

wrote me that?" said Hoskins, offering another letter to the old man. Again Mr. Flint glanced at the page.

"Yes, I do," he said; but this time he grinned.

"Perhaps a secret enemy," murmured Berthilda.

Uncle Flint looked at her, her nose was red with weeping.

"You're a good girl, Berthilda, if you are an ugly one," said Uncle Flint.

"For your sake I'll explain matters. I wrote both those letters, but I sent them to the wrong man."

"That's yours, Hoskins. Perkins, that's yours, and I meant every word of it."

And he handed the letters to their proper owners.

"I'll see if this ain't a wassle of libel," said Perkins, as he walked off.

But Hoskins advanced and held out his large hand.

"Let bygones be bygones," he said, "May I have Berthilda, Mr. Flint?"

"You can ask her," said Flint.

And though Berthilda only said "Oh, dear," and cried again, Hoskins was contented, and the wedding came off in due time.

### The Colonial Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., DECEMBER 17, 1877.

This wave of temperance reform which is sweeping over the Dominion is a remarkable phenomenon.

Mr. McKenzie's oratory, for he is not an orator in the popular acceptance of the term, is not that he has told us anything new.

Mr. D. Banks McKenzie has held a very successful series of Temperance meetings here during the past week.

When, after many battles past, Both tried with blows, make peace at last, What is it, after all, the people get?

A New Hampshire man who sometimes wanders in the back districts with a fobbed, says he has discovered one of the reasons why farming don't pay.

A LITTLE TOO SAUBRE.—It is a very unclerical practice, and I must say a very uncleanly one.

In the ages when our ancestors were savages the men went on a little ahead in journeys.

Mr. REDMAN'S CORN.—Max Adler says: "We are surprised to read in an exchange that the corn of Mr. Rodman, of Lyncourt County, is seven feet high."

A boy came along to one of our neighbors' houses holding a very dirty dog, and asked the gentleman of the house: "Don't you want to buy a dog, Mister?"

We have the sad duty this week of recording the death at Montreal of Miss Victoria S. Healey, second daughter of our esteemed friend and former fellow-townsmen, John W. Healey, Esq.

A great discovery of gold bearing quartz has been made in British Columbia, in the Cariboo district.

### THE WAR.

We have this week to chronicle a terrible disaster to the Turkish army at Plevna. It will be remembered that for some five months Osman Pasha has remained behind the fortifications of this town and has defended this position so well that at least 50,000 of the Russo-Bulgarian army were sacrificed before it.

A Russian official despatch, dated Bogatz, Dec. 12th, says:—"Sixty battalions of Turks yesterday, attacked the forts of Grand Duke Vladimir all along the line, directing, however, their principal efforts against the left and centre."

EDITORIAL NEWS ITEMS.

A government has been formed in France, and the friends of order are again hopeful.

Horne Tooke, being asked by George III. whether he played cards, replied: "I cannot, your Majesty, tell a king from a knave."

THE BATTLE FIELD.

Latest specials from Bogatz and Bucharest give us a description of the ground where the terrible battle following Osman Pasha's sortie took place, as a field of blood, literally strewn with thousands of dead and dying.

THE RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

The Russian and Rumanian armies made a triumphal entry into Plevna at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

THE LONDON DAILY NEWS special from Plevna says:—"For the last three days the Russians knew that Osman Pasha's provisions were exhausted and that a sortie was preparing."

On Friday night the meeting was again immense in point of numbers and unparalleled in enthusiasm.

The Governors of Acadia College have determined to erect three buildings, one for the College, one for the Ladies' Seminary, and one for the Academy.

### MURDER WILL OUT.

A few years ago "August Flower" was discovered to be a certain cure for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, a few thin Dyspeptics made known to their friends how easily and quickly they had been cured by its use.

WATER AND CATARRH REMEDY.—Read the following testimonial respecting this remedy:—

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The production of a remedy that may truly be said to alter the prospects of the consumptive as to give hope of cure in not a few cases, and of much prolonging life by far the greatest number.

WISTAR'S BALM OF WILD CHERRY.

THE GREAT FEMALE REMEDY.

JOB MOSES' PERIODICAL PILLS.

THE GREAT FEMALE REMEDY.

DEATHS.

STRAYED.

A CONSOLIDATED LIBRARY.

AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN of large experience who has made Pulmonary Consumption a specialty, says that "although in the west and most rapid forms of the disease, we have still to confess that medicine is almost powerless, yet, in those less overwhelming, and in those more chronic, which happily constitute the far greater number of cases we have been able to adduce many proofs that much may be done to mitigate, to prevent, to retard, and, even to arrest him, cure this most destructive of human maladies."

THE PAPER MONEY MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD?—When you put it in your pocket you double it, and when you take it out you find it still in creases.

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