CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1880.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2nd.,	at	1.49. a.m.
New Moon.	9th.,	"	10.43, a.m.
First Quarter,	17th.,	"	2.50, p.m.
Full Moon,	24th.,	"	6.26, p.m.

		Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.
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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

ALL FOOLS DAY.

WAGGONS and a horse power are offered for sale at auction by Mr. Shirreff.

F. J. LETSON, ESQ., advertises a varied stock which ought to attract customers in town and country.

CROQUET SETS got up in improved style and contained in strong, well-made boxes are opening at the MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.

THE DRAMA:—The Chatham Dramatic Club are to give a very attractive entertainment on Monday evening next. See Advt.

MESSRS. REED AND WRIGHT of New York, whose advertisement appears in the ADVANCE solicit New Brunswick business. They are well recommended.

A VALUABLE PROPERTY—that known as Ritchie's wharf, Chatham,—is offered for sale, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns.

TROTTING RACES:—There were some trotting races on the ice on Monday last in which first money was won by Mr. Tweedie's mare and second by Mr. Ullock's "McIntyre mare."

WE DIRECT ATTENTION to Carmichael Bros. advertisement of seeds, parties requiring any of above, will please call and get prices as they are positive they can sell cheaper than any in the trade.

ADVERTISERS are informed that our rates have not been increased, although the local circulation of the ADVANCE is double that of any other paper. Now is the time to make announcements to affect spring trade.

ROGERVILLE:—On Monday last, at Fredericton, Mr. Johnson introduced his Bill to alter the division line between Kent and Northumberland, with the petition of 194 French speaking inhabitants of Northumberland in favour of the change.

STORM:—The snow storm of last week, which was not very heavy at the North shore, was the worst of the season further south and east. The railways of Nova Scotia and the lines from Moncton and St. John westward were blockaded for some time.

THE HORSES RECENTLY ADVERTIZED in the ADVANCE have been sold. The advertiser informs us that he could not make out the name signed by an applicant for them writing from Stymiest Settlement. Moral—write plainly on business matters.

PERSONAL:—E. Hutchison, Esq., M. P. P. spent the Easter holidays at home.

Hon. Mr. Adams, Surveyor-General, was also at home this week.

Rev. W. Wilkinson is at home on a visit and his many friends are very glad to see him.

Wm. Compton, Frq Dominion Arbitrator was in town yesterday.

THE WAVERLEY HOUSE, St. John, has been completely renovated by its enterprising proprietor, John Guthrie, Esq. and is now second to no hotel in the city. Some of our Miramichi friends who have lately been Mr. Guthrie's guests give him great credit for the manner in which he has brought the well and favorably known house up to modern requirements.

COMING TOWN:—A Fredericton despatch to the St. John *Sun* says:—"It is rumored here that the Government will ask the Legislature for $45,000— to cover cost of erecting and furnishing new Parliament Buildings. The reduction from $60,000, or thereabouts, is to catch the economists in the Assembly and give St. John members of the Cabinet an excuse for favoring the measure."

NEW MUSIC.—Messrs. Landry & Co. have issued lately several pieces of music which have only to be known to become popular. They include "Send me an answer from over the sea," "Midship Mite," "Somebody's Grandpa," "The Poor Orphan Boy," "The Racquet Waltz," etc., etc. Any one of these pieces will be mailed postage paid for the regular price, 40 cents. Three of them ordered at one time will be sent, postage free, for $1. Address either Messrs. Landry & Co., St. John or the MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE, Chatham.

FOR SPORTSMEN AND ANGLERS:—One of the best made tents for the use of goose and duck shooting parties or Anglers, that has been seen on the Miramichi, is now for sale at the Miramichi Bookstore. It is pyramid shaped at the top with 3 ft. perpendicular walls, weather-proof door, substantial cords and other attachments of the most practical kind. It will amply accommodate a party of four persons, although six may sleep in it. It is made of the best American twilled boat sail drill, double sewed. Any of our readers requiring a first class tent ought to secure one of these. The one on hand is a sample, from which duplicates may be ordered. The design was furnished by a Miramichi gentleman and the house manufacturing from it is one of the largest in the business.

THE REASON WHY:—Some of our friends ask us why we do not "sit down upon" those who resort to personal abuse in reply to our criticisms on what they say and do in connection with public matters. The reason is because we do not care to put fact against fiction. If a person robs his friend's shop till or "smashes baggage" on a railway and afterwards, preaches temperance and religion to cover up his delinquencies, why should such facts be placed against the weak little hypocrisies of profession or statement that he may make for the purpose of sustaining himself in a false position? If the man whose till is robbed can allow the poor, guilty wretch to escape, why should others complain, so long as his new jailors keep him on the limits. The skeletons removed from the Sheolic closet are not the only items in the baggage partially opened in Chatham, but we must decline to fire good ammunition at decoy ducks. Above all things, personalities must be avoided in the discussion of public matters.

Entertainment of the Chatham Temperance Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Chatham Temperance Reformers, gave their weekly entertainment in the Temperance Hall. The chair was occupied by Vice President John Shirreff Esq., There was a good attendance, and the programme was as follows:—Addresses by Mr. Alexander Cantley and Mr. Tait of Black Brook; Reading by John Shirreff Esq.; Trio by Misses Annie Davidson, Aggie Johnston, and Aggie Anderson; Instrumental music by Miss Haviland on the organ, and Masters Campbell Johnson and E. Haviland on the Drum; Solos by Master C. Johnston and Miss Ida McAlpine; Musical Dialogue by Misses Gertie Goggin, Aggie Johnston, Jessie Ullock, Florence Kelly, Reta Kelly, Lettie Haviland, Bessie Goggin, and Bessie Carmichael, also a chorus by the same, with the addition of Miss Bessie Ullock. Duet by Mrs. Pallen and Miss Maggie Johnstone. Choruses by the choir. Misses C. Johnstone and Gertie Goggin presided at the piano. The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

Serious Fire at Derby.

A Newcastle special of yesterday to the ADVANCE says:—"The Crocker homestead in Derby, two story building, occupied by David Crocker, was burned to the ground last night, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. Total loss. No insurance."

In addition to the above we learn that Mr. Jas. Nathan, Teacher, who was boarding with Mr. Crocker, lost his books and other effects. In making his escape from the burning building he was obliged to jump from a second story window. He received a severe sprain of one ankle in doing so.

The Easter Meetings.

The usual Easter Meetings of the Church of England corporations took place in the different parishes on Monday last. The following are among the reports that have come to hand:

ST. PAUL'S, CHATHAM.

The Vestry and congregation meetings were held in the parish Church, the Rector, Rev. D. Forsyth, Rural Dean, in the chair. The Church officers and representatives elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

Wardens:—George Burchill and Michl. Searle.

Vestrymen:—Richard Carman, Capt. John Brown, George A. Blair, D.G. Smith, Saml. Halberly, Charles Sargeant, Richd. Hocken, Wm. Wilkinson, W. B. Howard F. E. Winslow, Thos. F. Gillispie, John Baldwin.

Delegates to Synod and D. C. S.:—Wm. Wilkinson, Geo. A. Blair.

Substitutes:—George Burchill, Richard Carman.

ST. ANDREW'S, NEWCASTLE.

The Rector, Rev. H. H. Barber, occupied the chair, and after the other business had been satisfactorily disposed of, the officers and representatives of the Church for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:—

Wardens:—John Maltby, E. Lee Street.

Vestrymen:—Hugh Hutchinson, J. G. Kethro, Wm. Maltby, Thos. Halloran, W. Fenn, R. B. Haddow, Taos. Maltby, C. Maltby, John R. Maltby, Wm. Russell Senr., W. H. Buck, James Copp.

Vestry Clerk:—R. B. Haddow.

Lay Delegates to Diocesan Synod and D. C. S.:—Wm. Fenn, John Maltby.

RICHIBUCTO.

The regular Easter meeting was held in the Parish Church on Easter Monday at 11 a.m., Rev. J. Nelson Jones, Rector in the chair. Thos. W. Bliss acted as Secretary, *pro tem.*

After all miscellaneous business was concluded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Wardens:—James C. Moody M. D. William Hudson.

Vestrymen—Thos. W. Bliss, Charles J. Coyle, Wm. Whyten, Allen Hains, Robert Hutchinson, Thos. G. Dickinson, John G. Dickinson, Wm. F. Black, Oswell Smith, Caleb Richardson, David Palmer, and David Thomson.

Vestry Clerk:—Caleb Richardson.

About $250 were realised from the picnic and entertainment given to raise money towards the new chancel, recently added to St. Mary's Church.

BATHURST.

At a meeting held at St. George's Church, Bathurst, on Easter Monday, Rev. W. H. Street, Rector, in the Chair, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

Church Wardens:—Theophilus Desbrisay, Dr. W. P. Bishop.

Vestrymen:—Henry W. Baldwin, Sheriff Vail, John E. O'Brien, C. H. Mann, Wm. Hillock, Henry Bishop, William Hinton, John T. Carter, William Ellis, Fred S. Hilyard, Thomas Miller, Charles Gosnell.

Vestry Clerk: W. J. O'Brien.

Delegates to Synod:—Theophilus Desbrisay, Sheriff Vail.

DALHOUSIE.

The Easter meeting of St. Mary's Church, Dalhousie, was held as usual on Easter Monday, the Rev. J. H. Sweet, Rector, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the meeting proceeded to the ordinary routine business. The church accounts, as well as the Rectory accounts, were read, and on motion, auditors were appointed to report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Friday April 2nd. The election of officers was then proceeded with, the following being the result:—

Wardens—H. A. Johnson and J. C Barberie.

Vestrymen—Thos. W. Bishop, J. S. Morse, Sheriff Phillips, Nathaniel Bateman, J. Barberie Alex. Stewart James Moffatt.

Vestry Clerk—Sheriff Phillips.

H. A. Johnson was elected delegate to the Diocesan Synod, as well as delegate, together with Chief Justice Allen, to the Diocesan Church Society.

Death of George Henderson of Derby.

It frequently happens that young men, buoyant and energetic leave home to seek their fortune in a distant land. But alas, when they bid farewell to the members of the family circle, it seldom occurs to their minds that they part to meet no more. The fond embrace, the parting tear, the tremulous voice betoken the bonds of love which unite them to each other. Yet, when they separate they often anticipate a happy reunion. Still this is sometimes overruled by an allwise Creator who does what we may deem harsh; yet we must be consoled with the thought that what pleases Him is best. So, in the present instance relatives and friends should not grieve o'er the death of him who has been called to give an account of the deeds done in the body, but rather rejoice to know that with God all things are possible; and though far from his earthly home he may have sought and found salvation in his dying moments and is now dwelling with the saints above.

On Saturday last Mr. F. P. Henderson heard with intense sorrow of the death and burial (at Driftwood, Pen., U. S.) of his beloved son "*George*." It seems that he and another young man were engaged in sawing off the top of a tree some eight or ten feet from the ground. With this he fell, and the balance of the tree almost instantly following, struck *him* on the hip and abdomen causing death to ensue about twenty hours after the accident. Surgical aid was obtained, but was of no avail and the young man died among none but strangers, and a companion of his school days to soothe his dying pillow. It was found almost impossible to bring his remains home, but it is a comfort to know that friends cared for him, both before and after death. His affectionate brother, who arrived at Driftwood a few moments before the funeral, remains to erect a tombstone o'er the grave of him who was loved and caressed by all the family.

Active and ambitious, he was one of those who generally prove a blessing to family and friends; and undoubtedly had he been spared, would have proved an ornament to the family of which he was a member.

The sorrow-stricken family have the sympathy of the whole community; but while human efforts fail to cheer the mourners, only an unbounded trust in God will bring consolation to the sorrowing family. Surely, in the midst of life we are in death: then let all be prepared that when *our* earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved we may have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY.

DERBY, March, 22nd, 1880.

The Irish Fund.

The work of collecting subscriptions in Northumberland for the sufferers by the famine in Ireland, is progressing in a very encouraging manner, the rural parishes doing their duty nobly and with a promptness that is very gratifying. It is probable that more than a thousand dollars will be raised. Steps have been taken in Chatham and Newcastle with a view of giving two concerts—one in each place—in aid of the fund. It is probable that the Chatham concert will take place on Tuesday 13th inst. and that in Newcastle, on Thursday, 15th. The services of the best local musical talent are secured, and the programmes in both places will consist of choice vocal selections in Solos, Duets and Quartettes, and Piano and Orchestral music. Statuary Tableaux will also be an attractive feature of the programmes.

When the work of collecting funds is a little more advanced, we shall be enabled to publish details from various sections of the County. In settlements where the population is centralised local committees might get up entertainments in aid of the fund and, in that way second the efforts of the main committees.

Northumberland Circuit Court.

The March Circuit Court held session in Newcastle on Tuesday of last week. The Grand Jury was composed of the following gentlemen:—

John Fish, Foreman;	John J. Brown,
Benjamin Sweezy,	Duncan Morrison,
R. Hocken, jr.,	Reuben Nowlan,
James D. McKay,	Geo. Savoy,
David T. Johnson,	Daniel Desmond,
Thomas Keary,	John Ferguson,
James Brown,	Charles Marshall,
Alex. Stewart,	E. Lee Street,
Matthew Russell,	John R. Nicholson,
Wm. McLeod,	John L. Scofield,
Christopher Crocker,	W. S. Brown.

His Honor, Judge Fisher, referred briefly to the only criminal case before the Court—that of Oliver Le Chance, charged with attempting to set fire to the County Jail while confined as a prisoner therein. He then made a political speech of nearly an hour's length, and the Grand Jury retired. They rendered a true bill against Le Chance, and also presented the following address to His Honor:—

TO HIS HONOR JUDGE FISHER, OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

May it please Your Honor.

We the Grand Jury of Northumberland for the March Circuit of the Supreme Court, at present sitting, beg to express the pleasure we had in listening to your very able address on the occasion of the opening of the Court.

We now desire to embrace this opportunity of endorsing your suggestions with regard to the various municipalities of the province taking the initiative in public matters and questions for the promotion of the general good and welfare of the people, particularly in those matters alluded to in your remarks, viz., the Miramichi Valley Railroad, the conservation of our forests, and the promotion of Agricultural interests, especially the latter, as one of the most important means to retain the young men within the bounds of our country, instead of seeking a home in the neighboring Republic. We also agree with your Honor, that the large expenditure of the government money in maintaining the public roads, steamboat navigation, and education, are evidences of wealth sufficient to promote a love for our native land.

We believe that our climate and soil possess all the essential requisites and facilities necessary to encourage a large immigration. We trust this year will not close without the people of York and Northumberland combining in a movement to secure the construction of the Miramichi Valley Railroad, a work which we hope is at present only sleeping—and not final—the building of which would, we feel certain, largely develop the resources of the country and promote the commercial interests of the Province generally. We quite agree with your Honor's remarks on the brightening prospects of the country, and trust that the glorious future you have pictured to us will be fully realized.

JOHN FISH, *Foreman.*

Newcastle, N. B., 23rd March, 1880.

His Honor, on the address being read made another political speech, and said he had been misunderstood in what he had said respecting the duties of municipal corporations and councils. They should not interfere with politics, but simply manage the "fiscal, prudential and municipal" affairs entrusted to them. He believed that the Municipal system had not been fully developed, and that when it was, parish affairs would be managed locally to a greater extent than they were at present.

One civil cause—that of Davidson *vs* Hosford was tried. W. Wilkinson, Esq., Q. C. for plaintiff and Messrs. S. Thomson and R. Lawlor for defendant. Verdict for defendant. $300, being full amount claimed.

The jury in the criminal case brought in a verdict of "not guilty" and found the prisoner to have been insane when committing the acts charged against him. The Court ordered the prisoner again into custody to await the action of the Lieut.-Governor.

Bathurst Notes.

BATHURST, March 29th, 1880.

Your Correspondent regrets that owing to pressure of other matters last week, he had to withhold the Bathurst notes, but this week's budget shall contain the items of both.

ENTERTAINMENT:—The Entertainment in aid of the Irish Relief Fund, came off on St. Patrick's night, earlier than was at first intended. It consisted of a Drama entitled "The Fruits of the Wine Cup," played by the Amateur Dramatic Club, and a musical programme, consisting of Solos, Duets and Choruses, by the "Glee Club." In the Drama the acting was very good, and the parts all well sustained, but it was thought by many that a Letter selection might have been made in the Drama itself. The Glee Club can hardly be said to have sustained the high reputation they had hitherto enjoyed as a company of singers. The Choruses were very good, but the Solos and Duets were hardly up to the average. Mr. McKenna, as usual, brought down the house with his comic Irish songs in character and the song "Shamrock of Ireland," by Miss Ella Wilbur was much admired. There was a crowded house.

The following evening a farce entitled "The Mischievous Nigger" was introduced, but did not reach its legitimate conclusion owing to one or two of the performers, wishing, no doubt, to make the farce as real and as rich as possible, having beat a hasty exit—we wont say *how*. The proceeds, amounting to $37, were handed over to the Treasurer of the Irish Relief Fund.

THE COUNTY COURT stands adjourned, to Tuesday the 13th April, when the remainder of the business will be got through with. In order to facilitate the business in the Courts in this County, your correspondent would suggest the appointment of an official French interpreter.

THE BATHURST IRISH RELIEF FUND has reached the sum of $300.

ANOTHER ARREST:—The prisoner Jos. Roy who pleaded guilty to indictments for breaking and entering the stores of Burns Adams & Co. and John Donnelly, has made a full disclosure, implicating one George Thibideau. Thibideau was arrested last Friday evening and on Saturday was examined before D. G. MacLauchlan, Esq., and committed for trial at the adjourned County Court. The examination took place in the Court House. D.

Our Legislative Letter.

FREDERICTON, Monday 29th March.

Since my last letter matters have been unusually quiet in the Legislature. In fact, nothing has been done of consequence. The few days following the great debate were like a calm succeeding a violent storm. During Wednesday and Thursday the result of the discussion on the Capital question was debated "all over town." The Fredericton party, of course, were jubilant, while their opponents did not look much disappointed, but like men who felt they were only temporarily defeated. Friday being a holiday, the House, of course, did not convene, and on Saturday and to-day there were thin benches, many having not returned from their Easter trip home. To-morrow will probably bring a fuller House and the resumption of business. From the above, your readers will readily understand that there is but little material for a Legislative letter from here at present. So you will excuse me if this communication assumes a gossipy turn, and that briefly.

There is much talk now as to how the new Parliament buildings question will come up, and when. Some people, who pretend to know the affairs of the Government, assert that the amount for the proposed new structure will be brought in with the estimates, while others who are equally well informed say that the matter will come up independently and before the estimates are brought down. Well, I shall not hazard an opinion, as things are complicated, and so much that one dare not prophesy a day ahead, for we know not what the morrow may bring forth. There are rumors that Messrs. Wedderburn and Marshall are being hardly pushed by their constituents to resign their positions in the Government, in consequence of the determination on the part of the majority, of the administration to rebuild Parliament buildings here. Should these gentlemen take the course they are asked to, there is a probability that Mr. Fraser would appeal to the country and that would be likely to please the Opposition mightily.

There is a talk in some quarters that the Opposition will shortly mass their forces and put forward a square want of confidence motion in the administration, and the present indications are that they will do so with a fair prospect of success. Connected with that matter there are, of course, speculations as to who would form the new administration, should the designs of the Opposition be successful.

We are prepared here for great changes and we believe that such changes are imminent.

The Grand Southern Railway matter will probably come up for settlement next week, and there is a pretty general feeling that Mr. Lynott's bill for the extension of the Company's charter will pass. The Committee will report to the House on Wednesday.

There is still much talk about the enormous expenses incurred in the Vice Regal reception and the details, which are asked for by Mr. Barbarie, will be closely scanned.

Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Adams have not yet returned from home.

Mr. Davidson arrived on Saturday. Mr. Gillespie spent Sunday with his friends in St. John, and returned to his Parliamentary duties at noon to-day.

Yours, etc, PETER.

The Legislature.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO "ADVANCE."

FREDERICTON, March 31st, 1880.

Yesterday Hon. Mr. Wedderburn said Estimates would be submitted to morrow if printed and the financial statement made on Friday.

Mr. Ritchie gave notice of a resolution for removing the Law Courts to St. John.

Hon. Mr. Landry, replying to Mr. Gillespie, said the usual notices were posted for tenders for Kouchibouguacis Bridge.

To-day Mr. Hutchison gave notice of inquiry if Government intended keeping lumber roads in repair.

The Grand Southern Committee reported favourably on the bill to extend the time for completing that road.

Mr. Gillespie's motion to print the evidence was lost by a vote of 9 to 18.

Latest from Ottawa.

Despatches received just as we go to press state that "on there assembling of Parliament yesterday, after the Easter holidays Mr. Snowball resumed the Tariff Debate. He criticised the speech of Mr. White of Cardwell, defending Sir Richard Cartwright against the assertions made by that gentleman in reference to Sir Richard's alleged excessive expenditure. He proceeded to argue that the tariff was dangerous to the stability of Confederation, especially in regard to the Maritime Provinces, on which in many respects it weighed with unjust heaviness. He showed that Prince Edward Island was a king a monetary compensation for the loss she suffered under the tariff; He went into the subject of our foreign trade as well as that with Great Britain, condemned the undue extension of the paper currency of the country, which he said would prove disastrous in its effects and argued from point to point in a very practical speech, which was well received and is favorably commented on.

"The discussion was continued by Messrs Fleming and Farrow and the items of the tariff were then taken up and agreed to."

Another Charge of Plagiarism.

Rev. William Mitchell, of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, is probably the most popular preacher in that city, and he has one of the finest churches in the Maritime Provinces. After the St. John fire, he was charged with having used a sermon that had been preached by a Chicago clergyman immediately after the great fire in that city. The matter created quite a sensation at that time. Mr. Mitchell's numerous friends stood by him in the case, and were satisfied with his explanation, which was that he had unconsciously used the ideas of the other minister, which had made an impression on his mind when he read the sermon. It now seems that Mr. Mitchell is concerned in another charge of plagiarism, this time as the accuser of another clergyman, who is calling him to account before the church court. The St. John *Sun* has the following:—

THAT STOLEN SERMON.—It appears that at the meeting of the St. John Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, held in Moncton on Tuesday, a letter was read from Rev. Samuel Houston, of Bathurst, who was present asking an investigation into a charge preferred by him against Rev. William Mitchell of St John, in connexion with a rumor alleged to have been spread by Mr. Mitchell, to the effect that Rev. Mr. Houston had delivered a plagiarized sermon "not a hundred miles from Toronto" last year. Mr. Mitchell had been notified of Mr. Houston's intention to ask for the judgment of the Presbytery in the premises, but did not attend the meeting. The matter it is said, will be dealt with at the next meeting of the Presbytery. It is reported that preliminary to bringing the subject under the notice of the Presbytery, Mr. Houston entered into correspondence with Mr. Mitchell without satisfactory results.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

The above case came up before the St. John Presbytery recently, and after all the evidence had been heard as well as the arguments *pro* and *con*, the Presbytery appointed a committee, consisting of Drs. Bennet and Waters, ministers, and Messrs. D. Mitchell and P. Chisholm, elders, to retire and draw up a finding, which, when afterwards presented, was unanimously adopted. The finding is as follows:—

The Presbytery having heard Rev. W. Mitchell's account of grounds on which he based the statement relative to Rev. S. Houston's having preached a discourse not his own, find:—

1st. That while Mr. Mitchell had such information as led him naturally into the error of stating that Mr. Houston was the person referred to by "Critic," yet that Mr. Mitchell ought as soon as he found that he had not just grounds for making that statement, to have withdrawn the same and to have made every proper *amende*.

2nd. That the Presbytery regret that Mr. Mitchell delayed to make such *amende* to Mr. Houston, although, according to his own testimony, he had the evidence of one of the parties from whom he had received the information that the story, as regards Mr. Houston, was entirely untrue.

3rd. That had Mr. Mitchell made such statement to Mr. Houston at an early stage of the proceedings, Mr. Houston would no doubt have been entirely satisfied and that the Presbytery think Mr. Mitchell is to blame for not having made such acknowledgment.

4th. That the Presbytery sympathise with Mr. Houston relative to the rumor, which was calculated greatly to annoy him, and they desire to assure him of the unabated esteem of his brethern of the Presbytery of St. John.

The Queen's Speech.

LONDON, March 24.—The British Parliament was prorogued to-day. Following is the text of the Queen's Speech:—

My Lords and Gentlemen:

As the time assigned by law for the termination of the present Parliament is near at hand, I am induced by considerations of public policy and convenience to select this period of the session for releasing you from your legislative duties, with a view to an immediate dissolution and the issue of writs for a general election. I cannot part from you without expressing my deep sense of the zeal and ability which, during more than six years, you have consistently displayed in exercising your important functions, nor without tendering my warm acknowledgments for the useful measures you have submitted for my acceptance, and especially for the manner in which you have upheld a policy the object of which was at once to defend my Empire and secure the general peace of Europe. My relations with foreign Powers are friendly and favourable to the maintenance of tranquility in Europe. I entertain a confident hope that the measures adopted in Afghanistan will lead to a speedy settlement of that country. I have had much satisfaction in assenting to the Acts you have passed for the relief of the distress unhappily prevalent in parts of Ireland, and trusting these measures will be accepted by my Irish subjects as proof of the ready sympathy of the Imperial Parliament, I look forward with confidence to the restored prosperity of their country. I rejoice to observe indications of a general improvement in trade, and that the commercial depression which I have had to lament appears to be passing away. I have witnessed with the greatest sympathy the heavy losses sustained by various classes connected with the cultivation of the soil, and have viewed with admiration the patience and high spirit with which they have contended against an almost unprecedented series of disastrous seasons. I trust that with the blessing of Providence a more favourable harvest may be looked for, and that from the Commission which I issued to enquire into the causes of agricultural depression, suggestions may come which will lead to a more profitable use of agricultural land, and a higher development of this branch of national industry. The electors of the United Kingdom will be called upon forthwith to choose their representatives in Parliament, and I fervently pray that the blessing of Almighty God may guide them to promote the object of my constant solicitude, the happiness of my people.

It is formally announced that the writs for the new election were issued to-day.

A Noble Act.

An act of fearless humanity was lately performed by the Hon. Edmund Fremantle, C. B., G. M. G., from on board H. M. S. *Invincible*. The ship was ordered to Abonkir Bay, a passage which leads across the Nile Mouths, in a shallow and often turbulent sea, and was steaming about seven knots to the hour, the lead going in the chains, and the waves being very high, when one of the leadsmen, as would appear, slipped out from his brace and fell into the stormy water. At once the cry of "man overboard" rang through the ship, and all the necessary measures were taken which good discipline and maritime knowledge prescribe. The engines were stopped and reversed, the life-buoys loosed from bridge and taff-rail, while the boats were called away, manned, and lowered with the utmost promptitude. But the poor fellow who had slipped overboard still held, or had managed to lay hold of, the lead line, the consequence being that although kept up in the water he was dragged below its surface by the vessel's motion. After a very little while of this submersion the unlucky bluejacket became choked by the sea, and letting go his grasp, floated insensible, and, already half dead, astern of the *Invincible*, with his head drooping under the water. Captain Fremantle who was watching what was going on from the bridge, understood in a moment that any delay must cost his poor seaman's life. The boats were not quite clear of the falls: the ship's momentum would take her farther and farther from him while, another minute of that helpless suffocation must give them back only a dead body. Without an instant's hesitation, therefore, the gallant officer sprang into the waves—just as he stood, in cap, coat, seaboots, and all—and, striking out hard and straight for his object, reached the spot to find his man slowly sinking away from sight. He caught him up, got his head clear of the sea, and so, with great difficulty held the drowning blue-jacket during the interval occupied in the arrival of assistance. Help, of course, soon came. Sub-Lieutenant Moore and the blacksmith's mate, Cunningham, were the first two whose brave hearts sent them overboard to lend the captain a hand. These gallant fellows, nevertheless, only just swam up in time, for the captain's boots and heavy clothese were dragging him hard, and it was a glad moment when the boat flew near and took all four safe from the water. Captain Edmund Fremantle had won his prize. The life, for which that noble rescue had been dared, was soon brought back with careful treatment, and the captain, after a little rest, was quickly himself again. As the captain and the sailor were hauled on board, the crew, unordered, officers and men, regardless of discipline, swarmed into the chains and lower rigging, and gave their noble commander and the other heroes round upon round of ringing cheers. This is by no means the first time Captain Fremantle has risked his life to save his men.

Be True.

There are persons whom you can always believe, because you know they have the habit of telling the truth. They do not "color" a story or enlarge a bit of news in order to make it sound fine or remarkable.

There are others whom you hardly know whether to believe or not, because they "stretch" things so. A trifling incident grows in size, but not in quality, by passing through their mouth. They take a small fact or slender bit of news and pad it with added words, and paint it with high-colored adjectives, until it is largely unreal and gives a false impression. And one does not like to listen to folks when so much is to be "allowed for shrinkage."

Cultivate the habit of telling the truth in little things as well as in great ones. Pick your words wisely, and use only such as rightly mean what you wish to say. Never "stretch" a story or a fact to make it seem bigger or funnier. Do this, and people will learn to trust you and respect you. This will be better than having a name for telling wonderful stories or making foolishly and falsely "funny" remarks. There are enough true funny things happening in the world, and they are most entertaining when told just exactly as they came to pass. One has well said, "Never deceive for the sake of a foolish jest, or to excite the laughter of a few companions at the expense of a friend."

Dear young friends, be true. Do the truth. Tell the truth. There are many false tongues. Let yours speak the things that are pure, lovely, true.—*S. S. Advocate.*

So Goes the World.

Our varied days pass on and on,
Our hopes fate unfulfilled away,
And things which seem the life of life,
Are taken from us day by day;
And yet through all the busy streets,
The crowd of pleasure seekers throng,
The puppets play, the showman calls,
And gossips chat the whole day long,
And so the world goes on!

Our little dramas come to naught,
Our lives may fail, our darling plan
May crumble into nothingness,
Our firmest castles fall to sand;
And yet they all may sung and dance,
The money-makers laugh and shout,
The stars unmindful still shine bright,
Unconscious that our light is out,
And so the world goes on!

The house grows sad that once was gay,
The dear ones seek their Blessed Home,
And we may watch and wait in vain
To hear their well-known footsteps come,
And yet the sunlight flecks the floor
And makes the summer shadows long,
The rosebuds at the casement bloom,
The bird pours forth his cheerful song,
And so the world goes on!

And God goes on, and with our woe,
Weaves golden threads of joy and peace,
Guarding within His heart of hearts
Our days of pain, our days of ease;
He marks them all, the seed the sheaves,
The dancer's smile, the mourner's tears
And keeps them safe—His children all
Through all the long eternal years,
And so—thank God—the world goes on.

MARRIED.

(Marriage notices free. Clergymen are respectfully requested to send in notices of marriages.)

Married at Black Brook, parish of Chatham, N. B., on March 24th, by the Rev. George Howell, Mr. H. W. Dorsey and Miss Hattie Blake.

DIED.

(Announcements of deaths are inserted free, but extended notices and poetry are charged ten cents a line.)

At Chatham, on Thursday morning, at 1.30 o'clock, after an illness of eight days, of congestion of the lungs, Mary Ann Gordon Rae, only daughter of James and Mary Rae, aged 20 years.

"Fare thee well, but not forever."

At Driftwood, Pa., U. S., on the 13th inst. George, second son of Mr Francis P. Henderson, of Derby, Miramichi, in the 22nd year of his age.

"O death: where is thy sting? Where now Thy boasted victory, O grave?
Who shall contend with God? or who
Can hurt whom God delights to save?"

March 15th., 1880, at his residence Semiwagan Ridge, Nelson, David Sullivan, in the 74th year of his age.

At Black River, on the 26th February, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Peter McDougall, age 76 years.

At Chatham, on the 31st March, Mrs. Michael Sheehan, aged 69 years, a native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.

Funeral at 3 o'clock p. m., Friday next

New Advertisements.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875 AND AMENDING ACTS.

In the matter of British N. T. Underhill, an Insolvent.

A meeting of the creditors of the above named Insolvent is hereby called for Thursday, the twenty ninth day of April next, at my office in Chatham, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration a certain offer of composition, made by the Insolvent at a meeting of his creditors, held this day in my office in Chatham, which at such meeting was duly approved of by a majority of the creditors present at such meeting; which offer was to pay the sum of one cent on the dollar at the time of reconveyance by the Assignee.

Dated at Chatham, this 30th day of March, 1880.

JOHN ELLIS, Assignee.

Tenders.

Sealed tenders for the erection of a Class Room 15x24 to the Black Brook School House, will be received by the undersigned until Thursday, April 8th Specifications to be seen at Secretary's.

Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of Trustees
Black Brook, March 30, '80 T. I. EALY, Secy.

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To be sold at the Subscriber's Auction Room on

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A. D. SHIRREFF, Auctioneer.
Chatham, April '80.

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