Russian practices he for the contest since any quantity of new fails to say anything about the late Jewish footballs could have been purchased at a persecutions, driving them out of the comparatively low cost.

country by hundreds of thousands-of It was the pure love of a contest which the Polish troubles of 1833, when thousinduced this Donnybrook Fair sort of a ands of unfortunate prisoners were put to skirmish, in which the players were as death in cold blood, etc., etc., etc. Howregardless of wounds and bruises ever the text to this article will furnish many veteran soldiers going into battle. some evidence as to which leg th The desire to get the better of the other preacher is standing on. fellows, to establish their superiority over

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their opponents and to down the rival college were the moving causes of these contests, and who, with the recollection of his youth to suggest to him, will not say that this was genuine amusement?

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

The St. John Sun of the 5th contained a communication signed by a Methodist in answer to a letter which appeared lately in the "Churchman," in which the "good Bishop" is compared to the Archbishop Laud, as an example of everything that is good. The Methodist is astounded at the comparison-for he puts down Laud

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